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Questions tabled on Friday 4 October 2024

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 8 October

Questions for Written Answer

- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Solicitor General, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year.
- 2 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Solicitor General, what her Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7036)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Solicitor General, how many people, other than special advisers, have been appointed to civil service posts in her Department without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6139)
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Solicitor General, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to her Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024. (6140)
- 5 **Kim Leadbeater** (Spen Valley): To ask the Solicitor General, what steps she is taking to ensure transparency in Crown Prosecution Service decisions. (6660)

- 6 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his
 Department takes to ensure the acceptance of gifts and hospitality by civil servants
 comply with Civil Service guidance. (6497)
- Jess Asato (Lowestoft): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on (a) maternity and (b) paternity leave for public appointments. (6933)
- 8 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what was the full-time equivalent headcount of the civil service in each year between 2010 and 2024. (7343)
- 9 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what was the total salary cost of the civil service in each year between 2010 and 2024. (7344)
- 10 Alex Burghart (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress he has made with Moderna on the (a) manufacture of mRNA vaccines in the UK, (b) establishment of a global clinical trials base and (c) investment in UK-based research and development activities. (6415)
- 11 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to use 36 Whitehall. (6416)
- 12 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to page 37 of his Department's publication entitled Transforming public procurement, what progress has been made on readying the Central Digital Platform. (6417)
- Office, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in (i) his Department, (ii) the Government Equalities Office, (iii) the UK Statistics Authority and (iv) the Office for National Statistics have (A) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (B) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (1) make, (2) model and (3) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year.
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (6999)
- Sorcha Eastwood (Lagan Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his
 Department plans to support the provision of (a) legal advice and (b) advocacy services
 to potential claimants under the Infected Blood Compensation Scheme. (6905)

- Sorcha Eastwood (Lagan Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how the Infected Blood Compensation Authority will determine the date of infection for individuals where no definitive medical records are available; and what criteria will be used to make these determinations. (6906)
- Sorcha Eastwood (Lagan Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how the infected blood compensation scheme will account for the additional financial burdens experienced by (a) carers and (b) bereaved partners. (6907)
- Sorcha Eastwood (Lagan Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the infected blood compensation scheme will deliver compensation in the event of an infected person's death to (a) their surviving partner and (b) their estate. (6908)
- 19 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the option for individual assessment of claims will be made to victims of the infected blood scandal. (6909)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has received representations from (a) civil servants and (b) trade unions on the use of recruitment principles exemptions since 4 July 2024. (6055)
- 21 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of job vacancies at 10 Downing Street were externally advertised in the period since the general election. (6057)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his policy is on virtual meetings for staff working in 10 Downing Street. (6067)
- 23 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of Extended Ministerial Offices. (6069)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent assessment he has made of the standard of briefing provided to the Prime Minister from the Civil Service; and what steps (a) he and (b) the Cabinet Secretary takes to ensure briefings meet Ministers' (i) requirements and (ii) preferences. (6072)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to paragraph 56 of the report of the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee entitled The Role of Non-Executive Directors in Government, Session 2022-23, HC 318, what the Government policy is on the replacement of departmental non-executive directors when new Ministers are appointed. (6088)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether former (a)
 Labour Party, (b) Labour Parliamentary and (c) Labour Together staff who have joined the
 Civil Service under recruitment principles exceptions since 4 July 2024 are permitted to
 attend Labour Party Conference. (6089)

- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the letter from the First Civil Service Commissioner of 30 August 2024 to Heads of Department on the review of appointments made by exception at delegated grades, when he expects the Commission to complete that review; and if he will publish the data gathered form departments as part of that review. (6090)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the oral answer of the Leader of the House of Lords of 4 September 2024, Official Report, House of Lords, col. 1157, what the Government's policy is on publicly announcing (a) direct ministerial appointments and (b) the appointments of (i) Directors and (ii) Director Generals in the Civil Service.
- 29 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, What guidance his Department issues on ministerial (a) authorisation and (b) approval of a decision to appoint a civil servant under one of the Recruitment Principles exceptions. (6093)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people, other than special advisers, have been appointed to civil service posts in (a) his Department, (b) the Government Equalities Office and (c) 10 Downing Street without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed.
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to (i) his Department, (ii) the Government Equalities Office and (ii) 10 Downing Street have (A) been (1) removed from their posts and (2) asked to resign and (B) made since 4 July 2024. (6095)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to page five of the report entitled Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Central Government, published in July 2023, CP 900, whether he plans to publish (a) new guidance on direct ministerial appointments and (b) a list of unregulated public appointments. (6096)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason the Government lead non-executive director was removed from his position; and whether he held discussions with the Prime Minister on this matter prior to making this decision. (6097)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department issues to (a) Departments and (b) arm's length bodies on publication of the names of people who have unsuccessfully applied for (i) public appointments and (ii) other posts.
 (6098)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of roles advertised on the Civil Service jobs website have been accessible (a) to the general public and (b) only to people with gov.uk email addresses since 4 July 2024.(6099)

- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish copies of posts that have been advertised on the Civil Service jobs website since 4 July 2024 which have only been accessible to people with gov.uk email addresses. (6100)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance the (a)
 Civil Service Commission, (b) Cabinet Office Ethics and Propriety Team and (c) Cabinet
 Secretary has given to (i) Ministers and (ii) Permanent Secretaries and Accounting Officers
 on (1) the involvement of Ministers in Civil Service recruitment and (2) declaring political
 donations as a Ministerial interest and avoiding related conflicts of interest since 4 July
 2024.
- 38 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on the public advertisement of Civil Service appointments (a) at and (b) below SCS level.
 (6102)
- 39 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will conduct a review on insourcing public sector language services. (7162)
- 40 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will ensure that Departments only use (a) regulated, (b) registered and (c) qualified interpreters. (7163)
- 41 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the Infected Blood Compensation Authority begins (a) assessing claims and (b) making payments before the end of 2024. (6271)
- 42 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the Infected Blood Compensation Authority can make effective determinations on compensation where medical records of applicants are unavailable. (6272)
- 43 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to consult on proposals to reform the House of Lords; and whether those consultations will include the removal of the Lords Spiritual from the House of Lords. (5897)
- 44 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the birth of Margaret Thatcher. (5928)
- 45 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps the Government plans to take to help protect whistleblowers from retaliation in the context of the proposed duty of candour for public bodies. (6380)
- Jim Allister (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the tariff level applied to imported electric buses on local production; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of raising that tariff. (7382)

- 47 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent progress has been made on negotiating new trade agreements. (6499)
- 48 **David Baines** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department (a) is taking and (b) plans to take to help support the growth of small businesses. (6857)
- 49 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether L3Harris held any of the export licences to Israel suspended on 2 September 2024 (7273)
- Siân Berry (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether L3Harris has used the provision under Section 4. part (2) of the open general export licence for exports for the Joint Strike Fighter F-35 Lightning II to export equipment where the end-user is Israel since 2 September 2024. (7274)
- Siân Berry (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has had discussions with (a) L3Harris on and (b) other UK-based companies using the open general export licence for exports for the Joint Strike Fighter F-35 Lightning II since 5 July 2024.
- 52 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support rural post offices. (6338)
- Sarah Champion (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals equivalent to the (a) US Uyghur Forced Labour Prevention Act, (b) EU Corporate sustainability due diligence directive and (c) EU forced labour regulation. (6252)
- Andrew Cooper (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what
 (a) financial and (b) other steps his Department is taking to encourage the creation of
 businesses in Mid Cheshire constituency. (7063)
- Steve Darling (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans he has to (a) stop the import of oil products refined from Russian-origin crude oil and (b) require proof of origin for such products entering the UK market. (6745)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many export licences were approved in (a) August 2024 and (b) each of the preceding 12 months. (6996)
- 57 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what changes have been made to export licence approval procedures since 5

 July 2024. (6997)

- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7006)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what his Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7007)
- 60 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if his Department will bring forward legislative proposals to transpose the European Accessibility Act into UK law. (6505)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people, other than special advisers, have been appointed to civil service posts in his Department without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6143)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to his Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024.
- 63 **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to increase foreign direct investment in the (a) UK and (b) North East. (6234)
- 64 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to promote investment opportunities for businesses based in Lincolnshire. (5862)
- 65 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will update the powers of the Groceries Code Adjudicator to increase the maximum fine levy amount. (5865)
- 66 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has had recent discussions with (a) YouTube and (b) Google on the levels of Digital Services Tax. (6314)
- 67 Imran Hussain (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the press release entitled UK suspends around 30 arms export licences to Israel for use in Gaza over International Humanitarian Law concerns, published on 2 September 2024, which companies have had arms export licences suspended. (6281)

Imran Hussain (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the press release entitled UK suspends around 30 arms export licences to Israel for use in Gaza over International Humanitarian Law concerns, published on 2 September 2024, what the value is of each arms export license that has been suspended.

(6282)

- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to take steps to ensure Parliament has greater oversight of the UK's trade negotiations. (6956)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to consult with (a) civil society and (b) the representatives of workers over (i) active and (ii) prospective free trade agreement negotiations. (6957)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when his Department plans to publish a trade strategy. (6958)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to include provisions on workers' rights in the negotiation of free trade agreements. (6959)
- 73 Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the implementation of existing free trade agreements. (6963)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support the construction industry in (a) Berkshire and (b) the UK. (7088)
- **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing the same rights to leave for kinship carers as are are in place for adoption leave. (6241)
- **Kim Leadbeater** (Spen Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what his Department's policy is on future furniture and furnishings fire safety regulations. (6661)
- **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many civil servants are working only on compensation for postmasters. (6472)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps ensure that second-class Saturday deliveries remain part of the universal service obligation for Royal Mail. (5936)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of Royal Mail's proposed stamp price increases on magazine publishers. (5937)

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- Dan Norris (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support small businesses in rural areas in North East Somerset and Hanham constituency. (5850)
- **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will ensure that second-class Saturday deliveries remain part of the Universal Service Obligation for Royal Mail. (6553)
- **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of Royal Mail's proposed stamp price increases on magazine publishers. (6554)
- **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to Royal Mail's universal service obligation on magazine publishers. (6555)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take legislative steps to (a) increase competition and (b) reduce monopolies in the consumer insurance market. (5969)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has met with the Agent General of (a) Ontario, (b) Quebec, and (c) Saskatchewan since taking his position. (5918)
- 87 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has met with his counterpart in Liechtenstein to discuss the exchange of financial services. (5919)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will extend export support programmes for civil maritime sector participation in international trade shows.

 (6237)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the (a) Whistleblowing Framework and (b) protections provided to whistleblowers. (6379)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the zero emission vehicle mandate on (a) levels of demand for fuel and (b) the economic viability of the refining sector.

 (6738)

- **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of requiring Companies House to carry out checks on the validity of companies addresses when they first register. (7137)
- **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an estimate of the total annual cost of regulation to UK businesses. (6564)
- **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to reduce the cost of regulation for businesses. (6565)
- **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to sign a free trade agreement with Algeria. (6201)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture,
 Media and Sport, what steps she plans to take to reform online gambling to tackle
 gambling addictions; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of
 limiting the practice of offering free bets to attract new players. (7068)
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to (a) help build new grassroots football facilities and (b) renovate existing pitches for grassroots football in the Colne Valley Constituency.
 (7289)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps with relevant football bodies to help increase British Asian representation in football (a) on and (b) off the pitch. (7290)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Football Association on increasing funding for drainage works on grass pitches. (7291)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to tackle loneliness in men aged (a) 18 to 30, (b) 30 to 60 and (c) over 60. (7296)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department plans to take to work with (a) community organisations and (b) mental health services to support the creation of networks for men experiencing loneliness. (7297)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7027)

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 Media and Sport, what her Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car
 Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior
 officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7028)
- 103 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the level of Arts Council England funding to the English National Opera on the availability of (a) free tickets to young adults and (b) opportunities for young singers and actors. (7387)
- 104 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on the potential impact of its proposals to introduce a visitor levy scheme on the number of tourists visiting Wales. (6548)
- 105 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support local journalism. (6549)
- 106 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the BBC board on their work to maintain professional standards within the BBC. (6550)
- 107 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the potential impact of proposals for he regulation of short-term lets on the tourism industry. (6551)
- 108 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of terminating the furnished holiday lettings tax regime on the tourism sector. (6552)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many people have been appointed to civil service positions without open competition in her Department since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed.
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- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to her Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024.
- Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture,
 Media and Sport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of
 developing a unique IP address for Northern Ireland residents to prevent geo blocking of
 Irish sports coverage from Ireland.

 (6604)

- 112 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make it her policy to decriminalise non-payment of the television licence fee. (5868)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support emerging artists in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole council area. (7101)
- 114 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she will present the Digital Information and Smart Data Bill to Parliament. (7117)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to support the visual effects industry in the context of the competitive international market. (7124)
- Claire Hazelgrove (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture,
 Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help ensure (a) fair access to tickets for
 music artists and (b) that tickets are not sold for higher prices on secondary sites. (7251)
- 117 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will visit (a) the New Vic Theatre and (b) the Philip Astley Centre in Newcastle-under-Lyme. (6965)
- Clive Jones (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support the screen and creative industries in (a)

 Berkshire and (b) the UK. (7090)
- 119 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will take steps to increase participation of (a) girls and (b) women in cricket. (6579)
- 120 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will support the preservation of a coal-fired power station cooling tower. [R] (6733)
- 121 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a voluntary grassroots contribution on arena and festival tickets to support the grassroots music sector. (6556)
- 122 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of putting the agent of change on a statutory footing to support grassroots music venues. (6557)
- 123 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture,
 Media and Sport, if she will institute a fan-led review of the music industry. (6558)

- 124 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Director of the British Museum on the long-term ownership of historic artefacts originating from other countries. (5929)
- 125 **John Slinger** (Rugby): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of gambling companies advertising through sports clubs on problem gambling. (6913)
- 126 **John Slinger** (Rugby): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the impact of television advertising for gambling websites and apps on (a) mental health and (b) suicide rates among men. (6916)
- 127 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will hold discussions with Ofcom on further regulating (a) gambling advertising and (b) gambling advertising associated with sports to help prevent (i) children and (ii) vulnerable people from gambling. (7132)
- 128 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps to increase funding for arts and culture in the Nottingham East constituency. (6645)
- 129 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of wraparound care provision for children with SEND in (a) England, (b) Cheshire West and Chester Council area and (c) Halton borough.

 (6439)
- 130 Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department taking to improve the provision of SEND support for children in Ashfield constituency. (6481)
- 131 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help increase the (a) availability and (b) affordability of childcare in Ashfield constituency. (6486)
- 132 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to expand the eligibility criteria for free school meals to include all primary school children. (6490)
- 133 Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending arrangements for childcare funding such that the funding is available from the child's relevant birthday irrespective of the time of year.
 (6498)
- 134 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average annual cost per child of looked-after children in residential care is in (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland. (7174)

- **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the growth and skills levy is available to people of all (a) ages and (b) levels. (7340)
- **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of the Lifelong Learning Entitlement. (7341)
- **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to review the opt outs for the teaching of religious education in secondary schools. (7345)
- **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve support for care leavers. (6428)
- **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the eligibility criteria for students in vulnerable groups in the 16 to 19 bursary fund to include young carers. (6518)
- 140 Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help support young carers in full-time education to access financial support.
 (6519)
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education if she will make it her policy to restore school funding in real terms to the level provided in May 2010.

 (7167)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of teachers in (i) Mid Cheshire constituency, (ii) Cheshire and (iii) England. (7062)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Hertfordshire SEND Improvement Plan, published in December 2023, whether her Department (a) was consulted on and (b) agreed with the implementation of the Hertfordshire County Council target to complete 60% of all new Education, Health and Care needs assessments within the statutory 20 week deadline. (6537)
- Deirdre Costigan (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will launch a consultation on the potential merits of schools having a named educational psychologist based in their local authority. (6790)
- **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the potential impact of the implementation of VAT on independent school fees on (a) number of pupils requiring SEND services in the state education sector and (b) associated costs; and whether she plans to amend the funding available for those services. (6575)

- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7026)
- Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether
 she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of introducing the Oliver
 McGowan mandatory training on learning disability and autism in education settings. (6047)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to reduce (a) bus, (b) coach and (c) other transport costs for schools. (7204)
- Anna Dixon (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether schools that were assessed before the announcement of the removal of single headline grades and which have not yet received their report will receive a single headline grade. (7205)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her

 Department plans to take to help reduce the pay gap between (a) further education

 college teachers and (b) other teachers. (7214)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing funding for local authority teacher supply pools. (7219)
- **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a comparative assessment of the potential merits of introducing VAT on private schools (a) during the academic year and (b) at the start of the new academic year. (6308)
- **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of pupils moving schools midway through the academic year as a result of the imposition of VAT on independent schools on (a) staff, (b) parents and (c) pupils. (6309)
- **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make new capital funding available for school buildings in Bury North constituency; and if she will meet with (a) the hon. Member for Bury North, (b) representatives from The Derby High School and (c) Bury Council to discuss that funding. (6427)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people, other than special advisers, have been appointed in civil servant posts without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed.

 (6124)

- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to her Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024.
 (6125)
- 157 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of introducing VAT on independent school fees on the number of children taking up sports scholarships. (6751)
- 158 Marie Goldman (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport of the potential impact of the introduction of VAT on independent school fees on the international competitiveness of British sport. (6752)
- 159 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support local authorities in delivering education health and care plans.

 (5878)
- 160 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) primary and (b) secondary school students receive free school meals in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (5863)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to give parents the right to access a deceased child's social media accounts without a court order. (7118)
- 162 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support (a) schools and (b) colleges to mark Black History Month.
- 163 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve the representation of people from Black and minority ethnic backgrounds within the national curriculum. (7127)
- 164 **Claire Hazelgrove** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure adequate levels of financial education in schools. (7255)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, to which English parliamentary constituencies each Secondary Planning Area relates. (5977)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of primary and secondary schools which (a) were offering a free breakfast club at the end of the 2023-2024 academic year and (b) are projected to be offering a free breakfast club at the end of the 2024-2025 academic year.

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- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the total amount of public funding for school breakfast clubs in (a) 2009-10 and (b) 2023-24 (5979)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the total amount of public funding for free school meals in (a) 2009-10 and (b) 2023-24. (5980)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of her Department's spending on (a) activities and (b) provision of food during school holidays in (i) 2009-10 and (ii) 2023-24. (5981)
- 170 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of (a) primary, (b) secondary, (c) special schools and (d) alternative provision with 40% or more pupils in bands A-F of the income deprivation affecting children index took up the National School Breakfast Club programme in 2023-24. (5982)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of pupils in bands A-F of the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index that attend schools (a) eligible for and (b) participating in the national school breakfast club programme. (5983)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many full-time equivalent teachers (a) there were in 2019, (b) there are in 2024 and (c) she plans to have in post by 2029. (5984)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 887 on Teachers: Recruitment, which phases of education count towards the 6,500 target of new expert teachers. (5985)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 887 on Teachers: Recruitment, which subjects are included in the 6,500 target for new expert teachers. (5986)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 887 on Teachers: Recruitment, what her deadline is for achieving the 6,500 target for new expert teachers. (5987)
- 176 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 887 on Teachers: Recruitment, whether the 6,500 target for new expert teachers relates only to new entrants to the profession. (5988)
- 177 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her planned spending on the expansion of school breakfast clubs is contingent on the amount of revenue raised from fiscal measures targeted on people with non-domiciled status. (5994)

- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her Department's spending on breakfast club programmes was for (a) primary schools, (b) secondary schools and (c) in total in 2023-24. (5995)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her Department's projected spending is on breakfast club programmes for secondary schools in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (5996)
- 180 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of maintaining real-terms levels of funding for the Holiday Activities and Food programme in the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial years. (5997)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of children who will be eligible for free school meals in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (5998)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of the new 6,500 teachers her Department expects to have recruited in each of the next five years. (5999)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish the pupil number projections by phase of education for her plan to recruit 6,500 expert specialist teachers. (6000)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish a breakdown by (a) region and (b) phase of education for the 6,500 expert specialist teachers. (6001)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how her plans for dedicated mental health professionals' support for secondary schools relate to plans for mental health support teams for schools set out in the Green Paper for Transforming children and young people's mental health, published in 2017. (6002)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for publishing results from the school census data collections of (a) 3
 October 2024 and (b) 16 January 2025. (6012)
- 187 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her policy is on funding support for breakfast clubs at special schools. (6013)
- 188 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her policy is on the 2024-25 pay award for sixth form colleges that are not academies. (6017)
- 189 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many independent schools (a) opened and (b) closed in each year from the earliest year for which data are available.

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- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the proportion of independent schools that are (a) in the teachers' pension scheme and (b) not in phased withdrawal as of (i) the most recent date for which data are available and (ii) October 2021. (6019)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the proportion of independent school teachers who are in the teachers' pension scheme as of (i) the most recent date for which data are available and (ii) October 2021.
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the revenue to the teachers' pension scheme from independent schools' employers' contributions as of (a) the most recent date for which data are available and (b) October 2021. (6021)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the projected revenue to the teachers' pension scheme from independent schools' employers' contributions in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (6022)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of people employed in independent schools (a) as teachers and (b) in other roles. (6023)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to provide additional funding for a pay award for teachers in sixth form colleges that are not part of academies. (6689)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to extend free breakfast clubs in primary schools in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme and (b) Staffordshire for pupils in (i) special schools and (ii) alternative provision. (6977)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to introduce an alternative student finance product for Muslim students. (6600)
- **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to announce whether her Department will provide funding for (a) BTEC and (b) Alternative Technical Qualification courses in the (i) 2025-26 and (ii) 2026-27 academic year. (6440)
- **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing teachers in sixth form colleges with the same pay increases as those agreed with school teachers. (6441)
- **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to provide additional funding for pay increases for administrative staff in schools in Buckinghamshire. (7360)

- 201 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure the school curriculum is LGBTQIA+ inclusive. (7365)
- 202 Laura Kyrke-Smith (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with Buckinghamshire Council on the adequacy of SEND provision in Buckinghamshire. (7368)
- 203 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure that local authorities provide timely education, health and care plan assessments. (7369)
- 204 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made a recent comparative assessment of the educational needs of (a) children in kinship care and (b) other children. (6243)
- 205 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on implementing the national kinship care strategy in schools

 (6244)
- 206 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to introduce a right to paid employment leave to support kinship carers. (6255)
- 207 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing funding for vocational qualifications at level three for the 2025-26 academic year. (6932)
- 208 Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential safeguarding dangers to children from low-income families resulting from the end of the holiday activities and food programme. (6663)
- 209 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to tackle mental health challenges in children from low-income families during school holidays. (6664)
- 210 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the end of the holiday activities and food programme on lower-income families. (6665)
- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of SEND childcare requirements on parents in full employment; and what steps she plans to take to help support these parents. (6723)
- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to extend free school transport in rural areas to include schools other than the nearest suitable school.

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- 213 Dan Norris (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent guidance her Department has provided on best practice for (a) responding to disclosures of bullying and (b) managing complex cases of bullying in schools.
 (5846)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that children leaving the independent sector are able to access state education within commutable distance. (6828)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that children leaving the independent sector in areas with no state school availability are safeguarded. (6829)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what additional SEN provision will be provided in state schools in Huntingdon constituency following the introduction of VAT on independent school fees. (6830)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will support the independent sector to maintain places for (a) vulnerable and (b) disadvantaged children who have difficulties settling in large state schools. (6831)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the introduction of VAT on independent school fees on the number of staff in support roles in such schools. (6832)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has for spending on mental health support in schools; and if she will provide a breakdown of projected spending by (a) local authority area and (b) spending type. (6833)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential impact of the introduction of VAT on independent school fees on funding for state schools. (6834)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding per pupil she plans to allocate to implement free breakfast clubs in primary schools.

 (6835)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children with an education, health and care plan in Huntingdon constituency have a place in (a) primary and (b) secondary school; and how many such children in that constituency do not have a school place. (6836)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data her Department holds on (a) the number of schoolchildren in Huntingdon constituency who receive local authority-provided school transport and (b) the annual cost of such transport in that constituency. (6837)

- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of proposed primary school breakfast clubs will be introduced in Huntingdon constituency. (6844)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much of the projected revenue raised by introducing VAT on independent school fees will be allocated to (a) special education and (b) social, emotional and mental health needs. (6845)
- **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of of 13 September 2024 to Question 4411 on Pupils: Per Capita Costs, what the funding per pupil was in state schools for (a) Dedicated Schools Grant block funding, (b) pay and pensions, (c) pupil premium, (d) growth and premises and (e) other funding in each (i) region and (ii) local authority in each year since 2018/19
- **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many graduates of each higher education institution (a) have outstanding student loans and (b) are paying off such loans. (6456)
- 228 Melanie Onn (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to take forward the commitments in the Championing kinship care: national kinship care strategy, published on 15 December 2023.
 (6313)
- 229 Andrew Pakes (Peterborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the number of science teachers in Peterborough constituency in the 2023-24 academic year; and if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the number of science teachers in (a) England and (b) Peterborough constituency.
- **Andrew Pakes** (Peterborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of science teachers in Peterborough constituency. (7154)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she received notice from the Academies Enterprise Trust of its proposed change of name to Lift Schools; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of this name change on public confidence in the trust.
 (6155)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the timescale for the completion of works at each school announced in the School Rebuilding Programme in February 2024. (6156)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance will be issued to schools to assist with the new Ofsted framework for inspection. (5926)

- 234 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to reform the national headship qualification to include a focus upon improving schools in deprived communities. (5927)
- 235 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) primary, (b) secondary and (c) sixth-form schools are affected by RAAC in Frome and East Somerset constituency. (7234)
- 236 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the level of teaching on climate (a) change, (b) mitigation and (c) adaptation in schools. (7235)
- 237 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help support children with special educational needs and disabilities to receive an education, health and care plan. (7236)
- 238 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to engage with the maritime sector to encourage training of maritime workers. (6238)
- 239 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to (a) replace and (b) extend funding announced by the previous Government for 15 new special free schools. (6214)
- 240 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve (a) inclusivity and (b) expertise in mainstream schools for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. (6215)
- 241 Sir Julian Smith (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that Education, Health and Care Plan applications are processed promptly.
 (6216)
- 242 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to make the teaching workforce more inclusive for individuals with special educational needs and disabilities. (6217)
- 243 Sir Julian Smith (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help tackle financial pressures on local authorities resulting from SEND expenditure. (6218)
- 244 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the (a) effectiveness and (b) fairness of the funding allocation system for special educational needs and disabilities provision. (6219)
- 245 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to prevent the recurrence of child removals from the same families.

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- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that parents receive appropriate support after children are removed from their care to prevent recurrence. (6373)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential (a) merits and (b) financial savings of increasing investment in support for parents following the removal of a child from their care to prevent repeat removals. (6374)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Children's Wellbeing Bill will include provisions to tackle repeat removals of children from the same families. (6375)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the (a) voices and (b) experiences of birth parents who have experienced the removal of children from their care are included in (i) policymaking and (ii) service provision in the children's social care system. (6376)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children entering care each year are from a family who have previously had a child removed from their care. (6377)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to reduce class sizes in Bedfordshire. (6869)
- **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary for Education, what steps she is taking to help protect free speech on university campuses. (7046)
- Freddie van Mierlo (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Third Report of the Joint Committee on Human Rights of Session 2022-23 on The Violation of Family Life: Adoption of Children of Unmarried Women 1949–1976, HC270, published on 6 July 2022, if she will apologise for the historic role of the Government in forced adoptions; and if she will have discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on ensuring that suitable mental health support is made available for adult adoptees. (7239)
- **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of SEND services in Henley and Thame constituency; and if she will have discussions with Oxfordshire County Council on (a) the level of and (b) the process for receiving funding for SEND provision. (7242)
- 255 Jess Asato (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when the Community Benefits guidance for electricity transmission network infrastructure will be published. (6934)

- 256 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Home upgrade revolution as renters set for warmer homes and cheaper bills published on 23 September 2024, what account the Regulatory Impact Assessment for the changes to Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards will take of the Renters' Rights Bill. (6390)
- 257 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 30 August 2024 to Question 1617 on Energy Performance Certificates: Rented Housing and with reference to his Department's press release entitled Home upgrade revolution as renters set for warmer homes and cheaper bills, published on 23 September 2024, what account the requirement to improve properties to Energy Performance Certificate standard C by 2030 will take of changes to how Energy Performance Certificates are calculated. (6404)
- 258 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the proportion of households in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England that spent more than 10% of their income on energy costs in each of the last three years. (7051)
- 259 John Cooper (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what (a) evaluation and (b) assessment process his Department undertook when choosing Aberdeen as the headquarters of GB Energy. (7384)
- 260 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with energy companies on expanding the social tariff to include all pensioners. (6699)
- 261 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with providers to help ensure that utilities are affordable for disabled households, in the context of Scope's report entitled Disability Price Tag 2024: Living with the extra cost of disability, published in September 2024. (6450)
- Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of widening the eligibility criteria for the Warm Home Discount Scheme to include people in receipt of (a) Personal Independence Payment and (b) Disability Living Allowance, in the context of Scope's report entitled Disability Price Tag 2024: Living with the extra cost of disability, published in September 2024.
- 263 Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing a discounted energy social tariff for disabled households, in the context of Scope's report entitled Disability Price Tag 2024: Living with the extra cost of disability, published in September 2024.

- 264 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of a help to repay scheme for energy debt. (6453)
- Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type of each car is; and what the budget for those cars was in the 2024-25 financial year. (7000)
- 266 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7001)
- 267 Anna Dixon (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department is taking steps to encourage new build developments to include solar panels.
 (7200)
- 268 Sir Ashley Fox (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has had discussions with Ofgem on reducing electricity standing charges. (6875)
- 269 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his Department's policy is on reducing electricity standing charges. (6876)
- 270 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will meet with Ofgem to discuss the potential merits of reducing the energy price cap for winter 2024-25. (6507)
- 271 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of replacing the standing charge on household energy bills with a measure based on usage. (6508)
- 272 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a national energy efficiency advice service. (6187)
- 273 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to publish an updated Fuel Poverty Strategy. (6188)
- 274 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to retain the social housing obligation in future iterations of the Energy Company Obligation scheme. (6191)

- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero,how many people have been appointed to civil service positions without open competition in his Department since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed (6129)
- 276 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to his Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024.
 (6130)
- **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help increase the number of supply chain jobs in green industries. (6235)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing a discounted energy social tariff for disabled households. (5864)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure utilities are affordable for disabled households. (7109)
- 280 Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of expanding eligibility to the Warm Home Discount to people in receipt of Personal Independence Payment and Disabled Living Allowance. (7110)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of providing a discounted energy social tariff for disabled households. (7111)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a scheme to help consumers repay energy debt. (7112)
- **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing a social tariff in the energy market. (7158)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much and what proportion of the funding that his Department has allocated to the proposed new nuclear plant at Sizewell C has been allocated for (a) land clearance, (b) other site preparation, (c) essential forgings and (d) other components for reactors. (6413)

- 285 Imran Hussain (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will include (a) home insulation retrofit schemes, (b) the removal of defective home insulation installed under government home insulation schemes and (c) measures to promote confidence in green home schemes as objectives to improve energy efficiency in the proposed Great British Energy Bill. (6283)
- **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will include support for homeowners in removing and replacing (a) wrongfully installed and (b) defective cavity wall insulation in their homes as part of his warm homes plan.

 (6284)
- **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of (a) wrongfully installed and (b) defective cavity wall insulation on the energy efficiency of homes. (6285)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): 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 to mineworkers in (i) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and (ii) Staffordshire. (6975)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many people in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency are in receipt of the Warm Home Discount. (6985)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Warm Home Discount Scheme. (6986)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the future of the Warm Home Discount scheme, in the context of the upcoming Autumn Budget 2024. (6987)
- **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had recent discussions with Ofgem on (a) the level of standing charges for (i) gas and (ii) electricity in the North East and (b) regional variations in standing charges. (6245)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had recent discussions with Ofgem on setting a timeline to bring heat network pricing in line with prices paid by other consumers. (6321)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential risks of investing in Carbon Capture Storage technology. (6325)

- 295 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that programmes to retrofit homes to make them more energy efficient protect against extreme heat as well as cold.

 (6929)
- 296 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure new energy efficient housing targets do not negatively impact (a) green spaces and (b) the environment. (7319)
- 297 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to increase the number of homes powered by green energy in West Dorset constituency. (7320)
- 298 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many homes had energy efficiency measures installed in West Dorset constituency between 2010 and 2024. (7321)
- 299 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a price cap for heating oil and liquefied petroleum gas. (6666)
- 300 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support residents of off-grid homes with the cost of heating.

 (6667)
- 301 **Joy Morrissey** (Beaconsfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have met (i) Dale Vince and (ii) representatives of Ecotricity since 5 July 2024. (6511)
- 302 James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to ensure that people with a prepayment meter are eligible for electric vehicle friendly tariffs.
 (6713)
- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his keynote speech at the Energy UK conference 2024 on 17 September 2024, what steps he plans to take to promote formal local area energy planning at local authority level.
 (6717)
- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his keynote speech at the Energy UK conference 2024 on 17 September 2024, what steps he plans to take to help protect communities with an above-average numbers of substations resulting from high volumes of large projects being simultaneously submitted by different developers. (6718)
- 305 James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it is his Department's policy to introduce a UK low carbon hydrogen certification scheme.
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- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many publicly available roadside electric vehicle chargers will be required for the phase-out of the sale of internal combustion engine vehicles in Huntingdon constituency. (6847)
- **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what data his Department holds on how many bidirectional chargers for electric vehicles have been installed. (6463)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the cost to (a) the public purse and (b) energy bill payers of providing a scheme of community benefits to communities affected by the Norwich to Tilbury great grid upgrade. (6167)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will have discussions with National Grid on the potential impact of the proposed Norwich to Tilbury project under the great grid upgrade on local communities in the East of England.
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will meet local community representatives in the East of England to discuss the potential impact of the proposed Norwich to Tilbury project under the great grid upgrade on those communities. (6169)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of how many of (a) homes and (b) commercial premises oil heating (i) in Witham constituency, (ii) in Essex and (iii) nationally. (6170)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to consult on regulations relating to the introduction of a renewable liquid heating fuel obligation. (6171)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of new (a) regulations or (b) legislation for oil heated (i) domestic and (ii) commercial premises. (6172)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the impact of new onshore energy infrastructure on local communities.

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- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the potential cost of including a package of community benefits in the proposal for the Norwich to Tilbury Great Grid Upgrade. (6174)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has a planned timetable for the (a) development and (b) publication of Strategic Spatial Energy Plans. (6175)

- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much energy is (a) generated by each offshore wind farm (i) off the coast of the East of England and (b) across the UK and (b) forecast to be generated by each (A) consented offshore wind farm scheme not yet operational, (B) proposed offshore wind farm scheme under consideration and (C) location identified for future offshore wind farm schemes. (6176)
- 318 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to introduce social energy tariffs. (6431)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the role of the refining sector in UK energy security in the periods (a) 2025-30, (b) 2030-40 and (c) 2040-50. (6740)
- 320 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the proposed ban on petrol and diesel cars on the (a) economic viability of the UK's refining sector and (b) UK's energy security in the context of the closure of Grangemouth refinery. (6741)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and
 Net Zero, when he expects decisions to be made on applications to the Industrial Energy
 Transformation Fund Phase 3 Spring 2024 competition. (6568)
- 322 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) effectiveness and (b) costs of geothermal energy. (6544)
- 323 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of changes in the level of thefts of farming GPS equipment. (6437)
- 324 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on the reasons for thefts of farming GPS equipment. (6438)
- 325 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to promote a circular economy. (6935)
- 326 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he plans to take to reduce the amount of post-consumer textiles discarded annually. (6936)
- 327 Jess Asato (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has targets for the elimination of post-consumer plastic waste. (6937)

- **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has targets for the (a) recycling and (b) reuse of textiles.

 (6938)
- **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to publish a strategy for the promotion of a circular economy. (6940)
- **David Baines** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) financial incentives and (b) other support for (i) farmers and (ii) the wider agricultural sector for investment in (A) machinery and (B) infrastructure. (6858)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help incentivize farmers to take part in (a) rewilding schemes, (b) soil health restoration and (c) improving biodiversity. (6335)
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he last had discussions with the (a) Kennel Club, (b) RSPCA, (c) Dogs Trust and (d) Battersea Cats and Dogs Home on the use of electric shock collars to train pet dogs.
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the answer of 17 September 2024 to Question 4722 on Fisheries, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) adopting and (b) implementing the Global Charter for Fisheries Transparency. (6250)
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 16 September 2024 to Question 4529 on Marine Protected Areas, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of bottom trawl fishing on his nature conservation objectives in marine protected areas. (6253)
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the report by the Soil Association entitled Stop Killing our Rivers, published on12 March 2024 (7166)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he plans to take to help protect rural communities in Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency from flooding. (7073)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to prohibit the sale and use of wet wipes containing plastic.

 (6533)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to require sustainable drainage systems for new housing developments under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. (6534)

- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to introduce design
 standards that ensure greater accessibility in (a) parks, (b) woodlands and (c) other
 outdoor spaces for disabled people.

 (6780)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of a deposit return scheme on levels of (a) litter and (b) public disamenity caused by litter; and if he will make an estimate of the monetary value of that impact. (6781)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the proposed level of producer involvement in the (a) establishment and (b) administration of the Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme Administrator. (6782)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterparts in the devolved Administrations on the proposed introduction of litter payments under the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme. (6783)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure the adequacy of incentives under the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme to encourage the use of reusable packaging. (6784)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent flooding in urban areas.

 (6794)
- **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce mandatory insurance cover and compliance with IMO heavy fuel standards for oil tankers entering UK territorial waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone. (6747)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) monitor and (b) prevent moorland fires through patrolling. (7283)
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has issued guidance on the criteria to be used to determine when to use a helicopter to help put out moorland fires. (7284)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to provide training to rangers on the use of firefighting equipment. (7285)

- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help support the sharing of best practice at the (a) Peak District and (b) South Pennines fire operation groups on moorland fires.

 (7287)
- 250 Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year.
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- 352 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Alverstoke Coastal Defence Scheme will receive Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management catch up funding. (6040)
- Anna Dixon (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural
 Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of ringfencing fines paid by
 water companies for the Water Restoration Fund. (7196)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Advice on lead paint in older homes, published on 1 April 2013 and withdrawn on 26 April 2024, for what reason it was withdrawn as out of date; and whether he plans to publish an up to date version.
- 355 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the standard of welfare of farmed fish in the UK. (6506)
- 356 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the incentives in the Sustainable Farming Incentive for cider apple orchards. (6185)
- 357 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many people, other than special advisers, have been appointed to civil service posts in his Department without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6145)

- 358 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to his Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024. (6146)
- 359 Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has has made on introducing a ban on single use vapes.

 (6605)
- 360 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many badgers have been culled in Lincolnshire since the beginning of the current cull regime. (5858)
- 361 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to commission an impact assessment of the agricultural transition plan. (5867)
- Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce mandatory food waste reporting as part of his plan to achieve a zero waste economy. (5958)
- 363 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will introduce mandatory food waste reporting before the end of 2024. (5959)
- Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to develop a National Food Security Strategy.
- Sally Jameson (Doncaster Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the
 forthcoming Extended Producer Responsibility scheme on the (a), glass, (b) aluminium
 and (c) plastic packaging sectors.

 (7042)
- 366 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to implement a total ban on snares. (6688)
- Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 1094 on Air
 Pollution, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of a national public
 awareness campaign on the health impacts of air pollution. (6981)
- 368 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to bring forward legislative proposals on banning the import of dogs with cropped ears. (7077)

- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will hold discussions with Ofwat on the potential merits of (a) employees and (b) bill payers being made members of the Boards of water companies. (6921)
- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for the next reviews of the (a) National Adaptation Programme and (b) strategy for climate change adaptation reporting.

 (6927)
- 371 Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of mandating country-of-origin labelling for fish products originating from the Faroe Islands.

 (6928)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his department has made of the role of waste incineration capacity in the management of residual wastes in England.

 (6256)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his department has made of the adequacy of the adherence to animal welfare requirements of abattoirs in receipt of funding from the Smaller Abattoir Fund. (6263)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the Scottish Government's consultation on a proposal to phase out the use of cages in Scotland's laying hen sector. (6269)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish a timetable for a public consultation on the use of (a) cages for laying hens and (b) farrowing crates for pigs. (6270)
- **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will bring forward legislation to ban trail hunting during this Parliament. (7097)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve the quality of water in rivers in West Dorset constituency. (7322)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of rewilding to increase biodiversity in (a) coastal and (b) rural constituencies. (7332)

- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to protect the welfare of farmed fish at slaughter. (6716)
- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the publication entitled The review for implementation of Schedule 3 to The Flood and Water Management Act 2010, published by his Department in January 2023, whether he plans to take steps to implement Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to require the formation of sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) approval bodies. (6719)
- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help mitigate the risk from Asian hornets to bees. (5848)
- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with national park authorities where trail hunting takes place. (5849)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how the Floods Resilience Task Force will work with stakeholders in Huntingdon constituency. (6809)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the asset condition of flood (a) defences and (b) infrastructure across Cambridgeshire's middle-level. (6810)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of granting a further derogation for the use of (a) Cruiser and (b) other neonicotinoids on sugar-beet crops in 2025.
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of water companies in the East of England imposing a moratorium on new mains water connections for non-domestic purposes. (6855)
- **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to ban the use of (a) cages and (b) close confinement systems for farmed animals. (7312)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to work with relevant bodies to (a) assess and (b) improve the quality of tap water in Romford constituency. (5900)

- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of placing restrictions on the movement of dogs from countries that are endemic for diseases that are not considered endemic in the UK. (5903)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle cases of bluetongue virus in farm animals. (5908)
- 391 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on deforestation-free products on levels of beef exports. (5909)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the forthcoming end to climate and biodiversity financing commitments for the Overseas Territories. (5911)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to minimise habitat loss of the native UK robin population. (5924)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to prevent the illegal smuggling of cats into the UK.

 (5925)
- **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to encourage investment in natural capital projects in Frome and East Somerset constituency. (7227)
- **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to encourage farmers to implement natural flood management measures. (7228)
- **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help protect peatlands in Somerset. (7229)
- **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the (a) construction and (b) operational phases of solar parks on (i) traffic and (ii) communities whose main transport routes are single track highways. (7379)
- **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to increase protection for farmed fish. (7335)

- **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure the welfare of reindeer used at seasonal events in winter 2024-25. (6306)
- **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to ban the import of dogs with cropped ears. (6307)
- **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what funding he has allocated for the remediation of contaminated land surrounding abandoned lead mines in the the next five years. (6205)
- **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance he provides to local authorities for testing land in proximity to former lead mining sites; and whether he is taking steps to inform (a) residents and (b) those involved in domestic food production of potential risk in affected areas.
- **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of recent flooding on areas with historical levels of lead contamination. (6209)
- **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance her Department issues to local authorities on conducting lead level tests on food products sold in local shops within areas known to have high levels of environmental lead contamination. (6210)
- **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the number of food samples tested for lead contamination per year by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate.

 (6211)
- **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of food chain information sheets for allowing farmers rearing animals on land with high lead levels to (a) accurately declare this information and (b) dispose of appropriate offal. (6212)
- **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September 2024 to Question 3775 on Plastics: Treaties, whether he will personally attend the fifth intergovernmental negotiation meeting for the Global Plastics Treaty in November 2024. (6433)
- **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September 2024 to Question 3774 on Plastics: EU Law, whether he plans to sign the Bridge to Busan declaration. (6434)

Alex Sobel (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September 2024 to Question 3775 on Plastics: Treaties, which Ministers from his Department will attend the fifth intergovernmental negotiation meeting for the Global Plastics Treaty in November 2024.

(6435)

- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of sustainable drainage systems in managing flood risk on new housing developments. (6866)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to upgrade sewage infrastructure in Mid Bedfordshire constituency in this Parliament. (6868)
- **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to approve Tranche 2 funding for Asset Repair and Improvement. (5935)
- **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of opening a consultation on banning the use of (a) cages and (b) close confinement systems in animal farming.

 (6884)
- **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help improve the welfare of greyhound dogs. (7144)
- **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help protect the welfare of greyhound dogs within the greyhound racing industry. (7145)
- **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure the water industry invests in proven nature-based solutions for natural flood management. (7131)
- **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to reintroduce the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill; and whether he plans to ban the use of snares. (7135)
- **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what (a) economic, (b) social and (c) employment factors are taken into consideration in fisheries consultations between the UK and the EU. (7136)

Caroline Voaden (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Environment Agency guidance entitled Water companies: environmental permits for storm overflows and emergency overflows, published on 13 September 2018, how exceptional circumstances, in which the use of storm overflows is permitted, are defined.

(7138)

Saqib Bhatti (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of developing a digital inclusion strategy on the number of (a) anti-Semitic and (b) anti-Muslim incidents.

(6591)

Saqib Bhatti (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
Innovation and Technology, how much funding has been allocated to ensuring public
services are accessible digitally. (6592)

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- **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, if he will work with technology companies to increase online
 safety.

 (6593)
- **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to increase online safety for children. (6594)
- **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help tackle online state-sponsored
 harmful content. (6595)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State
 for Health and Social Care on the development of (a) a breath test to identify pancreatic
 cancer and (b) technologies to aid early detection of all cancers. (7072)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of households in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England that do not have (i) broadband and (ii) mobile internet access. (7053)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to tackle digital exclusion in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (7064)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7010)

- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7011)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to promote the safe use of artificial intelligence.

 (7272)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help improve mobile phone coverage in Shipley constituency. (7211)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the Director General for Digital Centre Design was interviewed by the civil service before her appointment; whether she formally applied for the job in writing; and if he will publish the letter authorising her appointment. (6107)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the salary is of the Director General for Digital Centre Design. (6108)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many people have been appointed to civil service positions without open competition in his Department since the general election; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6109)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to his Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024. (6110)
- 437 Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the
 Exchequer on the steps being taken to support the long-term sustainability of research
 funding in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and (b) the United Kingdom. (6990)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to introduce 10-year
 funding settlements for research institutions. (6991)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to ensure universities receive an
 adequate level of research funding. (6992)

- 440 Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the role of research and development investment in promoting economic growth.
 (6993)
- Clive Jones (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to support the life science industry in (a)

 Berkshire and (b) the UK. (7087)
- 442 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to support the telecommunications industry in (a) Berkshire and (b) the UK. (7089)
- 443 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2024 to Question 3443 on National Security Online Information Team, what (a) topics and (b) events are being monitored by the National Security Online Information Team. (6947)
- 444 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to fill gaps in mobile telephone coverage ahead of the phasing out of landlines by service providers. (6799)
- 445 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take with providers to help ensure the resilience of the telephone network, in the context of trends in the number of power cuts. (6800)
- 446 **Frank McNally** (Coatbridge and Bellshill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to provide additional funding for motor
 neurone disease research in Scotland. (7044)
- 447 **Frank McNally** (Coatbridge and Bellshill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when he next intends to meet with (a) Scottish Government ministers and officials, and (b) representatives from Scottish charities, universities and industry to discuss the ongoing priorities for motor neurone disease research in Scotland.

 (7045)
- 448 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help improve broadband connection in (a) West Dorset constituency and (b) other rural areas. (7323)
- 449 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of poor internet access on rural communities. (7324)
- 450 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the distribution of improved (a) broadband and (b) mobile signal strength rural areas. (7325)

- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help improve mobile phone coverage in North East Somerset and Hanham constituency. (5851)
- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help improve broadband coverage in North East Somerset and Hanham constituency. (5852)
- Dan Norris (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help support (a) residents and
 (b) businesses without a broadband connection ahead of the proposed public switched
 telephone network switch-off in North East Somerset and Hanham constituency. (5853)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to implement the Non-Animal Methods strategy. (6822)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he is taking steps to ensure that the (a) end-to-end process and (b) regulatory landscape for pre-clinical animal testing is better understood by the public. (6823)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to secure external funding for the further development of non-animal methods of pharmaceutical testing. (6824)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to progress the approval of existing unapproved non-animal methods of pharmaceutical testing via the Medicines & Healthcare products

 Regulatory Agency. (6825)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking with international partners to change International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use policy to allow results from non-animal methods of pharmaceutical testing to be used to support drug safety through pre-clinical trials. (6826)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will publish a detailed timeline of the steps he intends to take to phase-out animal testing. (6827)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help ensure that social media companies provide adequate support to customers who are the subject of hacking and fraud.

 (6333)

- David Pinto-Duschinsky (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent estimate he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the number and proportion of antisemitic attacks associated with small forums spreading online hate.

 (7391)
- 462 David Pinto-Duschinsky (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he mas made of the potential merits of using powers under Schedule 11 of the Online Safety Act to extend category 1 regulation to online forums to help tackle antisemitic hate speech online.
 (7392)
- Adam Thompson (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the report by UK Day One entitled Reform Academic Publishing to Unblock Innovation, published on 5 September 2024, if he will make an assessment of (a) the potential merits of requiring the publication of all taxpayer-funded research as preprints before they are submitted to academic journals and (b) the value for money of UKRI's policy on open access block grants.
- 464 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what further steps he plans to take to help ensure the safety
 of children on (a) social media apps and (b) other online platforms, in the context of the
 use of virtual private networks by criminals to target vulnerable young people. (7241)
- 465 Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether (a) UK Research and Innovation and (b) its associated bodies has funded research into pay per mile road charging in the last five years.
 (6357)
- 466 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to support utility companies in (a) removing and (b) recycling redundant copper cables following infrastructure upgrades. (6410)
- Tonia Antoniazzi (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her

 Department is taking to raise awareness of fraudulent DVLA websites. (6420)
- 468 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her
 Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing rail discounts
 for schools purchasing tickets for excursions. (6621)
- 469 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many pensioners qualify for free bus passes. (7342)
- 470 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to improve (a) step-free and (b) disabled access at railway stations; whether the Access for All funding scheme will continue; and what her planned timeline is to tackle access issues within the rail network. (7276)

- **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps officials in her Department have taken to introduce a reciprocal driving licence exchange agreement with Kosovo. (6277)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the economic impact of (a) part and (b) full closures of the Orwell Bridge, Suffolk. (6339)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is for funding remedial work on the Orwell Bridge, Suffolk; and if she will take steps to accelerate the provision of that funding. (6340)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of maintenance works on the Orwell Bridge being scheduled as part of Highways England's Significant Structures Scheme on traffic flows in that area. (6341)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for
 Transport, with reference to the report by the Climate Change Committee entitled 2023

 Progress Report to Parliament, published on 28 June 2023, what assessment she has
 made of the compatibility of expanding Luton Airport with that report.
 (7069)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many residential properties in Mid Cheshire constituency have been purchased in preparation for HS2 Phase 2b; and what proportion of those properties have been void for longer than six months.

 (7048)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of enabling rail users to buy a discounted season ticket using a (a) young person's and (b) 26 to 30 railcard. (6529)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has received representations from Hertfordshire County Council to request funding to (a) assess the viability of and (b) introduce bus franchising in Hertfordshire. (6536)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will bring forward proposals to regulate the management of dockless rental e-bikes. (6756)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to legalise all e-scooters. (6757)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will provide additional funding to Transport for London for the resurfacing of pavements on the borough principal road network (a) in London and (b) in the London Borough of Ealing.

 (6758)

- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Transport for London on ensuring maintaining pavements on the borough principal road network. (6759)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to grant London boroughs legal powers to regulate (a) the use, (b) parking and (c) fleet management of rental (i) e-bikes and (ii) e-scooters. (6760)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing funding to London boroughs to support the management of micromobility services. (6761)
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many passengers used Telford Central train station in each year since 1994. (6702)
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to improve the Birmingham to Shrewsbury (via Telford) railway line. (6708)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for
 Transport, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on
 Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have (i)
 been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the
 Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car;
 and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year.

 (7031)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7032)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what guidance her Department issues on the amount of time a level crossing may be down each day; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of delays caused by crossings being down on (a) commuters, (b) the local economy and (c) the environment. (7270)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help lower ticket prices across the north of England. (7195)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing the requirement for individuals with lifelong conditions to re-apply for disability travel cards. (7216)
- **Stephen Flynn** (Aberdeen South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she plans to hold with Scottish port operators on the proportion of the planned £1.8 billion funding for port infrastructure that will be provided to Scottish ports to support energy transition. (6467)

- **Stephen Flynn** (Aberdeen South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that its proposed £1.8 billion funding for port infrastructure will lead to (a) economic growth and (b) job creation. (6468)
- **Stephen Flynn** (Aberdeen South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether a proportion of the Government's £1.8 billion planned investment in port infrastructure will be allocated to the deployment of shore power schemes in Scottish ports. (6469)
- **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he plans to take to help ensure taxi drivers can access affordable loans to support the transition from petrol and diesel cars to electric vehicles. (6424)
- **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she is taking steps to help taxi drivers wanting to transition to cleaner-fuel vehicles. (6425)
- 497 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people, other than special advisers, have been appointed to civil service posts in her Department without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed.
 (6116)
- 498 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the number of people that have been appointed to posts in her Department, other than special advisers, who have (a) worked for and (b) been seconded to (i) the Labour party and (ii) the office of a Labour hon. Member since 4 July 2024. (6117)
- 499 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to her Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024.
 (6118)
- **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the climate resilience of public transport systems. (6236)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy for her Department to prioritise the (a) procurement and (b) purchase of British produced (i) food and (ii) drink. (5869)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department is taking steps with the motor industry to improve the affordability of electric vehicles. (7102)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to ensure that people in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency are paid the HS2 compensation that they are owed. (6968)

- Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will meet the hon. Member for Newcastle-under-Lyme to discuss the adequacy of the (a) bus network and (b) existing transport infrastructure in Madeley. (6976)
- 505 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the amount of time before a driving theory test expires. (7078)
- 506 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a temporary blue badge scheme for those experiencing temporary disability as a result of illness or injury. (7079)
- 507 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to increase job creation in ports. (7091)
- 508 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of a western rail link to Heathrow Airport. (7092)
- 509 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to update the document entitled Future of Freight: a long-term plan. (7093)
- James MacCleary (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of raising the level of Penalty Charge Notices on the number of parking offenders outside London. (7187)
- 512 Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will make an environmental impact assessment for each airport expansion plan. (6918)
- Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will make an assessment of the cumulative environmental impact of airport expansion plans when considering the expansion of individual airports. (6919)
- Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with her European counterparts on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Union-wide effect of certain driving disqualifications. (6922)
- Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Network Rail on crowd management improvements to Euston station required by the Office of Road and Rail. (6923)

- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to take steps to encourage local authorities to join the National Parking Platform. (6924)
- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to expand the Unicard rail ticketing hub to include buses. (6925)
- Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is for bringing forward changes to the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence. (6931)
- **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a discounted Railcard for (a) workers in the NHS and (b) other key workers. (6802)
- **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps the DVLA is taking to reduce the time it takes to respond to drivers medical referrals. (6859)
- **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of drivers medical referrals to the DVLA took longer than 30 days to resolve in each year since 2019. (6860)
- **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many Drivers Medical referrals to the DVLA took more than 60 days to (a) resolve and (b) close in (i) 2023, (ii) 2022, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2020 and (v) 2019. (6861)
- **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many Drivers Medical referrals to the DVLA took more than 90 days to (a) resolve and (b) close in (i) 2023, (ii) 2022, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2020 and (v) 2019. (6862)
- **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many Drivers Medical referrals to the DVLA took more than six months to (a) resolve and (b) close in (i) 2023, (ii) 2022, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2020 and (v) 2019. (6863)
- **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many Drivers Medical referrals to the DVLA took more than one year to (a) resolve and (b) close in (i) 2023, (ii) 2022, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2020 and (v) 2019. (6864)
- **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of Avanti West Coast's management of Stockport railway station. (6578)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to provide additional funding to fill potholes in West Dorset constituency. (7326)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has to improve road safety in West Dorset constituency. (7327)

- **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the recommendations in the Urban Transport Group's report entitled The rail and urban transport review, published on 21 August 2024. (6027)
- **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much capital expenditure her Department has planned for public transport projects in each of the next five years; and which projects she plans to provide funding for. (6028)
- **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to (a) commission and (b) update rail passenger (i) growth and (ii) demand forecasts.

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- Grahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes by train operating companies managed by DfT OLR Holdings Ltd to contracts with rail suppliers on (a) cost risk and (b) performance. (6030)
- **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the (a) governance and (b) oversight structure of the Network Rail board. (6031)
- **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the separation between Network Rail's (a) executive (b) non-executive functions. (6032)
- **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost to the public purse was of supporting the Rail Supply Group in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023.
- Grahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her
 Department has made an assessment of the value for money of supporting the Rail Supply
 Group. (6034)
- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to improve wi-fi connectivity on the rail network. (6732)
- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of railway engineering works on the economy in the South West in December 2023. (5844)
- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of which initiatives in Bus Service Improvement Plans create the highest levels of modal shift. (5845)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many settlements in Huntingdon constituency do not have a daily bus service. (6820)

- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring franchising plans to guarantee the consideration during the planning phase of bus services to villages that do not receive any.

 (6821)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with National Highways on the planned timetable for work on the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme. (6161)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what funding she plans to provide to Essex County Council for highways in each of the next five years. (6162)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will provide additional funding to National Highways for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme.

 (6163)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to provide funding for the renovation of Witham railway station. (6164)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has for further funding under the Access for All scheme; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allocating such funding to provide step-free access at Marks Tey railway station.

 (6165)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has for the future of the East Anglia railway franchise. (6166)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to increase staff retainment in rail services. [R] (6898)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of the potential impact of aviation noise pollution on residents of Romford constituency. (5893)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring dockless e-bikes to park in dedicated bays.

 (5910)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has met with her Irish counterpart. (5920)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to have discussions with representatives from the private sector on an Oxford to Cambridge train connection. (5921)

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- 553 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps National Highways takes with other road agencies to help ensure there is minimal disruption when there are roadworks. (7230)
- 554 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to (a) increase access to and (b) otherwise improve bus routes in rural areas. (7231)
- Anna Sabine (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle road traffic accidents in rural areas. (7232)
- 556 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to take steps to help Wiltshire and Gloucestershire Council reduce transport poverty in South Cotswolds constituency. (7380)
- 557 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the report entitled The cycling opportunity, published by Sustrans on 11 September 2024. (6302)
- 558 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an estimate of the average economic benefit of buying a bicycle to (a) an individual and (b) society. (6303)
- Robin Swann (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Civil Aviation Authority's Airport Accessibility Performance Framework on the quality of assistance at airports; what steps she is taking to monitor that quality; what assessment she has made of the adequacy of such monitoring; and what (a) enforcement and (b) accountability measures are in place.
- Freddie van Mierlo (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to (a) help tackle the use of bots and apps to bulk-buy practical driving tests, (b) increase the number of driving test examiners and (c) otherwise increase the availability of practical driving tests in Oxfordshire. (7243)
- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has received recent representations on the potential merits of regulating the pricing of car insurance with reference to a customer's postcode. (6348)
- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) full title, (b) estimated cost of production and (c) organisation responsible is for each item of external research that her Department has commissioned but has yet to publish.

- 563 Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) full title, (b) estimated cost of production and (c) organisation responsible is for each item of external research that Highways England has commissioned but has yet to publish.
 (6350)
- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) full title, (b) estimated cost of production and (c) organisation responsible is for each item of external research that Active Travel England has commissioned but has yet to publish.
- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she plans to publish her Department's areas of research interest for 2024. (6352)
- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has sponsored people through (a) fellowships, (b) internships and (c) PhDs in relation to (i) pay per mile road charging and (ii) equivalent schemes. (6353)
- 567 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has undertaken literature reviews on the subject of vehicle excise duty.

 (6354)
- 568 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Transport Research and Innovation Board has had discussions on the subject of pay per mile road charging or equivalent schemes. (6355)
- 569 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of adjustments to domestic aviation duty. (6356)
- 570 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of (a) trainee pilots accessing one standardised training course and (b) allowing new pilots to use their UK licence in EU countries without undertaking another course. (6646)
- 571 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to increase the availability of electric vehicle charge points for people who do not have off street parking.

 (6652)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the security risk of (a) connected and (b) autonomous vehicles manufactured using Chinese (i) software and (ii) hardware. (6566)
- 573 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what (a) contractors and (b) sub-contractors are involved in the main civil works phase of the HS2 programme. (6567)

- **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she plans to respond to the letter of 12 August 2024 from the Rt hon.

 Member for Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge on the M54/M6 Link Road. (6199)
- **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether funding allocated for ticketless travel in the Network North plan is now being used to implement the scheme. (6200)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, on what evidential basis she set levels of means-testing for the Winter Fuel Payment. (6475)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of pensioners who will not be eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment in Ashfield constituency. (6479)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of bringing together the administration of Pension Credit and Housing Benefit. (6482)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): 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 Payment in Ashfield constituency. (6483)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to simplify the pension credit application process. (6617)
- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the processing times for pension credit applications. (6618)
- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support elderly, disabled people who are ineligible for pension credit with higher energy costs. (6619)
- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department is taking steps with HMRC to data match housing benefit claimants with those eligible for pension credit. (6620)
- **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people qualify for the single-person household council tax discount. (7338)
- **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many surviving spouses in each public sector pension scheme have lost their pension because they have (a) remarried and (b) established a (i) legal and (ii) other partnership.

 (5877)

- 586 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for Education to ensure that care leavers have adequate financial support, in the context of the cost of living. (6429)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to respond to the consultation entitled Modernising support for independent living: the health and disability green paper, which closed on 22 July 2024.
 (6515)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of differential uprating levels for (a) the additional state pension under the old pension system and (b) other elements of the state pension on levels of pensioner poverty. (6516)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's guidance on Universal Credit and earnings, updated on 13 May 2024, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to Universal Credit payments in an assessment period with two paydays, for claimants who are paid four-weekly, on levels of (a) poverty, (b) debt and (c) food bank usage among such claimants.
- 590 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she make an assessment of the potential impact of the ineligibility or the Carers Allowance of people in education for more than 21 hours a week on levels of poverty amongst young carers. (6520)
- 591 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the earnings threshold for claiming Carer's Allowance on levels of employment amongst unpaid carers. (6522)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of 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, HC 638; and what steps she plans to take after meeting with the WASPI campaign on 5 September 2024.
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of children who will be (a) affected by the two-child limit, (b) living in poverty and (c) both affected by the two-child limit and living in poverty in each of the next 12 months.

 (7075)
- 594 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reduce child poverty in families affected by the two-child limit in Universal Credit claims. (7076)

- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to revise the (a) limits on earnings and (b) number of hours that can be worked for people in receipt of Carer's Allowance. (7050)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment her Department has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of child poverty in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England.

 (7057)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of people in employment who are living in poverty in Mid Cheshire constituency. (7059)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what support her Department provides to older jobseekers in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England who are looking to (i) reskill and (ii) change careers. (7060)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to (a) clarify guidance and (b) introduce further safeguarding measures to ensure that disabled people who engage in regular physical activity do not risk a (a) review of and (b) reduction to their disability benefits. (6778)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that engagement in physical activity does not put disabled people at potential risk of losing their benefits. (6779)
- **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Access to Work scheme applications are outstanding (a) nationally and (b) by regional.(6749)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people that applied for Pension Credit in each of the last five years were in receipt of Universal Credit at the time of their application in Colne Valley constituency.
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pensioner households claimed (a) pension credit and (b) housing benefit in Telford in each year since 2010. (6698)
- **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Scope report entitled Disability Price Tag 2024, published in September 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of extra costs incurred by disabled people. (6444)
- **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of Personal Independence Payments at supporting disabled claimants with the additional costs of disability. (6445)

- **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 2 August 2024 to Question 1798 on Work Capability Assessment, what steps she is taking to (a) reform or (b) replace the Work Capability Assessment. (6446)
- **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to collaborate with (a) disabled people and (b) disabled people's organisations to help improve disabled people's interactions with the benefits system.
- Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the health element of Universal Credit in providing support to people with the cost of disability, in the context of Scope's report entitled Disability Price Tag 2024: Living with the extra cost of disability, published in September 2024.
- **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to improve employment support for disabled Universal Credit claimants. (6449)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7029)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7030)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of changes in the number of 18-24 year olds claiming jobseeker's allowance in Newbury constituency; and what steps she plans to take to help young people find job opportunities. (7269)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to review the minimum reduction in the level of income that is required to trigger a review of a parent's child maintenance payments. (6048)
- Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2024 to Question 2857 on Pension Credit: Gosport, if she will make it her policy to collect that data at constituency level. (6049)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if the Taskforce on Child Poverty will make an assessment on the potential impact of ending the two-child benefit limit for families in Shipley constituency.. (7197)

- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the New Deal For Working People, what plans she has to change the employment status of foster carers. (7201)
- Anna Dixon (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the length of time it takes for cases to be reviewed by the Pensions Ombudsman. (7215)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to enforce equal pay rights in the (a) public and (b) private sector.

 (7223)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether pensioners who qualify for pension credit after 22 September 2024 and before 31 December 2024 are entitled to receive the winter fuel payment during winter 2024-25. (7385)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reform the Work Capability Assessment. (7386)
- **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of defaulting self-employed people into pension savings. (6901)
- **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of (a) maternity and (b) paternity pay for (i) one child and (ii) multiple child births. (6902)
- Sorcha Eastwood (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the eligibility criteria for Carer's Allowance for people in receipt of the State Pension who have provided long-term unpaid care.
- **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of people who will be affected by the change is eligibility criteria for the winter fuel payment in the Bridgwater constituency. (6871)
- **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the cost of her Department's campaign to encourage people to apply for Pension Credit. (6872)
- **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of her Department's campaign to promote Pension Credit on the number of successful applications. (6873)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what support is available for claimants unable to complete her Department's forms. (6503)

- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people, other than special advisers, have been appointed to civil service posts in her Department without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6119)
- 629 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what information his Department holds on the number of people that have been appointed to posts in her Department, other than special advisers, who have (a) worked for and (b) been seconded to (i) the Labour party and (ii) the office of a Labour hon. Member since 4 July 2024.
- 630 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to her Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024.
- **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the cost of living for people with disabilities.

 (5883)
- Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the oral evidence provided by the Minister for Pensions to the Work and Pensions Committee on defined benefit pension schemes on 10 January 2024, Session 2023-24, HC 144, what plans she has to review the (a) indexation, (b) 90% compensation cap and (c) potential merits of other changes to the Pension Protection Fund; and whether she plans to consult on potential changes to that Fund during this Parliament.
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people eligible for Winter Fuel Payments live overseas, broken down by country. (5855)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what training work coaches receive on domestic abuse; and how often. (7098)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will introduce separate Universal Credit payments by default to help ensure domestic abuse perpetrators cannot gain control over joint household income. (7099)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting survivors of domestic abuse from repaying advances of Universal Credit payments. (7100)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of Universal Credit in supporting people with disability costs. (7113)

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- 638 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to reform the Work Capability Assessment. (7114)
- 639 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the 30-hour work requirements introduced in October 2023 on the standard of living of single parents. (7119)
- 640 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reduce barriers facing single parents looking for (a) work and (b) increased hours. (7120)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the (a) affordability and (b) availability of childcare on the ability of single parents to look for (i) work and (ii) increased hours.
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to page 36 of the report entitled Universal Credit Conditionality Changes & the Impact on Single Parent Families, published by Single Parents Rights, in March 2024, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that work coach meetings meet the needs of single parents.
- Claire Hazelgrove (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of Universal Credit entitlement for people with children not in full-time education due to (a) special educational needs and disabilities or (b) other health issues. (7253)
- 644 Claire Hazelgrove (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) tax and (b) pay slip processes for individuals with dyscalculia. (7256)
- 645 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of moving the qualifying week for Pension Credit to (a) 30 September, (b) 31 October and (c) 30 November 2024 on the number of eligible claimants. (7156)
- 646 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure adequate resources to support the surge in applications for pension credit. (7157)
- 647 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the (a) potential merits and (b) viability of auto enrolment for pension credit. (7159)

- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish her Department's assessment of the compatibility of its policy to introduce means-testing for the Winter Fuel Payment with the Public Sector Equality Duty as set out in the Equality Act 2010. (6596)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of personal independence payment appeals resulted in the decision being (a) lapsed and (b) overturned at tribunal hearing in each of the last five years.

 (6601)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people whose personal independence payment appeals resulted in the decision being (a) lapsed and (b) overturned at tribunal hearing had their decision changed from no award to an award of both the daily living and mobility components at the enhanced rate in each of the last five years. (6602)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to Tables 5Aii and 6Aii in the official statistics entitled Personal Independence Payment: Official Statistics to July 2024, published on 17 September 2024, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the quality of personal independence payment decisions, in the context of the proportion of appeals which are lapsed or overturned at a tribunal hearing. (6603)
- **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of launching a digital version of the Disability Living Allowance for Children claim form that can be submitted online. (7366)
- **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will review the current set of questions on the Disability Living Allowance for children claim form. (7367)
- Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending bereavement support payments to widowers who were unmarried and living with their partner but who were not pregnant or eligible for child benefit. (6292)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people of what nationality claiming an out of work benefit are not UK citizens; and what the cost to the public purse is of such benefits. (6949)
- **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of the availability of cycling infrastructure on employment levels. (7186)

- **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the implications for her policies of the differences in the amounts received by recipients of the old and new State Pension. (7394)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the cost to (a) calculate and (b) distribute funding to people on means-tested benefits in North Cornwall constituency. (7375)
- **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that the Child Maintenance Service enforces parent (a) compliance and (b) payment. (6193)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to her Answer of 11 September 2024 to Question 2913 on Pension Credit: Take-up, how many full-time equivalent (a) staff, (b) new staff and (c) staff reallocated from other roles in her Department are supporting the programme of activity to increase the number of Pension Credit claims; and for how long additional staff are expected to be allocated to supporting that programme.
- **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average duration of phone calls to report hospital stays for claimants of (a) disability benefits, (b) low or no income benefits and (c) universal credit, including time spent on hold, was in each month since January 2010. (6464)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many phone calls to report hospital stays for claimants of (a) disability benefits, (b) low or no income benefits and (c) universal credit there were in each month since January 2010.
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether claimants of (a) disability benefits and (b) low or no income benefits can report a hospital stay via a phone call; and if her Department will take steps to introduce a tell me once system.
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of Gingerbread's report entitled They are sanctioning the children, published on 16 September 2024.
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people in (a) Witham constituency and (b) Essex who (i) are eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment and (ii) will be eligible for the payment under the proposed changed eligibility requirements; and what the estimated value of those payments is.

- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the PIP review process on (a) vulnerable and (b) disabled claimants. (6897)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she has taken to reduce work-related fatal injuries in the construction industry. (5898)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she has taken to reduce work-related injuries in Romford constituency. (5899)
- **Oliver Ryan** (Burnley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to reduce the time taken for Access to Work benefit applications to be approved.

 (6917)
- **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has provided support to (a) Wiltshire and (b) Gloucestershire County Council to enable them to encourage pensioners in South Cotswolds constituency to check their eligibility for Pension Credit. (7378)
- **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to meet regularly with representatives of the Women Against State Pension Inequality campaign. (7141)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will ensure data to help identify people eligible for Pension Credit is made available to local authorities. (6736)
- **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much was spent on maternity pay in Scotland in each of the last five years.

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- **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of allowing people who are terminally ill to withdraw funds from private pensions. (6647)
- **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing people who are (a) under pension age and (b) terminally ill to access their state pension. (6648)
- **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing benefits for those (a) in supported accommodation and (b) subject to higher service charge payments. (6649)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications for Pension Credit have been (a) received and (b) approved in (i)
 North West Norfolk constituency and (ii) the UK since 29 July 2024. (6562)

- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraph 4(1)(a)(ii) of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024, what estimate she has made of the number of Winter Fuel Payment recipients that are members of a polygamous marriage.
- **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of using the same eligibility criteria for Universal Credit and Child Benefit for claimants in non-advanced education; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of that approach on families supporting students whose education may be extended due to having additional needs. (6412)
- **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework 2019-2024 on the number of community pharmacies in England.

 (6888)
- **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plans to publish the contract for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework 2024. (6889)
- **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) impact and (b) effectiveness of the Pharmacy First programme. (6890)
- **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of allegations of fraudulent claims submitted through the Pharmacy First programme. (6891)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that mental health services are accessible to secondary school children. (6476)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to lift the cap on the number of medical degree places. (6487)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to develop a long-term strategy to ensure sustainable access to NHS dental services for all people; and how this strategy will be implemented. (6491)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to support the use of (a) telemedicine and (b) other digital solutions to (i) alleviate pressures on GP services and (ii) improve patient access to care. (6492)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support is available for carers of people with dementia; and whether his Department has plans to (a) review and (b) increase funding for that support. (6495)

- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve rates of early detection of sepsis in (a) hospitals and (b) primary care settings. (6496)
- **Olivia Bailey** (Reading West and Mid Berkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average cost was of (a) vasectomies and (b) tubal ligations for (i) day cases and (ii) elective inpatients in the latest period for which data is available. (7348)
- **Olivia Bailey** (Reading West and Mid Berkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people requested (a) vasectomies and (b) tubal ligations in the last five years. (7349)
- **Olivia Bailey** (Reading West and Mid Berkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) vasectomy reversals and (b) female sterilisation reversals were (i) requested and (ii) performed in the last five years. (7350)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve (a) access to and (b) engagement with health and social care services for those who experience homelessness. (6613)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Integrated Care Systems across England have policies targeted to better health outcomes for those that experience homelessness. (6614)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will include health outcomes of those who experience homelessness in the NHS ten year plan. (6615)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure the continuity of (a) patient care and (b) NHS resilience in respect to specialist food products used by the NHS in the context of the implementation of the Windsor Framework. (6624)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to utilise the expertise of (a) dietitians and (b) other allied health professionals to tackle long-term healthcare challenges. (6625)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the integration of (a) dietitians and (b) allied health professionals in the delivery of (i) public health and (ii) primary care. (6626)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department taking to use NHS dietitians to help reduce health inequalities. (6627)

- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide Belzutifan to patients with von Hippel-Lindau disease. (6635)
- **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of pensioners qualify for free prescriptions. (7339)
- **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure long-term funding for hospices. (7037)
- **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that immunocompromised people with conditions that render them more vulnerable to covid-19 have timely access to effective (a) protective drugs and (b) support measures. (7225)
- **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on allocating funding to brain cancer research.

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- **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support NHS staff who are also unpaid carers.

 (6523)
- **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the adequacy of the supply of (a)

 Tegretol and (b) other epilepsy medications. (7373)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing the anonymised outcomes of tribunal cases related to SEND support. (7070)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase funding available for pancreatic cancer research. (7071)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason vosoritide is not available for the treatment of achondroplasia in children. (7074)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of offering potential foster carers the required health assessment free of charge on the NHS. (7049)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of (a) adults and (b) children in Mid Cheshire constituency who (i) are not registered with an NHS dentist and

- (ii) have been unable to access NHS dental treatment in each of the last five years; and what steps his Department is taking to improve access to NHS dentistry in Mid Cheshire constituency.

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- 712 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve patient access to primary care in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (7056)
- 713 Andrew Cooper (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate he has made of the number of people in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England who have unmet care needs; and what steps his Department is taking to help ensure those care needs are met. (7058)
- 714 Andrew Cooper (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was for mental health treatment in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England in each of the last three years. (7061)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2024 to Question 3798 on NHS: Training, how many of the rejected or unsuccessful direct entry applicants were not accepted (a) due to the lack of a suitable place and (b) because demand for places exceeded supply in (i) 2021-2022, (ii) 2022-2023 and (iii) 2023-2024.
- 716 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution of Baroness Merron of 11 September 2024, House of Lords, Official Report, column 1565, what steps he is taking to engage with people who have been diagnosed with HIV but who have not accessed HIV care in the last year. (6525)
- 717 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any Integrated Care Boards fund programmes which (a) find and (b) re-engage with people living with HIV who have not accessed HIV care in the last year (6526)
- 718 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any HIV peer support services were (a) wholly or (b) partially funded by the public purse in 2023-24 (6527)
- 719 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the value for money of ophthalmic care in independent treatment centres. (6530)
- 720 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many staff have left the NHS ophthalmic sector to join ophthalmic units in independent treatment centres. (6531)
- 721 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to help reduce waiting lists for a kidney transplant. (6538)

- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the conclusions of the report entitled Transplant care in the UK: a patient perspective, published by Kidney Care UK in July 2024, if he will take steps to ensure that eligible kidney disease patients facing kidney failure are pre-emptively placed on transplant waiting lists before undergoing dialysis. (6539)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the conclusions of the report entitled Transplant care in the UK: a patient perspective, published by Kidney Care UK in July 2024, if he will take steps to ensure all chronic kidney disease patients who have received a transplant have access to physiotherapy services. (6540)
- 724 Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the conclusions of the report entitled Transplant care in the UK: a patient perspective, published by Kidney Care UK in July 2024, if he will take steps to ensure people who have received a transplant have access to adequate psychological support.
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- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether hospice funding will be included in his Department's 10-year plan for health and care.

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- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department (a) collects and (b) holds on the number of people waiting for places in hospices run by charitable organisations. (6543)
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the numbers of (a) health visitors and (b) school nurses.
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to establish a health mission board. (7258)
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring people with lung conditions are given an annual (a) review and (b) medication check. (7261)
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the timeframe is for implementation of the review by Lord Darzi entitled Independent Investigation of the National Health Service in England, published on 12 September 2024. (7262)
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the prevalence of non-alcohol related fatty liver disease in children. (7263)

- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of pathways for the earlier detection of non-alcohol related fatty liver disease. (7264)
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will commission a review into the adequacy of adult liver services across the NHS.
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing parents to buy first-stage baby formula using (a) loyalty points, (b) grocery vouchers, (c) food bank vouchers and (d) other cash-equivalent methods.
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of encouraging cosmetic retailers to highlight allergens in the ingredient list. (7268)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure adequate provision of early support for people with poor mental health that live independently. (6762)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure adequate support for people with physical disabilities that live independently. (6763)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure adequate provision of early support for people with learning disabilities that live independently. (6764)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to reduce the number of people waiting for an adult social care assessment. (6765)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve adult social care workforce retention. (6766)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on patient safety of adult social care workers (a) administering vaccines and (b) undertaking other NHS delegated tasks.

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- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the training provided to adult social care workers that undertake tasks delegated to them by NHS staff. (6768)

- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that unpaid carers (a) are adequacy supported and (b) have access to (i) short breaks and (ii) legal advice. (6769)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to dental care for rough sleepers who are not eligible for full public funding due to their immigration status. (6770)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to optometry services for rough sleepers who are not eligible for full public funding due to their immigration status. (6771)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to podiatry services for rough sleepers that are not eligible for full public funding due to their immigration status. (6772)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve coordination between health services and homelessness support organisations to tackle the healthcare needs of rough sleepers with (a) substance misuse and (b) mental health challenges. (6773)
- **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will establish a Cystic Fibrosis task force within his Department to (a) investigate and (b) address supply chain vulnerabilities and ensure the supply of essential medicines. (6744)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve prostate cancer (a) screening and (b) awareness in Colne Valley constituency. (7282)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) raise awareness of and (b) tackle stigma associated with (i) loneliness and (ii) mental health challenges among men. (7298)
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that vision rehabilitation services are subject to the same (a) regulation and (b) monitoring as other adult social care services. (7299)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of making vision rehabilitation specialists a regulated profession. (7300)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to improve the integration of services between secondary and social care settings to ensure a seamless route into vision rehabilitation. (7301)

- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for implementing the proposed changes to (a) vision rehabilitation services and (b) professional recognition. (7302)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to help ensure that tobacco duty contributes to the costs of (a) tobacco control and (b) public health initiatives. (7303)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that local solutions to manage shortages of Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy are shared nationally. (7304)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to improve awareness of the hereditary risk of pancreatic cancer. (7305)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of developing a specific Action Plan for (a) cancers of the (i) brain, (ii) liver, (iii) lung, (iv) stomach, (v) oesophagus and (vi) pancreas and (b) other less survivable cancers. (7306)
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people (a) presented at the Princess Royal Hospital A&E, Telford, and (b) were admitted to that hospital in each of the last five years. (6703)
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) longest, (b) shortest and (c) average waiting time for (i) children and (ii) adults was at Princess Royal Hospital A&E, Telford, in each of the last five years. (6704)
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what entitlements male staff in his Department and have for paternity (a) pay and (b) leave; and what information his Department holds on the same entitlements for male staff employed by NHS England in each (i) hospital trust and (ii) integrated care board. (6707)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in (i) his Department and (ii) NHS England have (A) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (B) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (1) make, (2) model and (3) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year.
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7005)

- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of selective internal radiation therapy for NHS liver cancer patients. (6053)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will set out a timetable for providing selective internal radiation therapy to NHS liver cancer patients. (6054)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his department is taking to tackle shortages in (a) ADHD medication, (b) Creon and (c) medications used in the management of enzyme deficiency disorders and cystic fybrosis.

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- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to prevent the sale of the CellAED personal defibrillator. (7203)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase access to diagnosis for children with (a) ADHD and (b) autism in the context of applications for school places. (7206)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce waiting times for access to CAMHS support. (7208)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce waiting times for ADHD assessments. (7209)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support the financial sustainability of community pharmacies. (7213)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will review the tapered annual allowance threshold for NHS pensions. (7221)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of instructing NICE to review it's infant head circumference measurement guidelines, in the context of improving the diagnosis and treatment of (a) hydrocephalus and (b) other long term related complications. (7222)
- **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September to Question 4582 on Whipps Cross Hospital, whether his Department has considered a request for the remaining funding for Whipps Cross Hospital. (5826)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to encourage the use of sunscreen to help prevent (a) melanoma and (b) other skin cancers. (7388)

- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to implement the recommendations of Blood Cancer UK's Action Plan. (7389)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve NHS health and social care services. (7390)
- **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with the Northern Ireland Health Minister on access to Enhertu in Northern Ireland. (6900)
- **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to raise awareness of the symptoms of Chiari malformation with NHS practitioners. (6874)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to make difluoromethylornithine available on the NHS for children with high-risk neuroblastoma. (6500)
- 781 Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to support community pharmacies in City of Durham constituency.

 (6501)
- **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase the use of hospices in social and community care. (6422)
- **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to assess waiting lists for elective surgery on the basis of average wait times rather than longest possible wait time. (6423)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many civil servants, other than special advisers, have been appointed in his department without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed.

 (6131)
- 785 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to his Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024.
 (6132)
- **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support people with alcohol dependence. (6223)
- **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to conduct further public consultation on the licensing of non-surgical cosmetic procedures. (6224)

- 788 **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve LGBTQ+ mental health. (6226)
- 789 **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting lists for talking therapies. (6227)
- 790 Marie Goldman (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the previous Government's directive not to prescribe diabetes medication for non-licensed purposes on the availability of insulin stock; and what steps he is taking to safeguard those with diabetes from fluctuations in insulin availability. (6750)
- Jodie Gosling (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that General Practitioners are (a) aware of and (b) able to communicate effectively the right for patients to choose medical care. (6684)
- 792 Jodie Gosling (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that patients are aware of the right to choose medical care. (6685)
- 793 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 raise awareness of childhood cancers.
 (5857)
- 794 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure NHS mental health trusts are putting into practice lessons learned from patient homicides. (7105)
- 795 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to fund research on mental health patient (a) homicide and (b) suicide. (7106)
- 796 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle shortages of Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy. (7107)
- 797 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce levels of (a) avoidable disability and (b) premature death for people at risk of cardiovascular disease. (7115)
- 798 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department will take steps to fund new research into (a) prevention and (b) treatment of cardiovascular disease. (7116)

- **Claire Hazelgrove** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he had made of the impact of prescription costs on people with chronic health conditions. (7252)
- **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of awarding teaching status to Lister Hospital; and when his Department plans to respond to the application on this matter. (7155)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportions of schools at each stage of education are served by Mental Health Support Teams. (6014)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the NHS England web page entitled Mental health support in schools and colleges, what the roll-out schedule is for mental health support teams. (6015)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the NHS England web page entitled Mental health support in schools and colleges, what his policy is on the (a) number and (b) types of regions that will be covered by the roll-out of Mental Health Support Teams. (6016)
- Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the provision of (a) Auditory Verbal therapy and (b) other support available for deaf (i) babies and (ii) children to develop language and communication; and what steps he is taking to help ensure all deaf children have the best start in life. (5962)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential economic benefits of increasing access to Auditory Verbal therapy for deaf children. (5963)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) help the NHS and local health services can maximise investment in (i) new-born hearing screening, (ii) cochlear implants, (iii) hearing aids and (iv) other hearing technology and (b) use Auditory Verbal therapy to maximise such interventions. (5964)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the (a) outcomes achieved by deaf children who have been supported to learn to listen and speak with Auditory Verbal therapy delivered by a certified Auditory Verbal therapist working in public services and (b) potential merits of increasing the number of such therapists. (5965)

- Alison Hume (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of dentistry practices in Scarborough and Whitby constituency accepting new (a) adult and (b) child NHS patients on the (i) most recent date for which figures are available and (ii) same date in 2010. (7178)
- 809 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure the adequacy of patient access to (a) Creon and (b) other pancreatic enzyme replacement medications; and whether he has had recent discussions with (i) NHS England and (ii) pharmaceutical companies on supplies of such medication. (7179)
- 810 **Sally Jameson** (Doncaster Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for audiology appointments in Doncaster Central constituency. (7040)
- Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the impact on patient outcomes in (a)Newcastle-under-Lyme, (b) Staffordshire and (c) England of introducing a screening programme for prostate cancer. (6954)
- Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking, alongside the Transform Trial to (a) speed up and (b) improve the efficiency of diagnostic pathways in prostate cancer in the short term.

 (6955)
- 813 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of a screening programme for prostate cancer on patient outcomes. (6960)
- Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what immediate term steps his Department is in addition to the Transform Trial to

 (a) speed up and (b) improve the efficiency of diagnostic pathways in prostate cancer. (6961)
- Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of rates of late diagnosis of prostate cancer; and what steps his Department is taking to tackle those rates. (6962)
- 816 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of access to defibrillators in (a)

 Newcastle-under -Lyme and (b) Staffordshire. (6979)
- 817 Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to tackle (a) poor indoor air quality and (b) its impact on the health and wellbeing of people in (i) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency, (ii) Staffordshire and (iii) England. (6982)

- Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to ensure that improving respiratory health of people in (a)

 Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency, (b) Staffordshire and (c) England is central to the

 NHS Long-term Plan. (6983)
- **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with stakeholders on access to the RSV vaccination for people over 80. (6371)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether funding is available to help with building repairs for Grade II listed hospitals. (7081)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust on improving access to ADHD medication in Wokingham. (7082)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a a long-term cancer strategy. (7086)
- **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to provide funding to cover basic costs for low-income care home users in Aylesbury constituency. (7359)
- **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for appointments at NHS gender identity clinics. (7364)
- **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to provide the same level of access to (a) training and (b) support to (i) kinship and (ii) foster carers. (6240)
- **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide the same access to (a) health and (b) therapeutic support for children in kinship care as those in formal care settings. (6242)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle shortages of Quetiapine. (6318)
- **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is he taking to improve support for children and young people with Tourette's syndrome. (6293)
- Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to increase funding into (a) the causes of and (b) treatments for Tourette's syndrome. (6294)

- 830 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to increase the number of specialist practitioners (a) researching and (b) treating Tourette's syndrome. (6295)
- 831 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what costs from the treatment of chargeable overseas visitors (a) are outstanding and (b) have been written off. (6941)
- 832 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether a decision has taken on the rebuild of the James Paget Hospital; and if he will meet the hon. Member for Great Yarmouth to discuss the rebuild. (6943)
- Angus MacDonald (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to work with his counterparts in the devolved Administrations to help (a) increase the flexibility of NHS appointment systems and (b) reduce the number of missed appointments across the UK. (7393)
- 834 **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 restrict the promotion of unhealthy food and drink products; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing fiscal measures to support the production of high-quality food and drink products.
- 835 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to improve attendance at cancer screening appointments. (6267)
- 836 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department issues to NHS facilities on advertising the Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme in cancer screening appointment communications. (6268)
- 837 John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of new NHS care appointments he plans to provide in child health services. (5829)
- Social Care, with reference to the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health's report entitled, From left behind to leading the way: a blueprint for transforming child health services in England, published in September 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications of the report's findings on his policies. (5830)
- 839 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the adequacy of (a) children's community health services and (b) staffing levels in such services. (5831)

- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and
 Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of including provision
 for children's health services in the NHS long term workforce plan.
- 341 John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the NHS 111 paediatric clinical assessment service pilot in reducing A&E attendance of children and supporting families; and if he will take steps to embed paediatric clinical assessment in all NHS 111 services.
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Lord Darzi's Independent investigation of the NHS in England, published on 11 September 2004, what steps he is taking to address funding levels for children's health services.
- 843 **Frank McNally** (Coatbridge and Bellshill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in the devolved administrations on co-operation on research funding for motor neurone disease. (7043)
- 844 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the cost to the public purse for hospital food in each of the last five years. (6192)
- 845 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the study entitled Risk of all-cause and cardiac-related mortality after vaccination against COVID-19: A meta-analysis of self-controlled case series studies, published on 3 August 2023. (6194)
- 846 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an estimate of the average waiting time for podiatry appointments in (a) Stockport constituency and (b) Stockport Borough. (6577)
- 847 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle the shortage of the drug CREON. (5884)
- 848 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dental practices are offering NHS services in West Dorset constituency. (7317)
- 849 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to ensure that only appropriately accredited psychologists are able to (a) diagnose and (b) treat illnesses and psychological disorders. (6715)
- 850 James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of expanding existing water fluoridation arrangements in Nottinghamshire to cover the whole of (a) Nottingham and (b) Nottinghamshire.
 (6722)

- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care,
 what steps his Department is taking to support (a) experienced GPs not covered by the
 Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme and (b) other GPs to find employment. (6724)
- 852 James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to encourage practices to create salaried GP roles instead of using physician associates. (6725)
- 853 James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse of respiratory conditions in (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2034.
 (6726)
- 854 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to include a focus on respiratory conditions in the NHS Long Term Plan.

 (6727)
- 855 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to improve the (a) availability and (b) quality of data on respiratory health.

 (6728)
- 856 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to recruit more dentists in North East Somerset and Hanham constituency. (5854)
- 857 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many tonnes of medical waste are incinerated annually by the NHS in the East of England.
- 858 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many GP premises there were in 2010. (6457)
- 859 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding has been allocated to pharmacy services as part of the Delivery Plan for Recovering Access to Primary Care since May 2023. (6368)
- 860 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much and what proportion of the funding for pharmacy services under the Delivery Plan for Recovering Access to Primary Care was spent on administration fees since May 2023.
- 861 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to reduce the waiting list for ADHD diagnosis. (6673)
- 862 Dr Simon Opher (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will suspend permission for non-surgical filler injections for gluteal fat grafting procedures.
 (6677)

- 863 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help vaccinate children against chicken pox. (6678)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of changing the eligibility criteria for the winter fuel payment on (a) the number of additional patients that will require NHS treatment as a consequence of that decision and (b) other NHS services in Essex.
- Rebecca Paul (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to review the list of conditions for exemption from prescription charges; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of including cystic fibrosis on that list. (7244)
- 866 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will improve checks on declared medical qualifications for international employees in the NHS.
- Adrian Ramsay (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 16 September 2024 to Question HL786 on Pharmacy: Closures, what he plans to conclude the consultation with Community Pharmacy England on the national funding and contractual framework arrangements for 2024/25. (7313)
- Adrian Ramsay (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the causes of community pharmacy closures since 2016; and what steps he is taking to support community pharmacies in (a) Waveney Valley constituency and (b) England (7314)
- Adrian Ramsay (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the debate on the Draft Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024, on Wednesday 17 January 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the report by the Kings Fund entitled Royal College of Physicians Independent learning review following the Royal College of Physicians' Extraordinary General Meeting 2024.
- 870 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting lists for heart care treatments, in the context of recent statistics published by the British Heart Foundation on trends in the number of premature deaths from heart and circulatory diseases. (7370)
- 871 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support research on (a) the causes of and (b) treatments for metastatic lung cancer. (5895)
- 872 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support research on (a) the causes of and (b) treatments for atrial septal defect. (5896)

- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding his Department has provided for the early detection of bowel cancer in the 2024-25 financial year. (5902)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help increase the recruitment of NHS dentists. (5904)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of dental provision in Romford constituency. (5907)
- **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the length of time between diagnosis and the start of radiotherapy treatment. (7237)
- **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of unpaid carers in Frome and East Somerset constituency. (7238)
- **Dr Jeevun Sandher** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to integrate the recommendations of the Lampard inquiry into mental health services nationwide. (7180)
- **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of anticonvulsant medicines to control epilepsy. (6304)
- **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the availability at pharmacies of methylphenidate medication for people with ADHD. (6305)
- **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason has the Food Standards Agency not set an established threshold for lead content in eggs. (6208)
- **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to introduce the Oliver McGowan training Code of Practice.

 (6560)
- Dr Ben Spencer (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what advice he has received from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities on the harm to health of drinking in public houses compared to (a) private residences and (b) other settings; and whether he plans to introduce an alcohol harm reduction strategy.

 (6561)

- **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase access to medicines for patients receiving (a) palliative and (b) end of life care. (6881)
- **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish independently verified projections of future demand for the palliative and end of life care workforce at least every two years; and if he will take steps to ensure a properly resourced plan is in place for meeting this demand. (6882)
- **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make palliative care training mandatory for health and social care workers. (6883)
- 887 Adam Thompson (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) progress can be monitored on all maternity safety improvement schemes and (b) all schemes can be effectively evaluated to assess impact.

 (6709)
- **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help (a) prepare the NHS for innovative medicines for the treatment of Alzheimer's and (b) increase the use of MRI scanners for (i) detection and (ii) diagnosis.
- **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle the national supply shortage of Methylphenidate. (7149)
- 890 Jo White (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to review payments of benefits to people serving full life terms in secure psychiatric units.
 (6885)
- **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the the average number of patients per GP is (a) the Maldon District, (b) Mid and South Essex and (c) England. (5824)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to promote

 civic reconciliation in Bangladesh. (6616)
- **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the
 implications for his polices of reports that UNRWA staff members were named as Hamas
 operatives planning attacks against Israel from the Al-Jawni School in Gaza. (7336)
- **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the extent of
 the involvement of teachers working in schools run by the UN Relief and Works Agency
 with Hamas; and whether any UK funding of that UN body is conditional. (7337)

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- **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to UNICEF's State of Palestine Nutrition Cluster Dashboard, updated 29 September 2024, whether he has had discussions with his Israeli counterpart on steps to increase access to (a) medical treatment and (b) food for children in Gaza.
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the report entitled State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World, published by the UN on 24 July 2024, what steps his Department plans to take to accelerate progress on Sustainable Development Goal 2. (6249)
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Development in response to the question from the hon. Member for West Worcestershire, during the Urgent Question on Sudan of 3 September 2024, Official Report, column 161, how much and what proportion of the £97 million funding announced for Sudan this financial year has been disbursed; and what his planned timetable is for the disbursement of remaining funds.
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to paragraph 279 of the
 International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion entitled Legal Consequences Arising From
 The Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Including East
 Jerusalem, published on 19 July 2024, if he will take steps to uphold the direction not to
 render (a) aid and (b) assistance in maintaining the situation created by Israel's presence
 in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. (7168)
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to United Nations Office for the
 Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs' Humanitarian Situation Update No. 221 on the Gaza
 Strip, if he will have discussions with his Israeli counterpart on (a) the impact of air strikes
 on schools and (b) the proportion of school-age children who are accessing learning
 spaces in Gaza.
- 900 Ellie Chowns (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to United Nations Office for the
 Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs' Humanitarian Situation Update No. 221 on the Gaza
 Strip, if he will have discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the (a) proportion of (i)
 hospitals and (ii) primary healthcare facilities in Gaza that are not fully functional and
 (b) the shortages in (A) fuel, (B) medicine and (C) other essential supplies affecting such
 healthcare facilities; and what steps he is taking to support healthcare facilities in Gaza.

Ellie Chowns (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of implications
for his policies of the points of action in the statement entitled Experts warn international

order on a knife's edge, urge States to comply with ICJ Advisory Opinion, published by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on 18 September 2024.

(7173)

902 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help protect Edmundo Gonzalez, leader of the Venezuelan democratic opposition. (7259)

- 903 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help protect British nationals and their dependents in Lebanon. (6792)
- 904 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the safety of British nationals and their dependents in the wider Middle East region in the context of escalating tensions. (6793)
- 905 Steve Darling (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to enhance targeted sanctions against vessels in Russia's shadow fleet; and whether he plans to align his Department's vessel designations with those of the United States. (6748)
- 906 Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of UNITAID. (7278)
- 907 Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with (a) UNAIDS, (b) UNITAID, (c) the Global Fund and (d) the Robert Carr Fund on tackling HIV and AIDS. (7279)
- 908 Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions his Department has had with (a) Gavi and (b) the Global Fund on the adequacy of their funding. (7280)
- 909 Shaun Davies (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of Saudi Arabia's bid for election to the United Nations Human Rights Council. (6690)
- Carla Denyer (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs' Humanitarian Situation Update No. 221 on the Gaza Strip, if he will have discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the proportion of (a) coordinated humanitarian movements in Gaza that were (i) denied and (ii) impeded in August 2024 and (b) planned World Health Organisation missions to Gaza between 13 and 18 September that were (A) significantly delayed and (B) denied. (6880)

- Otherlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to
 Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials
 in his Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a
 shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C)
 fuel type of each car is; and what the budget for those cars was in the 2024-25 financial
 year.
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his Department's policy is on the
 allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24
 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July
 2024. (7003)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to help protect women from oppression in Afghanistan. (7212)
- **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to sanction the sale of jet fuel
 to Myanmar. (7188)
- **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 9
 September 2024 to Question 3938 on Ryan Cornelius, what discussions he had with his
 UAE counterpart on Ryan Cornelius during his visit to UAE on 5 September 2024. (5825)
- **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will visit the Bolton Council of Mosques in

 Bolton North East constituency to discuss the conflict in Israel and Palestine; and if he will

 invite that Council to a meeting in his Department. (6865)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support countries affected by Typhoon Yagi. (6502)
- **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Pakistani counterpart for the release of Imran Khan. (6426)
- **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he plans to take with his US
 counterpart to promote expanded humanitarian access to Sudan; and what steps he has
 taken to remove barriers to humanitarian assistance. (6299)
- **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to disburse the £89 million pledged to Sudan in March 2024. (6300)

- 921 **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department plans to implement the
 Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative Strategy beyond 2025. (6301)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024, to Question 1242, on USA:
 Diplomatic Service, what the process for the appointment of His Majesty's Ambassador to the United States of America will be; and whether this process will involve open competition.
- 923 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many people, other than special advisers, have been appointed to civil service posts in his Department without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6147)
- 924 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to his Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024. (6148)
- 925 **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help humanitarian bodies access northern Gaza. (6230)
- 926 **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Israeli Government on the Israeli military's reported use of the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital in Gaza. (6231)
- 927 **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help increase the amount of medical and surgical equipment entering Gaza. (6232)
- 928 **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help increase the amount of potable water in Gaza. (6233)
- 929 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential
 merits of imposing targeted sanctions on (a) people responsible for serious crimes in
 Sudan in line with those sanctioned by the United States, Canada and the European
 Union, (b) people identified in the UN Panel of Experts report of January 2024 and (c)
 commanders and officials obstructing humanitarian assistance. (5879)

- **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps at the United
 Nations Security Council to (a) widen the existing arms embargo on Darfur to cover all of
 Sudan, (b) enforce the existing arms embargo, and (c) to sanction (i) individuals and (ii)
 companies that (A) have violated and (B) are violating the arms embargo. (5880)
- **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential

 merits of establishing a new UN convention on the rights of older persons. (5882)
- **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Israeli
 counterpart on implementing an immediate ceasefire in (a) Lebanon and (b) Gaza. (6606)
- **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help (a) recover and (b) repatriate funds linked to corruption investigations involving former members of the government of Bangladesh. (7140)
- **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to appoint a Special Envoy on
 Freedom of Religion and Belief. (7161)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with international counterparts on strengthening global food security. (5961)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in the Mexican government following recent changes to judicial appointments. (6580)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the territorial

 integrity of Georgia. (6581)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the
 implications for his policies of the involvement of the People's Republic of China in joint
 marine research work with universities in the Republic of Ireland. (6582)
- 939 Imran Hussain (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the International Criminal Court in respect of its investigation into the Situation in the State of Palestine; and whether he plans to increase support for that investigation in the context of the Government's assessment that there is clear risk of certain military exports to Israel being used in violations of international humanitarian law.

- 940 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his
 counterparts in the Middle East on the situation in Lebanon. (6966)
- 941 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the
 implications for (a) his policies and (b) the Commonwealth of the change in political
 leadership in Gabon on 30 August 2024. (6967)
- 942 Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to appoint an Ambassador to
 the United States.
- 943 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help tackle violence
 against women and girls in (a) Uganda and (b) East Africa. (6971)
- 944 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the World
 Health Organisation about levels of starvation in Sudan. (6972)
- 945 Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the impact of the G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatments on delivering debt relief to lower income countries. (6973)
- 946 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which candidate to be the next SecretaryGeneral of the Commonwealth the UK will support. (6984)
- 947 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many UK citizens remain in Lebanon. (6988)
- 948 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that all children in (a)
 Palestine and (b) Gaza have access to polio vaccination. (7355)
- 949 Laura Kyrke-Smith (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking with (a) the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and (b) other multilateral organisations to help eradicate polio. (7356)
- 950 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure access to (a) safe and (b) effective polio vaccines in conflict-affected areas. (7357)

- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the progress of Qatari-led negotiations for a ceasefire in Gaza; whether the Government has a role in that process; and what his policy is on an immediate ceasefire and release of hostages. (6296)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if will have discussions with the Leader of the House on a debate on the transfer of sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. (6953)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the role of the United Nations in the coordination of an international tax framework. (6260)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of a UN Tax Convention. (6261)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to require private lenders to agree debt cancellation for lower income countries. (6262)
- **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has taken steps to work with
 international stakeholders on creating an international fund for Israel-Palestinian Peace.

 (6797)
- **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department has taken in the
 context of the G7's commitment to support Israeli-Palestinian civil society peacebuilding.

 (6798)
- **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential
 implications for his policies of proposals to establish a UN convention on the rights of
 older people.

 (6801)
- 959 David Mundell (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what was the UK's financial contribution to the Global Fund in (a) the 2023/24 financial year and (b) each of the past 10 years.
 (5939)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the impact of the UK's contributions to the Global Fund on global health outcomes. (5940)

- David Mundell (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that funds allocated to the Global Fund is administered (a) effectively and (b) transparently.

 (5941)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the key challenges faced by the Global Fund in achieving its goals; and what steps his Department is taking to support efforts to overcome these challenges. (5942)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department takes with international counterparts to maximise the impact of contributions to the Global Fund.

 (5943)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the role the Global Fund plays in his Department's broader strategy for international development and global health. (5944)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help mitigate the potential impact of changing levels of funding on the Global Fund's ability to help tackle (a) HIV, (b) AIDS, (c) tuberculosis, and (d) malaria. (5945)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the Global Fund's programmes are (a) inclusive and (b) reach the most vulnerable people. (5946)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to engage with the Global Fund to (a) help tackle emerging global health threats and (b) ensure sustainable health systems. (5947)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential
 implications for his policies of Defense for Children International Palestine's report
 entitled Targeting childhood, Palestinian children killed by Israeli forces and settlers in the
 occupied West Bank, published on 9 September 2024. (6331)
- **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with Unitaid on (a)
 licensing arrangements for lenacapavir and (b) potential steps to ensure the affordability
 of that treatment in (i) lower-income and (ii) middle-income countries. (6559)

- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in Hong Kong on the process of securing a Certificate of No Criminal Conviction for people residing in the UK under the Hong Kong British National (Overseas) visa. (6178)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Polish counterpart on international parental child abduction. (6179)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how he plans to respond to Chinese government
 interference in Tibetan religious practices; and what diplomatic steps he plans to take to
 tackle human rights issues in Tibet. (6892)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps with his international partners to help protect Hazara communities in Afghanistan. (5967)
- 974 Adrian Ramsay (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate his Department has made
 of the number of UK aid trucks reaching Gaza in (a) September and (b) October 2024;
 what steps he is taking with international counterparts to tackle constraints reportedly
 imposed by the Israeli Government on the number of aid trucks entering Gaza; and if he
 will make an estimate of the average daily number of (i) aid trucks and (ii) tonnes of aid
 that were needed to meet the demand for aid in Gaza in the last month.

 (7316)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held recent discussions with his Libyan counterpart on providing compensation to (a) victims and (b) victims' families of Libyan-sponsored IRA terrorism. (5901)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle violence against women and girls in conflict zones. (5905)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the environments of the Overseas Territories in the context of the forthcoming end of nature and climate financing commitments. (5912)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the forthcoming end to biodiversity financing in the Overseas Territories. (5913)

- 979 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps he has taken with his Nigerian Counterpart to promote religious freedom in that country. (5915)
- 980 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to visit the Holy See. (5916)
- 981 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has met with the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain since taking up his position. (5917)
- 982 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help protect political prisoners in Azerbaijan in the period (a) before, (b) during and (c) after COP29. (5930)
- 983 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Azerbaijani counterpart on the detention of (a) Ruben Vardanyan and (b) Armenian political prisoners in Baku. (5931)
- 984 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made recent representations to his Azerbaijani counterpart on releasing Armenian political prisoners before COP29. (5932)
- 985 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Azerbaijani counterpart on meeting international human rights standards prior to COP29. (5933)
- 986 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his international counterparts on Azerbaijan's human rights record in the context of COP29. (5934)
- David Taylor (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help protect civilians from harm in non-regime held areas of (a) north-east and (b) north-west Syria; and if he will hold discussions with (i) the hon. Member for Hemel Hempstead and
 (ii) Syrian civil society organisations on this matter.
- 988 Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for its policies of the (a) findings and (b) recommendations of the report entitled Detention in the context of the escalation of hostilities in Gaza (October 2023-June 2024), published by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on 31 July 2024.

- **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to develop a new national
 strategy on atrocity prevention (7150)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans her Department to tackle violence against women and girls in (a) Ashfield constituency and (b) Nottinghamshire. (6477)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many irregular migrants are housed in Ashfield constituency; what accommodation is used to house those migrants; and what the cost is of housing those migrants. (6484)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people crossing the Channel have no documentation. (6488)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to collaborate with financial institutions to help tackle fraud.

 (6493)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that Ukrainians living in the UK are not separated from their families, in the context of changes to the Ukraine visa schemes in February 2024. (6622)
- **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to set up a public inquiry into the Birmingham pub bombings. (6886)
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Annual Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain in 2023, published by her Department on 11 September 2024, what the project aims were of the 21 procedures for the creation and breeding of genetically altered animals; what the nature of the harmful phenotype was; and if she will end the use of procedures that involve the genetic alteration of dogs.
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Annual Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain in 2023, published by her Department on 11 September 2024, what the aims were of the 63 experimental procedures that used cats; what harms were experienced by the cats; and c.) if she will end the use of cats in experimental procedures. (6247)
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to UK Visas and Immigration guidance entitled Register of licensed sponsors: workers, updated on 2 October 2024, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of provision in place to support workers where scheme operator licences are revoked; and whether there are mechanisms in place to inspect the accommodation to which seasonal workers are transferred when the licence of their original sponsor is revoked.

- **Lizzi Collinge** (Morecambe and Lunesdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will include measures on (a) the legal use of, (b) enforcement and (c) education on the risks of using (i) e-bikes, (ii) e-scooters and (iii) similar vehicles as part of the Crime and Policing Bill. (7142)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what (a) financial and (b) other steps her Department is taking to help prevent crime in (i)

 Mid Cheshire constituency, (ii) Cheshire, (iii) England. (7065)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of issuing emergency travel documents for surrogate babies of British nationals born in Ukraine. (6528)
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, what steps she is taking to ensure programmes intended to reduce coercive
 control are trauma-informed. (7260)
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what steps she is taking to help ensure police officers are trained to deal
 appropriately with people who rely on prescribed medical cannabis. (7267)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with (a) the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and (b) relevant organisations to increase the quality of data available to her Department on the number of (a) migrants with no recourse to public funds and (ii) other migrants who become homeless. (6785)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will have discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the potential impact of the no recourse to public funds condition on levels of homelessness; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the operation of the condition. (6786)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, if she will discussions with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth
 and Development Affairs on the (a) adequacy and (b) efficiency of consular support with
 processing (i) identity and (ii) travel documents for undocumented migrants who are
 homeless in the UK.

 (6787)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of migration to eVisas
 on people with indefinite leave to remain.

 (6791)

- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what funding was made available to West Mercia Police from the special grant to investigate maternity deaths and potential misconduct at Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust in each of the last three years; and what funding from that grant she plans to make available for the same purpose for the next three years. (6705)
- **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will launch a public consultation when undertaking post-legislative scrutiny of the (a) Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and (b) Public Order Act 2023. (6878)
- **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 3626 on Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, when she plans to publish the report on the operation of public order measures in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. (6879)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7022)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7023)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the number of hoax calls to emergency services.

 (7202)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the backlog in asylum seeker claims. (7210)
- **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average length of time asylum seeker families are spending in contingency accommodation is in (a) the UK and (b) Northern Ireland. (6899)
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether people will be able to continue to prove their immigration status with existing physical documents after 31 December 2024. (5970)
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how long her Department plans to fund Migrant Help to support people with the rollout of e-visas. (5971)

- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department is using lessons learned from the rollout of the EU Settlement Scheme in the rollout of eVisas. (5972)
- **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs have made on the review into synthetic cathinones. (7346)
- **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing spousal visa applications to be submitted prior to the wedding date. (6414)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been appointed to civil service positions without open competition in her Department since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6126)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's policy is on the length of time for which job application forms for successful candidates are held. (6127)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department,w hat (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to her Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024. (6128)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been deported from the United Kingdom for convictions related to grooming in the last five years. (5861)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to improve forensics as part of speeding up criminal investigations. (7104)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the findings on page 4 of the report by Women's Aid entitled The Price of Safety: The cost of leaving an abuser and rebuilding a safe, independent life, published in September 2024, what steps her Department is taking to close the estimated deficit between the cost of domestic violence survivor leaving an abuser and the financial support available from the state.
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were deported from the UK between November 1990 and May 1997.

- **Mr Adnan Hussain** (Blackburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle the (a) anti-social behaviour and (b) dangers associated with the use of electric (i) scooters and (ii) bikes in (A) Blackburn and (B) Lancashire.
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, how many times she has (a) met and (b) spoken to the Police, Crime and Fire
 Commissioner of Staffordshire since her appointment. (6989)
- **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of neighbourhood policing levels in East London. (7190)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of Imprisonment for Public Protection sentences on (a) rehabilitation and (b) recidivism rates. (6319)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been deported by country of destination on each day this year. (6945)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of foreign nationals sentenced to a period of imprisonment of at least 12 months have been deported in each of the last five years; and what mitigating factors the Foreign National Offenders Returns Command considers when determining whether deportation based on criminality is appropriate. (6950)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many irregular migrants that have arrived by small boat have been granted asylum in each of the last five years. (6951)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish a constituency level breakdown of where all irregular migrants are being housed including accommodation type. (6952)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will (a) amend the Immigration Rules entitled Child staying with or joining a Non-Parent Relative (Protection), published on 25 February 2016, to allow children to join wider family members and (b) take other steps to increase the number of refugees who are reunited with their family members in the UK. (6257)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will bring forward proposals to pilot a refugee visa scheme for people from countries with high asylum grant rates to allow them to travel to the UK to apply for asylum. (6258)

- 1038 Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a right to work for asylum seekers who have (a) lodged an asylum application and (b) been waiting more than six months for a decision on their asylum application. (6259)
- 1039 Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the judgment of 7 June 2024 in RAMFEL & Anor, R (on the application of) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2024] EWHC 1374 (Admin), what steps her Department is taking to provide digital document proving the lawful immigration status and attendant legal rights to all those with leave extended under section 3C of the Immigration Act 1971. (6264)
- 1040 Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the judgment of 7 June 2024 in RAMFEL & Anor, R (on the application of) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2024] EWHC 1374 (Admin), what steps her Department is taking, ahead of the provision of digital documentation, to urgently provide interim proof of lawful immigration status and attendant legal rights to all those with leave extended under section 3C of the Immigration Act 1971. (6265)
- 1041 Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's news story entitled eVisa transition: vulnerability support confirmed, published on 18 September 2024, whether she plans to provide financial support to smaller voluntary and community sector organisations. (6266)
- 1042 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, from what year is the population data used to calculate the police allocation formula. (6816)
- 1043 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the in-year budget for the Border Security Command is for 2024-25. (6817)
- 1044 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many additional staff will be required in (a) Government Departments and (b) Border Security Command for that organisation to reach full operational (i) readiness and (ii) effectiveness. (6818)
- 1045 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many new youth hubs will be located in Huntingdon constituency. (6849)
- 1046 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the Border Security Command's (a) target and (b) timeline for reducing the number of people entering the country via small boat. (6850)
- 1047 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Border Security Command will recruit staff directly. (6851)

- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what opportunities for career progression will be available to staff in Border Security Command. (6852)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring social media platforms to remove gang scoreboards of (a) knife crimes and (b) other assaults. (6853)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the page entitled Asylum support on gov.uk, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the information under the heading Cash support on the number of people seeking asylum in the UK; and what recent assessment she has made of the factors leading people to claim asylum in the UK. (6854)
- **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Home Affairs, what information her Department holds on the impact of youth services on the number of reports of anti-social behaviour in the last ten years. (6312)
- 1052 Dr Simon Opher (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of repealing the Illegal Migration Act 2023.
- **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, by what criteria asylum seekers are housed in detention centres. (6675)
- **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made with the Secretary of State for Education of the potential impact of changes to the eligibility of people with student visas to bring dependents on enrolment numbers in higher education settings. (6547)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential barriers to employment for people from Hong Kong who are resident in the UK under the British National (Overseas) visa (a) in general and (b) when that employment requires a Certificate of No Criminal Conviction to be secured from the Hong Kong authorities for the purposes of a Disclosure and Barring Service check.
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help reduce pickpocketing in London. (5906)
- **John Slinger** (Rugby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to enforce the classification of nitazenes as a class A drug; and what discussions she has had with law enforcement agencies on this issue. (6910)

- **John Slinger** (Rugby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of change in the level of illegal use of nitazenes; and what steps she is taking to help prevent the distribution of such drugs.

 (6911)
- **John Slinger** (Rugby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to work with international partners to tackle (a) production, (b) distribution and (c) sale of nitazenes. (6912)
- **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what recent estimate she has made of when the Independent Pornography

 Review will be published. (7248)
- **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Church of England on its response to allegations of abuse by clergy. (7134)
- **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure there is not a funding cliff
 edge for VAWG services in March 2025.

 (6651)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of the time taken to deliver SKYNET 6A's launch on the value of the Service Delivery Wrap PFI awarded to Team Aurora. (6344)
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to issue any licences for fox trail hunting on Ministry of Defence land. (6696)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7008)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7009)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has made a risk assessment of the potential withdrawal of Ministry of Defence Police from (a) DM Gosport and (b) other Defence Munition sites. (6041)

- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the Ministry of Defence Police budget is in the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial year; and whether he undertook a risk assessment before determining the budget for the next financial year. (6042)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the number of staff that the Ministry of Defence Police will have in the 2025-26 financial year; and whether a risk assessment was undertaken when determining this.
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to recruit new officers to the Ministry of Defence Police. (6044)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is making to improve retention rates in the Ministry of Defence Police. (6045)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the workspace for Ministry of Defence Police at (a) DM Gosport and (b) other Defence Munition sites. (6046)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 30 August 2024 to Question 3668 on Royal Fleet Auxiliary: Pay, when his Department next plans to review the pay structures of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. (6050)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 30 August 2024 to Question 3668 on Royal Fleet Auxiliary: Pay, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing pay rises to the Royal Fleet Auxiliary that are in line with those offered to (a) Royal Navy personnel and (b) civil servants.
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to tackle staff shortages in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. (6052)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the (a) sixth and (b) seventh of the Astute Class submarines are due to enter operational service with the Royal Navy. (5890)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what he expects the Initial Operating Capability date for the new SSNR class of attack submarines in Royal Navy service to be. (5891)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Watchkeeper Remotely Piloted Vehicles have been lost during (a) trials and (b) initial service with (i) DE&S and (ii) the Army. (5892)

- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many civil servants, other than special advisers, his Department has appointed without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6133)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to his Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024.
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to estimate the (a) cost of and (b) number of claimants in the legal action launched by nuclear veterans in March 2024. (5866)
- **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to reform the military honours system to allow those serving in operations abroad to receive appropriate honours upon completion of their service. (7160)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many children of military service personnel are educated in independent schools under the Continuity of Education Allowance programme, by region. (5992)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what representations he has received on the potential impact of applying VAT to independent school fees on the families of military service personnel. (5993)
- 1085 Imran Hussain (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure compliance by personnel with the Government's Consolidated Guidance to Intelligence Officers and Service Personnel on the Detention and Interviewing of Detainees Overseas, and on the Passing and Receipt of Intelligence Relating to Detainees, published in July 2010, in the context of intelligence received from Israeli sources. (6278)
- 1086 Imran Hussain (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure compliance by personnel with the Government's Principles relating to the detention and interviewing of detainees overseas and the passing and receipt of intelligence relating to detainees, published in July 2019, in the context of intelligence received from Israeli sources. (6279)
- **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether information from Israeli sources has been used to inform the operation of surveillance flights conducted by the RAF over Gaza since 1 December 2023. (6280)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve service life for serving personnel from Newcastle-under-Lyme and their families. (6974)

- **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Israeli Air Force operated aircraft (a) landed in and (b) took off from British owned territory from 6 February to 4 July 2024. (5835)
- **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Israeli Air Force operated aircraft have (a) landed and (b) taken off from British territory since 5 July 2024. (5836)
- **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Royal Air Force operated aircraft flew to Israel from 9 May to 4 July 2024. (5837)
- **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, , how many Royal Air Force operated aircraft have flown to Israel since 5 July 2024. (5838)
- **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many planes operated by the Royal Air Force have landed in (a) Lebanon, (b) Egypt, (c)

 Jordan and (d) Syria since 7 October 2023. (5839)
- **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any Israeli Air Force operated planes have landed at RAF Akrotiri since 7 October 2023.
- **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the US air force has used UK military bases (a) in Britain and (b) elsewhere for the transport of (i) military equipment and (ii) munitions to Israel since 7 October 2023. (5841)
- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to prevent trail hunting on land (a) owned and (b) managed by his Department.
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has plans to identify alternatives to the bearskins worn by the Household Division's Regiments of the Foot Guards. (6803)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to procure a tracked Infantry Fighting Vehicle capability for the British Army. (6804)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of procuring a turreted cannon for the Mechanised Infantry Vehicle, Boxer. (6805)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of disposal of land that is part of RAF Wyton.

 (6806)

- 1101 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what (a) steps he plans to take and (b) funding he plans to allocate to support the growth of RAF Wyton. (6807)
- 1102 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of allocating funding to RAF (a) Molesworth and (b) Alconbury. (6808)
- 1103 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to monitor the potential impact of removing the VAT exemption on independent school fees on service families in receipt of the Continuity of Education Allowance. (6838)
- 1104 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how a direct entry for cyber military recruits will (a) operate and (b) differentiate to the regular entry route to the Army. (6839)
- 1105 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which (a) branch and (b) unit of the armed forces will direct entry cyber military recruits fall under. (6840)
- 1106 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he plans to take to (a) introduce, (b) manage and (c) monitor the effectiveness of the Homes for Heroes scheme. (6841)
- 1107 Dr Simon Opher (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of utilising veterans with specific skill sets in emergency services immediately on re-entering civilian life without extensive training. (6676)
- 1108 Steve Race (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the recommendations of the report by the Defence Safety Authority entitled Service Inquiry into the alleged exposure of UK Defence Personnel to asbestos during overseas exercises and training since 2018, published on 18 August 2022. (6743)
- 1109 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of removing the prohibition on coeliac disease sufferers serving in the Armed Forces. (5894)
- 1110 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the development of (a) undersea and (b) counter-hypersonic capabilities as part of AUKUS Pillar 2. (5922)
- 1111 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has met with his counterpart in France since taking up his position. (5923)

- 1112 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people claimed the single person discount on council tax in (a) the UK (b) the East Midlands, (c) Mansfield and (d) Ashfield in the latest period for which data is available. (6480)
- 1113 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, how many customs sites were being used by
 businesses at (a) Inverness and Cromarty Firth Green Freeport and (b) Forth Green
 Freeport in the latest period for which data is available.

 (7130)
- 1114 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 10 September 2024, to
 Question 3830, on Development Plans: Greater London, if she will place in the Library of
 the House of Commons a copy of the minutes for the meeting. (6383)
- 1115 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential
 implications for her policies of local authorities divesting their Local Government Pension
 Scheme assets from the oil and gas industry. (6384)
- 1116 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2024
 to Question 3824, on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Flags,
 whether she plans to amend the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements)
 (England) Regulations 2007 on flag flying.
- 1117 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2024 to Question 900289 on Affordable Housing, whether her Department has made changes to the (a) tenure, (b) stock profile and (c) proportion of homes available for (i) social rent and (ii) other affordable housing types for new homes planned under the 2021-26 Affordable Housing Programme. (6386)
- 1118 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2024 to
 Question 4681 on Public Houses, what steps her Department is taking to help support
 community pubs. (6387)
- 1119 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has received
 representations on the potential effect of proposed private renters legislation on the
 student accommodation market, and what steps her Department has taken to support
 that market.

 (6388)

- 1120 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of levels remuneration of local authority chief executives. (6389)
- 1121 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 10 September 2024 to Question 5232 on Local Government: Elections, whether her Department holds a list of (a) councils, (b) mayors and (c) combined authority mayors subject to elections in May 2025. (6391)
- 1122 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2024 to Question 5229 on Empty Property and Second Homes: Council Tax, whether she plans to publish a response to the consultation; and what her planned timetable is for bringing forward (a) secondary legislation and (b) updated guidance to local billing authorities. (6392)
- 1123 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much has been spent on refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department since 4 July 2024, broken down by (a) furniture, (b) fixtures, (c) fittings and (d) shoe racks. (6393)
- 1124 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her remit as Deputy Prime Minister includes responsibility for ethics and integrity in government. (6394)
- 1125 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 23 September 2024, to Question 2979, on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Departmental Responsibilities, if she will list the job title of each member of the Policy and Strategy Unit. (6395)
- 1126 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the total (a) funding under the Build to Rent Fund and (b) finance supported from the Private Rented Sector Housing Debt Guarantee Scheme was; and what estimate she has made of the number of additional dwellings supported by these schemes. (6396)
- 1127 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of her Department's proposals for (a) higher quality standards, (b) cladding removal, (c) decarbonisation and energy efficiency requirements in the social housing sector on the financial capacity of housing associations to (i) build new social homes and (ii) purchase affordable homes from private developers. (6397)

- 1128 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential
 impact of higher Section 106 affordable housing quotas on (a) the sale price of nonsubsidised new build private sector homes in the same development and (b) overall house
 prices.

 (6398)
- 1129 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the estimated cost to (a) councils and (b) housing associations is of requiring all social housing to be EPC 'C' compliant by 2030; and what (i) funding and (ii) loans her Department plans to provide to these organisations. (6399)
- 1130 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for the commencement of the Renters' Rights Bill and the passage of associated secondary legislation, including any planned differences for the application of (a) new and (b) existing tenancies. (6400)
- 1131 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 23 September 2024, to
 Question 2981, on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Civil Servants,
 if she will list the (a) Recruitment Principles exception and (b) job title of the position for
 each of the appointments made without open and fair competition from 4 July 2024 to
 date.

 (6401)
- 1132 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what the net increase in the number of dwellings in
 2023-24 in England was in (a) the Valuation Office Agency's dwelling list and (b) dwellings
 registered with an Energy Performance Certificate. (6402)
- 1133 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer of 28 March 2024 to
 Question 19849 on Private Rented Housing: Registration, whether her department the
 Ministry of Justice and HM Courts and Tribunal Service have a joint plan for improvements
 to the county court possession process.

 (6403)
- 1134 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential
 impact of requiring landlords to improve the energy efficiency of their properties to a
 EPC C rating by 2030 on (a) rent prices and (b) trends in the number of private sector
 landlords exiting the sector. (6405)
- 1135 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment has she made of the potential impact of requiring landlords to improve the energy efficiency of their properties to a EPC C rating by 2030 on the finances of (a) local authorities and (b) housing associations. (6406)

- **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to Table 2 of HM Treasury's publication entitled Fixing the foundations: public spending audit 2024-25, CP 1133, published in July 2024, what plans her Department has to reduce spending on (a) communications and (b) Government Communications Service staff. (6407)
- **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many photographers her Department has hired as (a) staff and (b) contractors since 4 July 2024; from what dates; and what estimate she has made of the annual cost of those photographers. (6408)
- **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department plans to take to help
 ensure tenants are aware of new rights created through the Renters' Rights Bill. (6734)
- **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the
 potential impact of (a) section 21 evictions and (b) the provisions in the Renters' Rights Bill
 on (i) temporary accommodation costs and (ii) local authority finances. (6735)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, when her Department plans to publish the next
 round of submissions on homelessness duties owed to Ukrainians by each lower-tier local
 authority. (6623)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to end local authority
 competitive bidding. (6630)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps to give local
 authorities greater flexibility in respect to grant funding. (6631)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what estimate her Department has made of the
 local authority funding gap in the next two years. (6632)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of
 the implications for her policies of trends of the level of demand on statutory services
 provided by local authorities since June 2010. (6633)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, if she will incorporate other streams of funding into
 the Revenue Support Grant. (6634)

- **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to introduce Part M category 2 of
 the Building Regulations for new build properties. (5871)
- **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to increase the availability of

 dwellings suitable for younger people with disabilities. (5872)
- **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to bring in (a) licences for and (b)

 registration of property managing agents. (5873)
- **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential

 merits of (a) putting the New Homes Quality Board on a statutory footing, (b) requiring

 developers to be members of the Board and (c) providing buyers of new homes with a

 right of redress. (5874)
- **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to prevent products

 manufactured by (a) Kingspan and (b) Celotex from being used in Government-funded contracts.

 (5875)
- **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to prevent products

 manufactured by (a) Kingspan and (b) Celotex being used by public bodies. (5876)
- David Chadwick (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department provides guidance to local planning authorities on (a) assessing the potential noise impact of proposed wind turbines and (b) the consideration of potential noise impact in planning applications for (i) individual wind turbines and (ii) wind farms. (7226)
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the
 potential implications for her policies of the ITN investigation into seasonal worker
 accommodation, broadcast 5 September 2024; and if she will take regulatory steps to
 ensure that accommodation on farms for seasonal agricultural workers on the Seasonal
 Worker visa meets minimum standards for (a) occupancy rates and (b) quality. (7169)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing a licensing regime for short-term lets. (7047)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to support first-time buyer households in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire (c) and England. (7052)

- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help local authorities
 reduce rough sleeping. (6788)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question
 1159 on General Election 2024: Proof of Identity, what steps she has taken to tackle
 inconsistencies in voter ID rules. (6789)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what estimate her Department has made of how
 many people have been supported off the streets through the Rough Sleeping Initiative in
 each of the last three years. (6795)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the

 potential merits of extending the Rough Sleeping Initiative. (6796)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to increase collaboration between local councils and fire services to help tackle moorland fires. (7286)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department provides funding to local councils to enforce the ban on the use of barbecues and open fires on the moors during the summer. (7288)
- **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the ability of local authorities to (a) take enforcement action against private sector landlords leaving private tenants with dangerous disrepair and (b) bring related prosecutions. (6877)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to
 Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials
 in his Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a
 shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C)
 fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial
 year.
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7019)

- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help improve voter turnout in national elections; and what assessment she has made of the impact of voter ID on the 2024 general election. (7271)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what criteria her Department will use to determine which stage (a) one and (b) two levelling up bids will be allowed to proceed. (7194)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to abolish leasehold marriage value. (7198)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2024 to Question 3887 on Conveyancing, what steps her Department is taking to help (a) speed up and (b) reduce the cost of conveyancing. (7220)
- **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to bring forward the Leasehold and Commonhold Reform Bill; what recent estimate she has made of when the provisions of the Leasehold and Commonhold Reform Bill will be implemented; and what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support leaseholders with short leases to obtain mortgages.

(7185)

- **Nigel Farage** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to ensure that housing targets do not negatively impact the delivery of local services for pre-existing communities (a) in Clacton constituency and (b) elsewhere. (6856)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Right to Buy for housing association tenants. (6509)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help tackle landbanking. (6510)
- **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many single occupancy households there are in (a) England and (b) Wyre Forest constituency. (6184)
- **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans her Department has to simplify the process of installing heat pumps. (6189)

- **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to publish a response to the consultation launched under the previous government on changes to various permitted development rights. (6190)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people have been appointed to civil service positions without open competition in her Department since the general election; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6111)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to her Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024. (6112)
- **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing local authorities to (a) buy unoccupied housing in longstanding disrepair at a reduced rate and (b) raise council tax on long-term unoccupied housing to ensure properties are kept in the market in a suitable condition. (6686)
- **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that key water infrastructure is (a) constructed and (b) adopted alongside the development of new housing.

 (6687)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will introduce new protections under the National Policy Planning Framework to protect historically significant landscapes. (5860)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to allow people caring for a loved one with a medical emergency to be eligible to apply for an emergency proxy vote. (7128)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to publish her Department's devolution framework for England. (7094)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of non-mayoral devolution agreements. (7095)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has for local growth plans in areas (a) with and (b) without local devolution agreements; and how she expects such plans to align with the plans of (i) upper-tier local authorities and (ii) local economic partnerships. (7096)

- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many households qualifying for the Council Tax Discount for single people are (a) living in poverty, (b) have a dependent under the age of 18 and (c) are pensioners. (6317)
- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that building regulations take into account the need for homes to be resilient to extreme (a) heat and (b) cold. (6930)
- **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether it is her policy that there is to be a presumption against planning permission for solar farms that are not nationally significant infrastructure projects on best and most versatile land. (6473)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the adequacy of funding for local authorities to improve road safety. (7318)
- **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department plans to take in relation to the regulation of management agents of leasehold properties. (7165)
- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of routinely using S106 agreements to pay for new sewage treatment plants in order that large developers always make a direct contribution to upgrades of the water and sewerage network to support new housing. (6712)
- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Competition and Market Authority's publication entitled Housebuilding Market Study, published on 26 February 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the findings that (a) that some housebuilders may be sharing commercially sensitive information and (b) some estate management charges are (i) high and (ii) unclear to homebuyers. (6720)
- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that play areas are (a) designed and (b) upgraded to be accessible for children with SEND. (6721)
- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to regulate the (a) sale and (b) installation of spray foam insulation. (6729)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing council tax bands. (6815)

- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to introduce legislation requiring mandatory installation of photovoltaic panels on new (a) houses, (b) commercial buildings and (c) logistic distribution hubs. (6848)
- **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the
 number and proportion of single-person council tax reduction recipients that are
 pensioners. (6311)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how her Department calculated revised housing targets affecting (a)

 Braintree District Council, (b) Colchester City Council and (c) Maldon District Council. (6157)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the level of funding that her Department will provide to local authorities in each of the next five years. (6158)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many households receive a single person discount on their council tax liability; and what the total value was of that discount in the latest period for which data is available. (6159)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has for the adult social care precept in the next five years. (6160)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of allowing tenants in rented properties on working farms to have pets on (a) farm safety and (b) biosecurity. (5966)
- **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential
 merits of introducing a system of proportional representation for Parliamentary elections.

 (5974)
- **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to increase the

 minimum level of shared amenity space on new housing developments. (7233)
- **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with local authorities on powers to enforce parking restrictions for disabled bays. (6653)
- **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, if she will publish a timetable for the coming into

 force of provisions of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024. (7247)

- **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities, and Local Government, whether historical lead mining activities are

 considered when approving new housing targets. (6207)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to remove permitted

 development rights for property owners seeking to convert properties from use class c3 to

 c4. (6378)
- **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to use modular housing to
 increase the amount of available housing stock. (6436)
- **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential
 impact of the Renter's Rights Bill on tackling unaffordable requests for rent in advance. (7376)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to the consultation entitled Proposed
 reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning
 system, published on 30 July 2024, whether she has made an assessment of the potential
 impact of removing beauty as a requirement on support for new housing developments by
 local communities. (6867)
- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to review legislation on Assets of Community Value.

 (6545)
- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of introducing a Community Right to Buy scheme. (6546)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what plans her Department has to inform victims of the early release of prisoners. (6478)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many foreign-born criminals (a) are in prison and (b) were released under the revised terms of the early release scheme in (i) Ashfield constituency and (ii) Nottinghamshire since 10 September 2024.
- 1215N**Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to prevent women being put in danger following the release of perpetrators of domestic violence. (6608)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for what reason each prisoner who was released under the revised terms of the early release scheme and had previously breached a restraining order was released. (6628)

- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to help protect victims of domestic abuse and violence who are affected by the early release of some prisoners. (6629)
- **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what plans she has for the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Fund beyond March 2025; and whether she has had recent discussions with the Minister for Women and Equalities on that fund. (7347)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reimbursing the legal fees of claimants whose tribunal proceedings have been adjourned as a result of an unavailability of court resources. (6774)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to reduce the backlog of tribunal cases. (6775)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will review the effectiveness of the mechanisms in place to ensure parties in tribunal cases comply with information requests in a timely manner. (6776)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisons have a literacy programme. (7293)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisons have a one-to-one literacy mentoring programme. (7294)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to provide reading support in prisons; and what programmes her Department funds to provide such support. (7295)
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse for moving magistrates court remand hearings from Shropshire Magistrates Court in Telford; and if she will hold discussions with His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service on reinstating remand hearings at that court. (6697)
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the (a) longest, (b) shortest and (c) average time taken was between the Plea and Trial Preparation Hearing and the first trial date at Shrewsbury Crown Court for people who had pleaded not guilty to charges of (i) sexual offences, (ii) violent domestic abuse, (iii) other types of domestic abuse and (iv) other violent offences at Shrewsbury Crown Court in each of the last five years for which data is available.
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders released on licence at the 40% point of their sentence were convicted of (a) one and (b) more than one breach of restraining orders. (6701)

- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7024)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what her Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7025)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people, other than special advisers, have been appointed to civil service posts in her Department without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6113)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the number of people that have been appointed to posts in her Department, other than special advisers, who have (a) worked for and (b) been seconded to (i) the Labour party and (ii) the office of a Labour hon. Member since 4 July 2024. (6114)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to her Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024.

 (6115)
- **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to help prevent the coercive control of older people for financial gain. (5881)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners released under the early release scheme have been electronically tagged. (5859)
- **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when she plans to publish the independent review of her Department's language services. (7164)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the Court of Appeal judgment in the case of Oliver Campbell and The King, reference [2024] EWCA Crim 1036. (6597)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will take steps to refer the Court of Appeal judgment in the case of Oliver Campbell and The King, reference [2024] EWCA Crim 1036, to the Law Commission for its review of the appeal process in England and Wales. (6598)

- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of compensation arrangements for people wrongly convicted of crimes in the context of the Court of Appeal judgment in the case of Oliver Campbell and The King, reference [2024] EWCA Crim 1036. (6599)
- **Kim Leadbeater** (Spen Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure public protection as part of her Department's early release scheme. (6659)
- **Kim Leadbeater** (Spen Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Court of Protection's communications; and whether she has had discussions with them on improving their application processes. (6662)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her

 Department made an assessment of the potential impact of the early prisoner release
 scheme on the probation service. (6326)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent discussions her Department has had with Napo on the impact of the prisoner early release scheme on workers in the probation service. (6328)
- **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of child safeguarding monitoring after a child's parent is imprisoned.

 (6289)
- **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many children have (a) parents and (b) guardians who are imprisoned; and how many of those children are living without an adult guardian. (6290)
- **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to support the children of those who are imprisoned. (6291)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many foreign nationals were convicted of offences in each of the last five years; and if she will provide a breakdown of those offences by class of crime. (6942)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the annual cost is of foreign national prisoners in each of the last three years; and how many foreign national prisoners there are. (6946)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the (a) nationality and (b) class of crime is of foreign national offenders (i) in prison and (ii) deported this year. (6948)

- **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many full-time civil servants are working on informing postmasters and former postmasters that their conviction has been quashed under the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Act 2024. (6474)
- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she will take steps to restrict the ability for psychologists not accredited by the Health and Care Professions Council to act as expert witnesses in all court settings. (6714)
- **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether there are circumstances where a victim cannot call for a foreign national offender to be deported in a victim impact statement. (6455)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders have been released as a result of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods) Order 2024 on each day since that Order came into effect; and how many and what proportion of those offenders have (a) re-offended and (b) been returned to custody.
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will publish a daily update on the (a) number of offenders released early as a consequence of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods) Order 2024 and (b) number of those offenders who have subsequently (i) re-offended and (ii) been returned to custody.
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when she plans to review the impact of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods)
 Order 2024. (6182)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of the number of offenders released as a result of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods) Order 2024 that have previous convictions for (a) sexual offences and (b) offences involving violence against women and girls. (6183)
- **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the statement on her Department's webpage entitled Criminal court statistics, which Criminal court statistics quarterly publication was the first to require work to assure the quality of source data. (5951)
- **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether the issue affecting the quality of the data for the Criminal Court Statistics affects data on the number of Crown Court cases disposed of each month. (5952)
- **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department's data cleanse of the magistrates' court data will (a) help with listing, (b) benefit other court processes and (c) improve the accuracy of the statistics. (5953)

- **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will publish the Criminal Court Statistics datasets due to be published in (a) June, (b)
 September and (c) December 2024 by the end of 2024. (5954)
- **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will publish a breakdown of the magistrates' court backlog showing the number of (a)

 Single Justice Procedure cases and (b) cases that have to go to a hearing. (5955)
- **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what her planned timetable is for (a) completing the migration of the Upper Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber to new case management systems and (b) publishing complete datasets for that tribunal's workload. (5956)
- **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what her planned timetable is for publishing family court data series that are paused due to the roll out of Core Case Data. (5957)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Probation Service in the East of England. (6870)
- **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to help ensure the (a) rehabilitation and (b) education of offenders who took part in violent disorder during summer 2024. (7133)
- **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that specialist violence against women and girls services are aware of the early release of prisoners with known histories of those offences.

 (6650)
- **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her

 Department plans to take steps to help ensure the parents and guardians of disabled

 children are able to access (a) Child Trust Funds and (b) Junior ISAs. (6409)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7012)
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- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many times Ministers in his Department have visited the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland since 5 July 2024. (5856)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the haulage industry in Northern Ireland about barriers to trade between Northern Ireland and Great Britain (6964)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his

 Department issues to special advisers on briefing the media. (6056)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he is taking steps to reduce his carbon footprint during official duties. (6062)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will ask the Committee on Standards in Public Life to hold an inquiry on the application of the Civil Service Commission Recruitment Principles. (6064)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, on how many Fridays he has worked after 6.00pm since 4 July 2024. (6068)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of employing the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff as a civil servant. (6070)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will respond to the correspondence of 7 June 2024 from the FDA to him and the former Prime Minister on opposition costings.

 (6071)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what steps he has taken to ensure that (a) No. 10 special advisers and (b) staff of the No.10 Political Office have access to Government IT equipment with the appropriate level of security. (6073)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the (a) Prime Minster, (b) Prime Minister's Chief of Staff and (c) No10 appointments team played a role in decisions relating to the departure of (i) non-executive directors and (ii) chairs of public bodies since 4 July 2024. (6076)

John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether direct ministerial appointments by departmental Ministers require the prior approval of 10 Downing Street.

(6077)

- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, how many (a) civil servants and (b) special advisers are report directly to his Chief of Staff. (6078)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what role Lord Alli has had in decisions relating to (a) shortlists and (b) appointments to public posts; whether he sought advice from the Cabinet Office Propriety and Ethics team on that role in the context of Lord Alli's donations to the Labour Party; and if he will publish (i) terms of reference and (ii) other documents relating to the work of Lord Alli in relation to that role. (6079)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what discussions (a) No10 special advisers and (b) the No10 Appointments Team have had with Lord Alli on recommending individuals for public appointments. (6080)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his Department's policy is on the (a) advertisement of and (b) process for appointment of senior civil service roles.

 (6081)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, where the Director Generals in charge of the five Mission Delivery Boards will be based; and to whom they will report.

 (6082)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, how many staff are seconded to 10 Downing Street from outside Government; what roles those people perform; from which outside body each has been seconded; and what the length of each secondment is. (6083)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, which of the public appointments for which he is responsible are due to be (a) renewed and (b) filled in the next 12 months; what the (i) remit, (ii) salary, (iii) political restrictions, (iv) eligibility requirement and (v) timetable for each appointment is; and what records the No. 10 appointments team keeps in respect of those appointments.
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what (a) envoys, (b) czars, (c) champions and (d) unpaid advisers have been appointed since 4 July 2024; which people in such roles appointed by the last Administration have been dismissed; and what positions and roles established by the last Administration have been discontinued.

 (6085)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance is provided to (a) Ministers, (b) special advisers and (c) No.10 political advisers on (i) avoiding conflicts of interest and (ii) the Nolan principles in respect of potential (A) family members and (B) partners who (1) work in the Civil Service or (2) are members of either House.

- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the ethics and integrity commission will have a role in (a) the appointments of (i) unpaid advisers, (ii) special advisers and (iii) civil servants and (b) advising the (A) Prime Minister and (B) other Ministers on the the probity of the political donations they receive. (6087)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Prime Minister, when he plans to hold the first meeting of the Council of Nations and Regions. (6970)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7014)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what his Department's policy is on the allocation of Government Car Service cars to senior officials; what the policy was on 24 May 2024; and which senior officials have been granted access to the service since 4 July 2024. (7015)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many people, other than special advisers, have been appointed to civil service posts in his Department without open competition since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6137)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what (a) direct ministerial and (b) other public appointments to his Department and associated bodies have (i) been (A) removed from their posts and (B) asked to resign and (ii) made since 4 July 2024.
- **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what trade remedy measures to promote domestic manufacturing industries are in place in respect of electric bus manufacturing in the UK. (7383)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to review the business rates system for pubs. (6489)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to protect pension contributions paid into (a) NEST and (b) Government pension schemes against fraud. (6494)
- **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) VAT reductions, (b) tax breaks and (c) other financial incentives for businesses engaged in (i) upcycling and (ii) the sustainable production of textiles. (6939)

- **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she will publish guidance for the Transitional Tax Free Allowance Certificate. (7224)
- **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will give further education corporations the same VAT status as Multi Academy Trusts and 16 to 19 Free Schools. (6418)
- **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will (a) increase the Lifetime ISA property value limit and (b) reduce the early access penalty for Lifetime ISAs at the next Budget. (7371)
- **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will commission research into the potential impact of the (a) property price limit and (b) exit penalty on first-time buyers who wish to use Lifetime ISAs to buy a property. (7372)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent estimate her Department has made of the level of household debt in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England (7054)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will review IR35 rules.
- **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure UK insurers and other maritime service providers verify compliance with the oil price cap for shipping contracts involving vessels potentially linked to Russia's shadow fleet.

 (6746)
- **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the proportion of people who are eligible for Pension Credit who will take up that benefit in the next 12 months. (6636)
- **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her oral contribution to the debate on Social Security of 10 September 2024, Official Report, column 735, whether her estimate that pensioners will be £1,700 better off by the end of this Parliament includes tax payable on that income. (6637)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her

 Department has made of the importance of banking hubs in rural areas. (7281)
- **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a levy on foreign ownership of residential properties.

 (6706)
- 1312 Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Scope report entitled Disability Price Tag 2024, what what steps she is taking to support disabled households with extra costs. (6443)

- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7020)
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- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a tax on unbuilt developments where planning permission has lapsed; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of such a tax on the construction of new homes. (7207)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had discussion with the Financial Conduct Authority on the racial disparity in motor insurance premiums identified in the Citizens Advice report, Discriminatory pricing: exploring the ethnicity penalty in the insurance market, published in March 2022.

 (7217)
- 1317 Anna Dixon (Shipley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to increase public awareness of the required parental contributions when accessing student loans. (7218)
- **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to ensure Local Housing Allowance keeps pace with local rents. (6903)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of agreeing a UN global tax convention. (6504)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what process was followed in the recruitment of Ian Corfield to the role of Director of Investment. (6103)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the salary of Mr Ian Corfield was in his role as Director of Investment. (6104)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people have been appointed to civil service positions without open competition in her Department since 4 July 2024; what their (a) job titles and (b) salary bands are; and on what basis each was appointed. (6105)

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 (6106)
- **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help increase labour productivity in the North East.

 (6222)
- **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2024 to Question 4157 on Financial Services, if she will set a target date for making a decision on the creation of a Financial Inclusion Strategy. (7139)
- 1326 Claire Hazelgrove (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing VAT on spectacles for people with a disability. (7250)
- **Claire Hazelgrove** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to ensure that people entering into financial commitments are provided with adequate information on the (a) contract and (b) impact of borrowing. (7254)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue to the Exchequer was raised from (a) VAT, (b) business rates, (c) employer contributions to the teachers' pension scheme and (d) any other source paid by the independent school sector in the 2023-24 financial year; and what estimate her Department has made of the revenue that will be raised in the (i) 2025-26 and (ii) 2026-27 financial year.
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 2809 on Private Education: Taxation, whether the tax information and impact note will include an assessment of the potential impact of this policy on different religious faiths. (5976)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has received legal advice on the compatibility of plans to charge VAT on independent school fees with Articles (a) 2 and (b) 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights. (5989)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.7 of her Department's Technical Note entitled Applying VAT to Private School Fees and Removing the Business Rates Charitable Rates Relief for Private Schools, published in July 2024, on what evidential basis the Government expects increased rates liabilities to have a limited impact on average school fees per pupil. (5990)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the annual cost to HM Revenue and Customs of reimbursing VAT to local councils for pupils with education, health and care (EHC) plans. (5991)

- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether students at post 16 special colleges who have an Education, Health and Care plan will be exempt from VAT on college fees. (6003)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether health and social care charges for students at special schools and colleges will be exempt from VAT.

 (6004)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what pupil number projections the (a) resource and (b) capital spending budgets for the Department for Education for (i) this and (ii) next year are based. (6005)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to amend the capital spending budget for the Department for Education based on actual full-time-equivalent pupil numbers in the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial year. (6006)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to amend the revenue spending budget for the Department for Education based on actual full-time-equivalent pupil numbers in the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial year. (6007)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether charged-for education provided in (a) church premises and (b) other dual-use locations that are charitably exempt will be liable for (i) VAT and (ii) business rates. (6008)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what criteria her Department plans to use to classify schools as English language schools for the purposes of determining an exemption from VAT. (6009)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether it is her policy that bi-lingual schools will be exempt for paying (a) VAT and (b) business rates. (6010)
- 1341 Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether it is her policy that independent schools part-funded by overseas governments will be exempt from paying VAT. (6011)
- **Sally Jameson** (Doncaster Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of Air Passenger Duty on the growth of regional airports.

 (7041)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of removing VAT from defibrillator sales in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme, (b) Staffordshire and (c) England. (6978)

- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will consider including carbon capture, utilisation and storage and hydrogen infrastructure in the green plant and machinery exemption from business rates. (7083)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many civil servants will support the Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner. (7084)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent estimate she has made of when the Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner will be appointed. (7085)
- **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will provide additional funding to equalise allowances between foster and kinship families. (6239)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of charging VAT on private school fees on levels of demand for state school places. (6320)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her

 Department plans to increase real terms funding for the Probation Service in the context

 of the prisoner early release scheme. (6327)
- **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had discussions with the devolved Administrations on the adequacy of fiscal support for local councils across the UK, in the context of (a) recent trends in levels of demand for services, (b) the impacts of inflation and (c) increases in energy costs; and what steps her Department is taking to ensure that local authorities receive adequate funding for the provision of their services. (7395)
- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of all purchases of premium bonds made in the last financial year were under the value of (a) £100, (b) £1000 and (c) £10,000. (6920)
- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of rainfall levels in September 2024 on (a) Government spending and (b) the local economy in each of the 10 English counties that have had the highest levels of rainfall. (6926)
- **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to respond to the call for evidence entitled Non-Discretionary Tax-Advantaged Share Schemes: Call for Evidence, which closed on 25 August 2023. (5843)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to increase access to cash in West Dorset constituency. (7328)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to identify locations for banking hubs in West Dorset constituency. (7329)

- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress she has made on a timetable for the creation of banking hubs in rural areas. (7330)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of bank closures in West Dorset constituency on (a) pensioners and (b) owners of small businesses. (7331)
- **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 30 July 2024 on Transport infrastructure review, when she plans to publish the results of the internal review of the her Department's capital spend portfolio. (6026)
- **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what data her Department holds the (a) number of applications for valuations of any type by the District Valuer that took longer than (i) three, (ii) six and (iii) 12 months to be completed from the point of application, by type of valuation and (b) the average timeframe for processing applications, in the latest period for which data is available; and if she will make a comparative estimate of the average timeframe for processing requests from NHS organisations.
- **Jesse Norman** (Hereford and South Herefordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total proceeds of fines on water companies have been since the Treasury announcement on 30 November 2022 that they would be reserved for river restoration; and how much has been spent for this purpose. (6035)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 13 September 2024 to Question 4779 on Banking Hubs, what the timeline is for the roll-out of the new banking hubs; and b) whether (a) Cash Access UK and (b) LINK are considering St Ives in Cambridgeshire as the location of a hub. (6812)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing tax relief for (a) singing groups and (b) choirs.

 (6813)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she plans to announce changes to business rates. (6814)
- **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure that full tax receipts are being obtained from cash-only businesses. (6310)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of increasing fuel duty by between one and 25 pence per litre by each one penny increment on (a) revenues to the Exchequer, (b) costs to businesses and (c) household finances. (6150)

- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what modelling assumptions her Department has made of the rate of fuel duty in each of the next five financial years.

 (6151)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what modelling assumptions her Department has made of revenue to the Exchequer arising from fuel duty in each of the next five financial years. (6152)
- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to adjust the upper limit on house purchases using a Lifetime ISA in line with inflation. (7245)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer if she will take steps to require pension funds to comply with the climate rules in the Paris Agreement. (6894)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she plans to take to ensure the continuation of the triple lock on state pensions. (6896)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Overseas Territories on continuity of environmental financing support.

 (5914)
- **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing (a) Pension Credit and (b) the personal allowances of pensioners to mitigate the potential impact of the removal of Winter Fuel Allowance. (7333)
- **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when private schools should become VAT registered. (6432)
- **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department holds data on the number of days of strike action by council waste and recycling workers in each of the last three financial years. (7377)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will ensure data held by HMRC to help identify people eligible for Pension Credit is made available to local authorities. (6737)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the zero emissions vehicle mandate on fuel duty revenues between (a) 2025 and 2030, (b) 2030 and 2040 and (c) 2040 and 2050.
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to implement the proposed changes in the tax treatment of furnished holiday lettings in the next financial year. (6742)

- **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 1887 on Tax Avoidance, when she plans to provide an update on her policy on the loan charge. (7148)
- **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has received recent representations on the potential merits of introducing a national pay-per-mile road tax. (6362)
- **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to maintain the single occupancy council tax discount. (6198)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, pursuant to the Answers of 6 September 2024 to Questions 2306 and 2308 on Ministers: Official Cars, which (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have (i) been allocated a dedicated vehicle and (ii) access to use of a shared vehicle from the Government Car Service; what the (A) make, (B) model and (C) fuel type is for each car; and what the budget was for those cars in the 2024-25 financial year. (7033)
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 (6142)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 2316 on Equality, if she will publish guidance on the application of the socio-economic duty on (a) Civil Service recruitment (i) decisions and (ii) policy, and (b) public appointments. (6092)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to (a) tackle discrimination against visually impaired people with guide dogs and (b) educate (i) businesses and (ii) public services on the (A) role and (B) importance of guide dogs. (7103)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to help tackle discrimination against single parents looking for work. (7122)

- 1388 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to promote Black History Month. (7125)
- 1389 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to help (a) end discrimination against LGBT+ people and (b) ensure that LGBT+ hate crime is investigated. (7189)
- 1390 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of including asexuality as a protected characteristic in the Equality Act 2010. (7361)
- 1391 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle hate crime against transgender people,

 (7362)
- 1392 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether it is her policy to ban conversion therapy for (a) asexual, (b) bisexual, (c) intersex and (d) nonbinary people. (7363)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 9 October

- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what is the headquarters occupancy data for the Office of National Statistics, across each week in the most recent month for which data is available. (6058)
- 2N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the report entitled Classification of the audit at SAIC-Volkswagen (Xinjiang) Automotive Ltd, published in September 2024, what steps the Government is taking to ensure products entering UK markets do not use forced labour in their supply chains; and if he will have discussions with counterparts in China on ensuring the accuracy of audits for the purposes of ensuring that products being sold in the UK do not use forced labour in their production. (5827)
- 3N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he expects people affected by failures in the Post Office Horizon IT system to receive compensation by March 2025. (6668)
- 4N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of jobs that are supported by the film and TV industry. (6038)

- 5N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will discuss with Sport England the potential merits of recognising pigeon racing as a sport.

 (7307)
- 6N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with the signatories of the open letter by Academics for Academic Freedoms, published on 2 August 2024, on the implementation of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023. (6571)
- 7N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she had discussions with relevant stakeholders on the potential impact of pausing the implementation of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023 on income from China for UK universities as part of discussions relating to that decision. (6574)
- 8N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to reduce pay gaps between school teachers and further education teachers. (6221)
- 9N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's guidance for local authorities entitled Travel to school for children of compulsory school age, published in January 2024, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of Part 1: Local authorities, statutory duty in relation to eligible school children. (6638)
- 10N Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department collects data on the average time SEND pupils spend in isolation across England.

 (6273)
- 11N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to increase tuition fees for university students. (6843)
- 12N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to monitor the effectiveness of her Department's work to support the mental health of children in poverty in (a) schools and (b) other educational settings.

 (6512)
- 13N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to continue the reforms set out in the SEND and alternative provision improvement plan. (6213)
- 14N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when his Department plans to launch a consultation on its policy on not issuing new oil and gas licences to explore new fields. (6315)

- 15N **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when his Department will next update the National Policy Statement for energy infrastructure, and whether that update will include battery storage as significant energy infrastructure. (7066)
- 16N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his planned timetable is for rolling out home insulation upgrades. (6754)
- 17N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to enable community energy schemes to sell their power to local residents. (6330)
- 18N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to announce a further tranche of flood and coastal erosion risk management (FCERM) funding. (6039)
- 19N **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to investigate the cause of floods in (a) Calne and (b) other areas that have not experienced flooding for decades. (7147)
- 20N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of commissioning a review of horse rider safety standards; and whether he plans to legislate to strengthen those standards for solo riders. (7351)
- 21N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the (a) Food Standards Agency and (b) Committee on Toxicity on the potential risks of lead contamination in the UK food chain.
- 22N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to maintain international standards on lead thresholds for foodstuffs. (6204)
- 23N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to issue guidance for Northern Ireland importers on compliance with the EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products. (7309)
- 24 Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his international counterparts on supporting a legally-binding global target to cut plastic production before the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, South Korea in November 2024.
- 25N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to develop a digital inclusion strategy. (6586)

- 26N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will ensure that funding is allocated for the creation of a new digital inclusion strategy. (6587)
- 27N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to support the digital inclusion of (a)
 elderly, (b) economically disadvantaged and (c) disabled people. (6588)
- 28N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential contribution
 of a digital inclusion strategy to (a) stopping the spread of misinformation and (b)
 increasing public trust in social media. (6589)
- 29N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to increase digital
 accessibility for vulnerable people. (6590)
- 30N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department collects data on driving theory test pass rates for those with (a) ADHD and (b) other neurodiverse conditions. (6609)
- 31N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has had discussions with Network Rail on (a) congestion in major railway stations and (b) dangerous passenger transitions towards platforms in busy periods. (6610)
- 32N **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Buses Bill would make local authority trade companies eligible to bid for bus franchises. (7246)
- 33N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of Chiltern Railways' proposals to bring in (a) replacement and (b) additional carriages to improve capacity on their existing routes. (7353)
- 34N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the availability of driving tests.

 (6459)
- 35N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average wait time was in each driving test area in each month since January 2015. (6460)
- 36N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people were waiting more than 24 weeks for a driving test in each driving test area in each month since January 2015. (6461)

- 37N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average wait time for a car driving test was at each driving test centre in each month since January 2015. (6462)
- 38N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans her Department has to improve accessibility at (a) Arlesey station and (b) Hitchin station. (6671)
- 39N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress the Civil Aviation Authority have made on the Performance Framework for Airline Accessibility; and whether she intends to introduce enforcement powers to ensure compliance with the proposed regulations. (7310)
- 40N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to improve the success of enforcement measures taken by the Child Maintenance Service on non-paying parents. (6470)
- 41N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that parents are not able to avoid (a) Child Maintenance liability and (b) Deduction of Earning Orders by changing employment. (6471)
- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the consultation entitled Modernising support for independent living: the health and disability green paper, published on 29 April 2024, what her policy is on the use of (a) cash payments and (b) vouchers to people in receipt of the Personal Independence Payment; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of replacing cash payments with vouchers on disabled people. (7181)
- 43N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changing eligibility requirements for the winter fuel payment on people with disabilities. (6297)
- 44N Dr Caroline Johnson (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of pensioners who have an annual income that is (i) lower and (ii) higher than (a) £23,795.20, (b) £12,570, (c) £50,271, (d) £125,140, (e) £60,000, (f) £70,000 and (g) £24,000.
- 45N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of incapacity benefit claimants receiving (a)
 Universal Credit Limited Capability for Work-Related Activity element and (b) Employment and Support Allowance are parents of dependent children. (6274)
- 46N Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many referrals were made by Jobcentre Plus to employment support programmes that are (a) centrally contracted and (b) not centrally contracted by her Department to (i) voluntary and community sector providers, (ii) private sector providers, (iii) regional/local government providers and (iv) other in the last year. (6275)

- 47N **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department takes to identify (a) people and (b) households eligible for Pension Credit who have not applied for it. (6287)
- 48N **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to communicate with (a) people and (b) households eligible for Pension Credit who have not yet applied for it to encourage Pension Credit take up. (6288)
- 49N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she is taking steps to reform the social security system to (a) support families on low incomes and (b) reduce related mental health issues. (6513)
- 50N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help (a) pensioners who will not receive Winter Fuel Allowance and (b) other people with disabilities who (i) need to run equipment through the winter and (ii) have a condition which makes them susceptible to the effects of the cold, damp weather.
- 51N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent street discharge from hospital settings for people rough sleeping. (6611)
- 52N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve intermediate care for the homeless.

 (6612)
- 53N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the email of 18 July 2024 from the hon. Member for Liverpool Walton on care supporters. (6430)
- 54 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the radiotherapy late effects service. (6334)
- 55N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the National Screening Committee will next review the potential merits of screening for prostate cancer. (5870)
- 56N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the NHS Learning Support Fund. (6228)
- 57N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9th September 2024 to Question 2899 on Nurses: Training, what steps he is taking to promote the merits of nursing as a career.

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- 58N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help facilitate access to to Omnipod 5 insulin pumps for people with type 1 diabetes. (6639)
- 59N Alison Hume (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of dental care provision in Scarborough and Whitby constituency; and whether he plans to take steps to help improve that provision. (7176)
- 60N Alison Hume (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number and proportion of (a) adults and (b) children that do not have access to an NHS dentist in Scarborough and Whitby constituency. (7177)
- 61N Clive Jones (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle the redevelopment of the Royal Berkshire Hospital. (7080)
- 62N Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to community-based mental health support for low-income children and families. (6514)
- 63N James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help protect the rights of children in areas of conflict. (6336)
- 64N Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he expects negotiations with Mauritius on the (a) sovereignty of the Chagos Islands and (b) return of Chagossians who wish to resettle will conclude. (5842)
- 65N Deirdre Costigan (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in Turkey on the freedom of journalists in (a) Turkey and (b) Turkish Kurdistan. (6755)
- 66 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of the recommendations of the Summary Report of the APPG on Afrikan reparations, published in October 2023. (6075)
- 67N Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his article entitled The United Kingdom and the United States, United for Ukraine, published on Substack on 16 September 2024, what his policy is on the use of force by Azerbaijan in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. (6569)

- 68N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the
 Chinese ambassador to the UK on reports that a Russian state owned company has
 developed a weapons programme in China for military drones. (6570)
- 69N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to his Israeli counterpart on the death of Muhammed Bhar. (7358)
- 70N **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the
 possibility of arms supplied from the UK to Israel being used to be used to (a) commit and
 (b) facilitate serious violations of International humanitarian law in (i) the West Bank and
 (ii) Lebanon.
- 71N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's planned timetable is for announcing future funding settlements for (a) Violence Reduction Units and (v) the London Violence Reduction Unit.

 (6329)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Bureau of Investigative Journalism's report entitled We sacrificed everything we had: seasonal workers left without jobs after Home Office decision, published on 24 August 2024, whether workers who had their visa applications rejected as a result of the Home Office's revocation of Ethero's sponsor licence will be compensated for (a) medical certificates, (b) TLSContact visa processing fees, (c) flights and (d) other costs incurred.
- 73N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many child play areas there are across the defence estate; and what the annual cost is of their upkeep. (7038)
- 74N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish a list of the recruitment policies that he plans to scrap. (6337)
- 75N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason the period until the launch of the SKYNET 6A satellite has been extended. (6342)
- 76N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of (a) Airbus Defence and (b) Space UK on the launch of the SKYNET 6A satellite. (6343)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the planned discontinuation of the Rotary Wing Command Support Air Transport Helicopter Service, whether (a) the Prime Minister, (b) other Ministers, (c) members of the Royal Family and (d) senior defence staff will be permitted to use in sourced (i) Royal Air Force and (ii) Royal Navy helicopters for travel in their official capacities. (6066)

- 78N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the UK is carrying out airstrikes in Yemen. (6220)
- 79N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve (a) recruitment and (b) retention at the Royal Fleet Auxiliary.

 (7191)
- 80N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the impact of industrial action at the Royal Fleet Auxiliary on the (a) Royal Fleet Auxiliary, (b) Royal Navy and (c) Royal Marines; and what steps he is taking to end that industrial action. (7192)
- 81N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected cost to the public purse will be of (a) introducing and (b) managing the Homes for Heroes scheme in (i) 2024-25 and (ii) 2025-26; and from which Department budget will it be funded. (6842)
- 82 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to issue hardship tests in the private rented sector before landlords can evict tenants. (6381)
- Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to Written Ministerial Statement of 30 July 2024 on Building the Homes We Need, HCWS48, what steps she plans to take to provide new build affordable housing through social rent; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of a rise in the number of social rent homes on the availability of affordable housing.
- 84N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to (a) ensure there is

 sufficient housing supply to meet demand and (b) reduce the number of families living in

 (i) overcrowded and (ii) unsuitable accommodation. (6753)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 2635 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Public Expenditure, what her policy is on (a) engagement with the organisations cited in the Written Ministerial Statement of 14 March 2024 on New Extremism Definition and Community Engagement Principles, HCWS342, and (b) and support for the (i) counterextremism centre of excellence and (ii) Commission for Countering Extremism. (6994)
- 86N Laura Kyrke-Smith (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the number and proportion of disability-accessible housing in Aylesbury constituency; and what steps she is taking to increase the proportion of such housing in that constituency. (7354)

- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to encourage local planning authorities to (a) ring-fence and (b) use developer contributions to provide routes identified in local cycling and walking infrastructure plans.
- 88N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of measures to prevent parties from adjourning tribunal hearings without valid cause. (6777)
- 89N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring parity of access to public funds for (a) domestic and (b) overseas applicants for child arrangement orders.

 (6225)
- 90N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to reduce the charge to finalisation rate in Devon and Cornwall. (7193)
- 91N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Fund will be extended beyond March 2025. (7352)
- 92N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of using alternative methods of determining eligibility for compensation in the event of an acquittal following a re-trial. (6421)
- 93N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much her Department has spent on outsourced services in prisons in the last 12 months. (6024)
- 94N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners were released from each prison in Wales under the Early Release Scheme on 10 September 2024 (6345)
- 95N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners with a home address in Wales were released under the Early Release
 Scheme on 10 September 2024. (6346)
- 96N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the impact of the Early Release Scheme on probation services in Wales since 10 September 2024. (6347)
- 97N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what her Department's timescale is for ensuring that reforms to operational systems resulting from HMCTS's transformation programme capture more detailed management information; and whether her Department plans to publish that detailed management information. (5948)

- 98N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Criminal Court Statistics Quarterly for October to December 2023, published on 28 March 2024, if her Department will make an assessment of the accuracy of the estimate of the outstanding caseload in the Crown Court. (5949)
- 99N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the delayed publication of the criminal court statistics due to an issue affecting the accuracy of the data, what steps her Department is taking to (a) mitigate against potential inaccuracies in that data that is used for criminal justice system planning or modelling and (b) ensure the accuracy of data used in making strategic decisions on sitting days.
- 100N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he plans to appeal against the judgment of the Belfast Court of Appeal in the challenge to the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023, delivered on 20 September 2024.
- 101 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he plans to take steps with Cabinet colleagues to provide (a) financial and (b) other support for Harland and Wolff's Belfast shipyard. (7182)
- 102 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of the public inquiry into the murder of Patrick Finucane. (7184)
- 103 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has had recent discussions with his international counterparts on efforts to help end the conflict in Ukraine. (7183)
- 104 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether the post of Executive Assistant to his Chief of Staff was recruited through fair and open competition. (6059)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will ask the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Interests to investigate the appointment of officials to the civil service without open and fair competition where Ministers may have previously benefited from (a) donations and (b) donations in-kind relating to those individuals. (6060)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had discussions with the First Division Association (FDA) on recognising it as the trade union for special advisers; and what the process is for formal recognition. (6061)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason the appointment of General Gwyn Jenkins as National Security Adviser has been cancelled; whether (a) the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff had a role in and (b) the Attorney General had discussions with the Prime Minister on that decision; and whether the post will be advertised externally.

- 108 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what his policy is on (a) the total number of special advisers to be appointed across Government and (b) the gender balance of special advisers across Government. (6074)
- 109N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Prime Minister, how many times Lord Alli has entered 10 Downing Street since 5 July 2024. (6195)
- 110N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Prime Minister, how much was spent on energy bills for the residential section of 10 Downing Street in the last year.

 (6196)
- 111N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the cost to the public purse of winter fuel payments to overseas residents was in 2023/24. (6532)
- 112 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Table 2, page 9 of her Department's publication entitled Fixing the foundations: Public spending audit 2024-25, published in July 2024, for which savings measures set out in that Table her Department has conducted a (a) equality impact assessment and (b) environmental principles assessment. (6995)
- 113N Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of tax credits for the film and television industry on (a) the number of productions taking place in the UK, (b) foreign direct investment in the UK and (c) employment in the film and television industry; and if she will estimate the cost of those credits.
- 114N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking to support the film and TV industry. (6037)
- 115N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to change the threshold of full audit requirements for smaller businesses. (6186)
- 116N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of the UK's exit from the EU on public finances. (6298)
- 117N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans she has to reform the pensions system. (6846)
- 118 **Fred Thomas** (Plymouth Moor View): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will re-establish the Office of Government Commerce. (7039)
- 119N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will introduce a national pay-per-mile road tax. (6358)

- 120N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much was spent on energy bills for the residential section of 11 Downing Street in the last year. (6197)
- 121N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether gifts of clothing are a taxable benefit in kind. (6202)

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- 1N **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what political restrictions apply to Deputy Directors in his Department. (6149)
- 2N Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the Government has offered Blackstone tax incentives as part of the agreement to build a data centre in Blyth. (6322)
- 3N Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department made an environmental impact assessment of the data centre in Blyth before the investment by Blackstone was announced. (6323)
- 4N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department made an assessment of the potential impact of increased data processing on water usage before the investment by Blackstone in a data centre in Blyth was announced.

 (6324)
- 5N Claire Coutinho (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what is the average length of time taken for an employment tribunal for those seeking redress over a freedom of speech dispute. (6572)
- 6N Claire Coutinho (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the evidential basis is for the statement by her Department's spokesman quoted in the Telegraph of 24 August 2024 that the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023 could expose students to harm and appalling hate speech on campuses. (6573)
- 7N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many unfilled state-funded (a) primary and (b) secondary school places there are in East Surrey. (6576)
- 8N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Environment Agency's response to the fire at the Weir Road recycling centre on Saturday 7 September 2024. (6366)

- 9N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the forthcoming Extended Producer Responsibility scheme on the (a) glass, (b) aluminium and (c) plastic packaging sectors. (6254)
- 10N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential environmental benefits of including (a) PET plastic bottles, (b) glass bottles and (c) metal beverage containers within the proposed deposit return scheme. (6669)
- 11N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an estimate of the number of (a) polyethylene terephthalate plastic bottles, (b) glass bottles and (c) metal beverage containers littered annually in the UK. (6670)
- 12N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when her Department plans to announce stations that have been selected for Access for All Control Period 7 funding. (6442)
- 13N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, If she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme eligibility criteria to allow people to apply for a free bus pass at 60 years old. (6658)
- 14N Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the number of additional driving tests that will be needed to reduce the average wait time for a test to the seven-week service standard.
 (6458)
- 15N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the UK Health Security Agency's response to the recent fire at the recycling centre on Weir Road. (6367)
- 16N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether pay rises for (a) doctors and (b) other NHS staff will be met from existing NHS budgets. (6583)
- 17N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals on the provision of dental services. (7249)
- 18N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential
 merits of increasing the number of Chevening scholarships available for students from
 Gaza. (6654)

- 19N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential
 merits of increasing funding for the British Council's Higher Education Scholarships for
 Palestinians scheme. (6655)
- 20N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a sponsorship visa scheme for people in Gaza. (6657)
- 21N **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Leader of the House, whether she plans to bring forward a motion to allow the UK Youth Parliament to debate in the House of Commons Chamber. (6980)
- 22N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to establish a public inquiry on the effects of nuclear testing between 1952 and 1967 on veterans.

 (6025)
- 23N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to bring forward the Leasehold and Commonhold Reform Bill. (7129)
- 24N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has undertaken an impact assessment on the effect of removing the Council Tax discount for single people. (6316)
- 25N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to reduce beer duty in line with cider. (6656)
- 26N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of pensioner households have at least one (a) higher rate and (b) additional rate taxpayer. (6585)
- 27N **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will re-band aviation duty. (6641)
- 28N **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will increase domestic aviation duty. (6642)
- 29N **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has received representations on an increase to the standard rate of vehicle excise duty in the next fiscal year. (6643)
- 30N **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will adjust the method of assessment for vehicle excise duty rates in the next fiscal year. (6644)
- 31N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will increase the standard rate of vehicle excise duty. (6360)

- 32N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will increase any of the banded rates of vehicle excise duty. (6361)
- 33N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has received recent representations on the potential merits of increasing fuel duty.

 (6363)

Questions for Answer on Monday 14 October

- 1N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Solicitor General, how many cases are awaiting charging decisions by the Crown Prosecution Service for (a) summary only, (b) either way and (c) indictable only offences. (6693)
- 2N **John Slinger** (Rugby): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of gambling companies advertising through sports clubs on men's (a) mental health and (b) suicide rates. (6914)
- 3N **John Slinger** (Rugby): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of gambling companies' use of mobile phone apps on the addictive nature of their products for users. (6915)
- 4N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve the affordability of childcare for families ineligible for free childcare for working parents. (6365)
- 5N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to review the School Food Standards; and if she will update those standards in line with the UK's climate targets. (6893)
- 6N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help households reduce energy bills. (6691)
- 7N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress his Department has made with the River Severn Partnership on (a) reducing flooding and (b) protecting (i) homes and (ii) businesses from flood risk.

 (6695)
- 8N Manuela Perteghella (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to take steps to (a) bring forward legislative proposals to improve protections for farmed fish; and what steps his Department is taking to strengthen the sustainability of the UK's fishing industry. (6895)

- 9N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans that HS2 Limited will offer land subject to a Compulsory Purchase Order that has not been used by the project back to its previous owner under the Crichel Down rules.
- 10N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is for funding the (a) M54 and (b) M6 North link road. (6694)
- 11N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many roadside inspections of Permit 19 Minibuses have been undertaken in each of the last ten years.

 (6672)
- 12N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help improve the availability of wi-fi on the rail network.

 (6679)
- 13N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with (a) Metro Mayors and (b) local authorities on tackling youth unemployment. (6692)
- 14N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of developing a specific action plan for (a) cancers of the (i) brain, (ii) liver, (iii) lung, (iv) stomach, (v) oesophagus and (vi) pancreas and (b) other less survivable cancers. (6680)
- 15N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on their approach to less survivable cancers. (6681)
- 16N **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking with (a) NHS England and (b) pharmaceutical companies to ensure that patients have sufficient supplies of ADHD medication. (7175)
- 17N **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of implementing a (a) resettlement and (b) reunification scheme for citizens of Lebanon with family connections to the UK.
- 18N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the estimated cost of the upgrade of submarine docking facilities at Devonport Dockyard; and when that work is due for completion. (5885)
- 19N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the repair to the submarine lift at HMNB Clyde is due for completion; and what the estimated cost was of that repair. (5886)

- 20N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when HMS Lancaster is due to retire from the active surface fleet. (5887)
- 21N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the (a) future of the Harland and Wolf shipyard in Belfast and (b) contract for three Fleet Solid Support Ships.

 (5888)
- 22N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the estimated lifetime cost of the Watchkeeper Remotely Piloted Vehicle; and when that vehicle will achieve Full Operational Capability. (5889)
- 23N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of basing eligibility for Free Childcare For Working Parents on household rather than individual income. (6364)
- 24N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will increase fuel duty rates. (6359)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 16 October

Questions for Written Answer

1N Robin Swann (South Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the Barnett consequentials applicable to Northern Ireland are from the pay rises for (a) consultants,
 (b) specialist, associate specialist and specialty doctors, (d) junior doctors and (e) train drivers.

Questions for Answer on Thursday 17 October

- 1N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to help (a) return breast cancer screening rates to pre-covid-19 levels and (b) meet breast cancer screening targets. (6682)
- 2N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the national screening programme for lung cancer, if he will increase funding for smoking cessation provision in order that it can be offered as an optout integrated service within all lung screening appointments. (6683)