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Questions tabled on Tuesday 8 October 2024

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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 9 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the post of Executive Assistant to his Chief of Staff was recruited through fair and open competition.
[Transferred] (6059)
- 2 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if the Prime Minister 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.
[Transferred] (6060)
- 3 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister 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.
[Transferred] (6061)
- 4 **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.
[Transferred] (6065)
- 5 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's 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.
[Transferred] (6074)

- 6N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many times Lord Alli has entered 10 Downing Street since 5 July 2024. [Transferred] (6195)
- 7N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much was spent on energy bills for the residential section of 10 Downing Street in the last year. [Transferred] (6196)
- 8N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much was spent on energy bills for the residential section of 11 Downing Street in the last year. [Transferred] (6197)
- 9 **Oliver Ryan** (Burnley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to improve the (a) process and (b) tools used to diagnose SEND in children. [Transferred] (7630)
- 10 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the development of advanced modular reactors. [Transferred] (7582)
- 11 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions they have had with Openreach on plans for full-fibre broadband rollout (a) nationally and (b) in Essex; and whether there has been any change in the speed of the rollout plans since 4 July 2024. [Transferred] (7567)
- 12N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans she has to reform the pensions system. [Transferred] (6846)
- 13 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting war (a) widows and (b) widowers from changes to the eligibility criteria for the winter fuel payment. [Transferred] (7680)
- 14 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact on human health of updating the Clean Air Act 1993 in line with World Health Organisation air quality guidelines published in 2021. [Transferred] (7549)
- 15 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reforming the residential conveyancing system to (a) speed up and (b) reduce costs to users. [Transferred] (7628)
- 16 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on how much debt relief Chad has received from external private creditors through the G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatments. [Transferred] (7552)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 10 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to expedite the payment process for (a) elderly and (b) vulnerable people eligible for compensation under the Infected Blood Compensation Scheme. (7952)
- 2 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) claims under the Infected Blood Compensation Scheme can be inherited by the families of deceased claimants and (b) people who are unable to receive their payments due to health issues do not lose their right to compensation upon passing. (7953)
- 3 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will commission a regulatory impact assessment on the proposed commencement of the socio-economic duty in the Equality Act 2010. (7753)
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 23 September 2024 to Question 5031 on Senior Civil Servants: Recruitment, whether he made an assessment of the potential merits of externally advertising the five mission delivery board civil service roles. (7754)
- 5 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 September 2024 to Question 4677 on Ministers: training, if he will publish the induction briefing that was provided to Ministers in his Department on ethics and standards. (7755)
- 6 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 2870 on Ministers: Members' Interests, whether the established process for the declaration and management of ministers' private interests requires Ministers to declare which trade union they are a member of. (7756)
- 7 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants are allocated Admiralty House as an office workplace; and at which department or public body those civil servants are employed. (7757)
- 8 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether changes have been made to the Border Target Operation Model since 5 July 2024; and what his latest estimate is of the (a) timetable and (b) budget for the introduction of related controls. (7758)
- 9 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he plans to take in response to departments that do not register evaluations on the Government Evaluation Registry by the required deadlines; and whether penalties are imposed for repeated non-compliance. (7759)

- 10 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Mariana Mazzuccato is employed as a Government special adviser. (7760)
- 11 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how changes to the Ministerial reporting regime will affect (a) gifts and (b) hospitality (i) under and (ii) over £300. (7761)
- 12 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 September 2024 to Question 4642 on Senior Civil Servants: Recruitment, what the process is by which a recruitment principles exception application to the Civil Service Commission is authorised within Departments. (7762)
- 13 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to ensure that the exemptions in his Department's Guidance on using the Evaluation Registry do not unduly limit scrutiny of Government interventions. (7763)
- 14 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of compulsory voting in (a) local and (b) general elections. (7996)
- 15 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to prevent cyber attacks; and what data his Department holds on the number of cyber attacks against Government infrastructure in the last 12 months. (7777)
- 16 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Written Statement on Procurement Act 2023 Update of 12 September 2024, HCWS90, what the changes to the National Procurement Policy Statement are that entail the delay in implementation of the Procurement Act 2023. (7782)
- 17 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment his Department has made of effectiveness of the Government's procurement strategy for (a) health and (b) social care. (7783)
- 18 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment the Cabinet Committee on the Future of Work has made of the potential merits of improving employment rights for kinship carers. (7850)
- 19 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the initial findings of the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) relating to the import of e-bikes, whether he plans to accept the TRA's recommendations on that matter; and what his planned timetable is for making a decision on UK trade defence measures against e-bikes from China. (8082)

- 20 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions the Joint Committee established by the bilateral Free Trade Agreement between the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom has had about whale and dolphin hunts. (7963)
- 21 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support manufacturing in the UK. (7770)
- 22 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans he has to increase employee protection from unfair dismissal. (7772)
- 23 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether Ministers in her Department have met representatives of Arden Strategies since 5 July 2024. (7716)
- 24 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the (a) strength and (b) success of the creative industries in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (8000)
- 25 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will have discussions with representatives of charities on the funding of organisations that provide clubs for the elderly. (7811)
- 26 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help ensure the financial sustainability of charities. (7812)
- 27 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential societal cost of problem gambling. (8018)
- 28 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many skills bootcamps have been delivered in each of the last three years, by (a) local authority area and (b) discipline. (7836)
- 29 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Multiply maths initiative. (7837)
- 30 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of charging VAT on independent school fees on sponsorship partnerships with state academies. (7920)
- 31 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of enabling the financial contributions of independent schools to state academies to be offset against VAT liability. (7921)

- 32 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to allocate new (a) funding and (b) resources to support children with special educational needs and disabilities in schools in Hertfordshire. [R] (7922)
- 33 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of qualified teachers who were unemployed on 8 October 2024. (7930)
- 34 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support unemployed teachers into teaching jobs. (7931)
- 35 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many after-school childcare providers have closed since 2020. (7932)
- 36 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she is taking steps she to prevent the closure of private after-school childcare providers. (7933)
- 37 **Josh Dean** (Hertford and Stortford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what financial support is available for school owned leisure centres that have had departmental funding removed following changes to the Educational and Skills Funding Agency. (8006)
- 38 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that Skills England delivers value for money. (7717)
- 39 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help reduce delays by local authorities in delivering education, health and care plans. (7896)
- 40 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of school nursing services in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme and (b) Staffordshire. (7995)
- 41 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to Institute for Public Policy Research's report entitled Who is losing learning, the case for reducing exclusions across mainstream schools, published on 5 September 2024, what steps her Department is taking to reduce recent trends in the number of Gypsy, Roma and Irish Traveler pupils placed in alternative provision. (7868)
- 42 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Education Policy Institute's Annual Report 2024, published on 16 July 2024, what steps she plans to take to tackle disadvantage gaps identified in that report for (a) Gypsy and Roma pupils in (i) primary and (ii) secondary school and (b) other pupils; and whether she plans to implement that report's (A) policy recommendations for closing disadvantage gaps and (B) other policy recommendations. (7869)

- 43 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to ensure schools take account of the NHS five steps to mental wellbeing in their education provision. (7799)
- 44 **Joy Morrissey** (Beaconsfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy not to amend the (a) status of existing grammar schools and (b) right of local areas to operate academic selection. (7848)
- 45 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help the public understand the (a) potential (i) costs and (ii) benefits of reducing and (b) steps they can take to reduce carbon emissions. (8085)
- 46 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to announce more detail on the establishment of Great British Energy offices in Glasgow. (7960)
- 47 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in his Department was in each of the last three years. (7902)
- 48 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero in the debate on COP29: UK Priorities on Tuesday 10 September 2024, Official Report, Col 232WH, what the membership is of the Local Net Zero Forum; when the next meeting will take place; and what topics will be on the agenda. (7944)
- 49 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the first bullet point on page 23 of EDF Energy Holdings Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements 31 December 2023, what estimate he has made of the amount of compensation that will be paid from Sizewell C to Hinkley Point C; and how that cost will be allocated between (a) private investors, (b) the UK Government and (c) electricity consumers. (7946)
- 50N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions (a) he, (b) Ministers in his Department and (c) officials in his Department have had with newcleo Ltd in the last three months. [Transferred] (7580)
- 51N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the development of small modular reactors. [Transferred] (7581)
- 52N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the development of nuclear reactors which make use of re-processed fuels. [Transferred] (7583)

- 53 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to extend support for landfill gas to energy operators beyond 2027. (7833)
- 54 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take legislative steps to ban the routine (a) flaring and (b) venting of oil and gas by 2030. (7834)
- 55N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring carbon capture, usage and storage organisations in receipt of Government funding to be (a) headquartered in the UK and (b) full UK taxpayers. [Transferred] (7485)
- 56 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to build growth in community energy. (7971)
- 57 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to build growth in community energy in Sheffield Central constituency. (7972)
- 58 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department has taken to develop a Warm Homes Plan. (7973)
- 59 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to boost energy efficiency of homes in Sheffield Central constituency. (7974)
- 60 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the cost of stability services to the electricity grid was in each of the last five years. (7989)
- 61 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the cost of stability services to the electricity grid in each of the next five years. (7990)
- 62 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his planned timetable is for adopting Standard Assessment Procedure 10.2, in the context of the Home Upgrade Grant 2 project; and whether residents that have missed out on solar batteries will be able to apply for their system to be upgraded. (8076)
- 63 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the carbon capture, utilisation and storage scheme on energy bills. (7767)

- 64 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what proportion of funding for the carbon capture, utilisation and storage scheme will be raised by a levy on energy bills from 2029 onwards. (7768)
- 65 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 September 2024 to Question 5409 on Recycling, what her planned timetable is for bringing forward the secondary legislation to meet the timescales set out in Annex A. (7827)
- 66 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure welfare standards in cat breeding. (7849)
- 67 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in his Department was in each of the last three years. (7903)
- 68 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether officials in his Department have had discussions with Council leaders on the potential merits of allowing local decision makers greater control over the design of local household waste recycling centre services. (7739)
- 69 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to implement regulations through powers introduced in the Environment Act 2021 to require producers to take responsibility for the waste that arises from their products. (7740)
- 70 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs if he will restore the license for ASOLUX; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the restoration of that license on the growth of bracken in (a) the Quantocks, and (b) Exmoor within the Tiverton and Minehead Constituency. (8054)
- 71 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a new national accreditation for sustainable Controlled Environment Agriculture food production. (8029)
- 72 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will work with the relevant control bodies to enable vertical farms to apply for organic accreditation. (8030)
- 73 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting Controlled Environment Facilities from Biodiversity Net Gain requirements. (8031)

- 74 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the impact of Biodiversity Net Gain regulations on Controlled Environment Agriculture. (8032)
- 75 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Government's intended planning reforms on Controlled Environment Agriculture. (8033)
- 76 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Government's proposed planning reforms on food security. (8034)
- 77 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to upgrade sewage infrastructure in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (7713)
- 78 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will introduce a horticulture strategy. (7718)
- 79 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce new clean air targets in line with World Health Organisation guidelines; and if he will fund (a) local and (b) regional authorities to tackle the worst areas of air pollution in the course of this parliament. (7788)
- 80 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with the Faroese Minister for Fisheries on cetacean hunts. (7964)
- 81 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to prevent sewage discharges into rivers in Sheffield. (7970)
- 82 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of implementing the draft regulations proposed following the UK fresh produce sector: review of the supply chain, published on 14 December 2023. (8078)
- 83 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to (a) maintain and (b) extend flooding support schemes for farmers. (7941)
- 84 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to manage the potential impact of housing developments on trends in the level of farm floods. (7942)

- 85 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to provide grants for people whose (a) property and (b) business has been (i) flooded and (ii) significantly impacted by flooding. (8075)
- 86 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in his Department was in each of the last three years. (7904)
- 87 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many (a) full-time and (b) full-time equivalent staff are employed by the National Security and Online Information Team. (7715)
- 88 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with providers on implementing revised Call Line Identification Guidance to extend blocking to international calls which display a UK number as a Presentation Number. (7961)
- 89 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with university vice-chancellors on reducing the use of animals in experiments. (7967)
- 90 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps with UK Research and Innovation to increase the proportion of biomedical research funding available for research projects that use non-animal new approach methodologies. (7968)
- 91 **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the report entitled Replacing the Research Excellence Framework published by UK Day One on 8 October 2024. (7917)
- 92 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many potholes her Department expects to be fixed in (a) 2024, (b) 2025, (c) 2026 and (d) 2027. (7918)
- 93 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in her Department was in each of the last three years. (7905)
- 94 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to maintain the £2 bus fare cap after 31 December 2024. (7741)
- 95 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with train operating companies on the feasibility of increasing the frequency of train services in South Hampshire. (7742)

- 96 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing five-year funding settlements for (a) local transport and (b) bus service improvement plans. (7743)
- 97 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost to the public purse is of each sub-national transport body. (7962)
- 98 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with National Highways on the effectiveness of using balancing ponds and drains to help prevent flooding on highways. (7966)
- 99 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of average waiting times for driving tests on the economy. (7940)
- 100 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has to launch a consultation on cross-border working in the private hire vehicle industry. (7978)
- 101 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what Network Rail's year one projected spend profile is under the regulatory Control Period 7 funding settlement. (7871)
- 102 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 8 October 2024 to Question 5795 on M25: Noise, when Next Generation Concrete Surfacing will take place between Junctions 8 and 9 on the M25. [R] (8079)
- 103 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to make an assessment of the effectiveness of the use of prosecutions for low level offenses by rail operators. (8073)
- 104 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is for laying the secondary legislation required to commence section 19 of the Road Safety Act 2006. (8083)
- 105 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to ask the Health and Safety Executive to issue guidance on the potential impact of low-level letter boxes on back injuries among postal workers. (7845)
- 106 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to reduce hygiene poverty in (a) London and (b) England. (7785)
- 107 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Child Poverty Taskforce will take to estimate levels of hygiene poverty in England. (7786)

- 108 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): 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 decision to means-test winter fuel payments in Broxbourne constituency. (7919)
- 109 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department plans to take to (a) protect and (b) support vulnerable people in relation to the new Fraud, Error and Debt Bill. (7925)
- 110 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in her Department was in each of the last three years. (7906)
- 111 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of sending targeted letters directly to people who are potentially eligible to claim pension credits. (7839)
- 112 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of adding Attendance Allowance to the list of benefits that qualify for the winter fuel payment. (8091)
- 113 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has considered the potential merits of (a) reviewing and (b) reforming the Carer's Allowance. (8093)
- 114 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the number of young people not in education, employment or training in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (7714)
- 115 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the end of the Household Support Fund on the number of people in poverty. (7866)
- 116 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the child poverty taskforce will make an assessment of the potential impact of furniture poverty on families in social rented homes. (7867)
- 117 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support low-income pensioners. (7984)
- 118 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the eligibility threshold for Pension Credit. (7985)
- 119 **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 impact of the taper rate for housing benefit on young people in supported housing. (7821)

- 120 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will (a) lower the Housing Benefit taper rate and (b) increase the applicable amount to help young homeless people into work. (7923)
- 121 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of access to defibrillators in (a) Halton and (b) Cheshire West and Cheshire. (7846)
- 122 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the average waiting time for podiatry appointments in (a) Halton' b) Cheshire West and (c) Cheshire. (7847)
- 123 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in (a) his Department and (b) NHS England was in each of the last three years; and what information his Department holds on the average level of paternity leave taken at each NHS trust in the same period. (7907)
- 124 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 29 July 2024 to Question 92 on Gender Dysphoria: Children, what his planned timetable is for (a) the study team to finalise their application for funding and (b) this application to be assessed by an independent scientific review study. (7945)
- 125 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) reduce disparities in access to cervical screening, (b) increase cervical screening rates and (c) improve cervical cancer outcomes within high-risk populations. (7838)
- 126 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to work with (a) the NHS, (b) stakeholders and (c) charities to increase awareness of ovarian cancer. (7841)
- 127 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of people who have been diagnosed with ovarian cancer through the non-specific symptoms cancer pathway in the last five years. (7844)
- 128 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce obesity rates amongst (a) adults and (b) children in Gosport constituency. (7736)
- 129 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase access to weight loss services in Gosport constituency. (7737)

- 130 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase access to GP services in Gosport constituency. (7738)
- 131 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has considered the potential merits of publishing a National Carers Strategy. (8092)
- 132 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) increase access to and (b) improve prostate cancer (i) diagnosis and (ii) treatment, in the context of disparities in early detection rates across different socio-economic groups; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of conducting more proactive screenings for high-risk individuals. (8059)
- 133 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the press release of 6 October 2024 entitled New government tech deals boost the business of cancer detection, whether (a) that initiative extends to Northern Ireland and (b) people in Northern Ireland will have access to the advancements in cancer detection technology outlined in that initiative. (7954)
- 134N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of removing the cap on adult social care costs on the cost of adult social care. [Transferred] (7577)
- 135 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve diagnosis times for pancreatic cancer in Ealing Central and Acton constituency. (7820)
- 136 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing legislation to require all vaping products to be (a) sold in plain packaging and (b) kept out of sight behind the counter. (8060)
- 137 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve outcomes for glioblastoma brain tumour patients. (8063)
- 138 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve outcomes for skin cancer patients. (8064)
- 139N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to encourage people from lower-income backgrounds to study medicine, in the context of the availability of financial support for maintenance available in the fifth and sixth years of a medicine degree. [Transferred] (7674)

- 140 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of GPs in Stratford and Bow constituency. (8065)
- 141 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that respiratory conditions are prioritised in the new 10 year plan for the NHS. (7787)
- 142 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of covid-19 related deaths in the last year. (7800)
- 143 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of trends in the level of covid-19 on (a) the NHS and (b) mortality rates. (7801)
- 144 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to monitor the impact of Covid on public health. (7802)
- 145 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will discuss with Cabinet colleagues the potential merits of an increase in the public health grant. (7803)
- 146 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) ambulance call outs and (b) hospital admissions took place due to the use of nitazines in each of the last three years. (7807)
- 147 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to raise public awareness of the risks of nitazines use. (7808)
- 148 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment the UK Health Security Agency has made of the level of risk of an Mpox outbreak. (7809)
- 149 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of agreeing to the asks of the striking maternity support workers in Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes constituency. (7791)
- 150 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will hold discussions with striking maternity support workers in Great Grimsby on their demands. (7792)
- 151 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure young people on waiting lists for gender affirming care are transitioned to adult waiting lists when they turn 18. (8069)

- 152 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the quality of (a) hospital, (b) specialist centre and (c) other NHS buildings. (7774)
- 153 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of nurses employed in (a) Northern Ireland and (b) England. (7775)
- 154 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to raise awareness of the symptoms of migraines. (7779)
- 155 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take with NHS England's (a) clinical chairs and (b) device working groups to refine the process for the inclusion of new devices and range extensions within the existing national catalogue; where these processes are published; and what steps he is taking to ensure clarity for external stakeholders. (7784)
- 156 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the processes for supporting patients presenting to General Practitioners with mental health disorders attributable to gambling. (8019)
- 157 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a time series of the capital grants allocated to General Practices for refurbishment and replacement by NHS England under the Primary Care capital grants policy, since 2015. (7851)
- 158 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in his Department was in each of the last three years. (7908)
- 159 **Alex Easton** (North Down): 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) recent sentencing to death on charges of blasphemy of Shaughta Karan in Pakistan and (b) possible violations of (i) freedom of religion or belief and (ii) other human rights in that country. (8057)
- 160 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions officials in his Department have had with their counterparts in Eritrea on (a) Christians imprisoned and (b) possible violations of (i) freedom of religion or belief and (ii) other human rights in that country; and what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to help prevent unwarranted arrests in Eritrea. (8058)

- 161 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Iranian counterpart on (a) the arrest of Mojdeh Farah on September 9 and (b) the imprisonment of other Christian converts in that country. (7726)
- 162 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with (a) members of the United Nations Security Council and (b) other international partners to help support Rohingya people in Myanmar. (7727)
- 163 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in the Faroe Islands on (a) dolphin and (b) whale hunting. (7965)
- 164 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September 2024 to Question 4213 on Israel: Arms Trade, for what reason he decided to suspend export licences to Israel on the grounds that there is clear risk that such equipment might be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of International Humanitarian Law, in the context of the conclusions outlined in the document entitled Summary of the IHL process, decision and the factors taken into account, published on 2 September 2024, on the conduct of hostilities. (7719)
- 165 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the International Monetary Fund on the Debt Sustainability Framework for Low Income Countries. (7969)
- 166 **Joe Powell** (Kensington and Bayswater): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support free, fair and peaceful elections in Georgia. (8050)
- 167 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure the release of unlawfully detained British nationals abroad. (8070)
- 168 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in Israel on that country's policy on a two-state solution. (8074)
- 169 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps to help support families affected by the recent landslide in southern India. (7771)

- 170 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the initiation of supervisory proceedings against Jehovah's Witnesses in Denmark. (7780)
- 171 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Nigerian counterparts on (a) violence by nonstate actors and (b) freedom of religion for minority communities. (7781)
- 172 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help prevent proliferation of (a) nuclear and (b) biological weapons. (8020)
- 173 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to promote safety on international maritime trade routes. (8021)
- 174 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure macroeconomic stability in Ukraine. (8022)
- 175 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in her Department was in each of the last three years; and whether she holds similar data for police forces in England and Wales. (7910)
- 176 **Carolyn Harris** (Neath and Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the harms of pornography experienced by victims. (7818)
- 177 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of levels of neighbourhood policing. (8038)
- 178 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle antisocial behaviour. (8039)
- 179 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to improve (a) charge rates of people accused of crime and (b) support for victims of crime. (8040)
- 180 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prevent crime. (8041)
- 181 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support victims of modern slavery. (8042)

- 182 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to enhance the ability of the National Referral Mechanism to ensure quicker and more effective assistance for modern slavery victims. (8043)
- 183 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress her Department has made on reducing the use of hotels as contingency asylum accommodation. (8044)
- 184 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the (a) specific needs of British national victims of modern slavery, (b) adequacy of pathways to access support and (c) potential barriers to accessing support. (8045)
- 185 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure police officers are effectively trained to handle cases of (a) domestic abuse and (b) sexual violence. (8046)
- 186 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to improve the charge rates for perpetrators of violence against women and girls. (8047)
- 187 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the (a) effective management and (b) monitoring of serial preparators of domestic abuse. (8048)
- 188 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Defence to ensure (a) domestic abuse within the armed forces is tackled, (b) victims are protected and (c) perpetrators are held to account. (8049)
- 189 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what support her Department provides to help victims of sexual exploitation in Washington and Gateshead South constituency exit prostitution. (7720)
- 190 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce demand for trafficking for sexual exploitation in Washington and Gateshead South constituency. (7721)
- 191 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the scale of commercial sexual exploitation in Washington and Gateshead South constituency. (7722)
- 192 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prevent organised crime groups advertising victims of trafficking and other sexual exploitation offences on websites advertising prostitution in Washington and Gateshead South constituency. (7723)

- 193 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the harmful effects of pornography in Washington and Gateshead South constituency. (7724)
- 194 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help prevent children in Washington and Gateshead South constituency being exposed to pornography. (7725)
- 195 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help improve standards of policing in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and b) Staffordshire. (7992)
- 196 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the time taken for visa applications to be processed for (a) adults and (b) children. (7993)
- 197 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the (a) Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for the Staffordshire Police force area and (b) Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police. (7994)
- 198 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of reported hate crimes in Staffordshire. (7997)
- 199 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of reported domestic violence incidents in Staffordshire. (7998)
- 200 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the National Fire Chief Council. (7999)
- 201 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to respond to the report by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination entitled Concluding observations on the combined twenty-fourth to twenty-sixth periodic reports of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, published on 23 August 2024. (7864)
- 202 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to repeal Part III of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. (7975)
- 203 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to protect the right to peaceful protest. (7976)

- 204 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to bring forward legislative proposals to strengthen the right to peaceful protest. (7977)
- 205 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to proceed with the recruitment process for members of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, as announced by the previous government on 2 August 2023. (7855)
- 206 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) Police and Crime Commissioners on updating the funding formula for police forces. (7926)
- 207 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure the adequacy of police response times. (7769)
- 208 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department holds on the number of police misconduct investigations held in England in the last 12 months. (7776)
- 209 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the (a) adequacy and (b) efficiency of the Border Force fleet. (7778)
- 210 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in (a) his Department and (b) the armed forces was in each of the last three years. (7911)
- 211 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to prevent trail hunting on land (a) owned and (b) managed by his Department. (7934)
- 212 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of a NATO-first defence strategy on the shipbuilding supply chain. (7773)
- 213 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veterans are receiving specialist mental health support. (8023)
- 214 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help support jobs in the defence industry. (8024)
- 215 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department has issued to local authorities on (a) producing and (b) updating productivity plans since 4 July 2024. (7823)

- 216 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish the papers produced for her meeting with local authorities to discuss housing reforms in August 2024. (7824)
- 217 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in her Department was in each of the last three years; and what information she holds on the the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in local authorities in the same period. (7912)
- 218 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much funding her Department has provided to youth groups in Tiverton and Minehead constituency in the two latest periods for which data is available; and if she will take steps to increase that funding. (8055)
- 219 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of Temporary Housing Subsidy rates on local authority budgets. (8035)
- 220 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to work with local authorities to reduce the number of people in temporary accommodation. (8036)
- 221 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the average cost to leaseholders of marriage value in the last 12 months; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of abolishing marriage value. (7819)
- 222 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of households living in social housing without essential pieces of furniture. (7865)
- 223 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of setting (a) national and (b) regional targets to build social homes within the 1.5 million homes that have already been planned. (8061)
- 224 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of working with local authorities to freeze or reform the Right to Buy. (8062)
- 225 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she (a) has had and (b) plans to have discussions with representatives of clubs for the elderly that are closing in autumn 2024 on their (i) financial situation and (ii) role in providing warm spaces for the elderly. (7810)

- 226 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will include proposals to end the inclusion of financially burdensome terms in the deeds of (a) freeholds and (b) leaseholds in planned draft legislation on leasehold and commonhold reform. (7938)
- 227 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of (a) the adequacy of the process and (b) potential barriers for the adoption of roads in new housing estates by Local Authorities. (7939)
- 228 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will take steps to replace the leasehold system with commonhold. (7979)
- 229 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to tackle unreasonable service charges for leaseholders. (7980)
- 230 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of giving leaseholders more powers to establish their own management companies. (7981)
- 231 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that private car park charges are reasonable. (7982)
- 232 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an independent appeals service for drivers to challenge parking charges. (7983)
- 233 **Joe Powell** (Kensington and Bayswater): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when her Department plans to respond to the consultation entitled Modern leasehold: restricting ground rent for existing leases which closed on 17 January 2024. (8051)
- 234 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to help support high streets in Macclesfield constituency. (8066)
- 235 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to support Cheshire East council improve local transport across Macclesfield constituency. (8067)

- 236 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to help Cheshire East Council scrutinise the performance of local bus companies. (8068)
- 237 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2024 to Question 5232 on Local Government: Elections, if she will publish the (a) council and (b) mayoral elections that are (i) scheduled to take place and (ii) expected to take place subject to the passage of the necessary secondary legislation in May (A) 2025 and (B) 2026. (7872)
- 238 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what data her Department holds on the average Right to Buy discount (a) in London and (b) outside London in each year since 1997. (7873)
- 239 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what data her Department holds on the maximum Right to Buy discount (a) in London and (b) outside London in each year since 1997. (7874)
- 240 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's guidance entitled Outdoor advertisements and signs: a guide for advertisers, published on 18 June 2007, what guidance her Department issues on advertisements displayed inside a courtyard but visible from a public highway; and whether such advertisements would be categorised as an outdoor advertisement. (7875)
- 241 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2024 to Question 4069 on Local Government: Hampshire, whether she plans to introduce multi-year Local Government Finance Settlements. (7876)
- 242 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) rapes and (b) other sexual offences were reported to police in (i) Herefordshire and (ii) each neighbouring area in each of the last five years; and what the rate of (A) rape and (B) other sexual offences per thousand population was in each of those years. (8053)
- 243 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in (a) her Department, (b) HM Courts and Tribunals Service and (c) HM Prison and Probation Service was in each of the last three years. (7913)
- 244 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to give indirect witnesses of criminal offences that have taken place on social media standing in law to complain to the (a) Police and (b) Independent Office for Police Conduct about those offences. (7793)

- 245 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners have required medical attention for (a) suspected overdoses and (b) drug-related ill health in each quarter of each of the last ten years. (7804)
- 246 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department is recording the number of cases of nitazene use in prison which has required (a) on site medical attention and (b) an ambulance to be called in each of the last three years. (7805)
- 247 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many confiscations of nitazines took place in prisons in each of the last three years. (7806)
- 248 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to take steps to increase legal aid fee rates. (7988)
- 249 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent progress she has made on progressing prisoners who remain in custody on Imprisonment for Public Protection sentences and who have served their minimum term towards release from incarceration. (8077)
- 250 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent steps her Department has taken to help tackle delays at Coroners' Courts. (8015)
- 251 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent steps her Department has taken to reduce regional variations in the services provided by coroners. (8016)
- 252 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department has taken to help ensure that coroners are (a) making consistent use of their power to issue Prevention of Future Death reports and (b) improving the use of such reports to help prevent future deaths. (8017)
- 253 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to help improve the experiences of bereaved families who appeal coroners' conclusions. (8025)
- 254 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to help ensure that coroners' inquests are conducted adequately. (8026)
- 255 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many court listings were vacated due to a failure to send a notice of hearing to the parties in the last 12 months. (8027)
- 256 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in his Department was in each of the last three years. (7914)

- 257 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in his Department was in each of the last three years. (7915)
- 258 **Kenneth Stevenson** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, when he last met with the Scottish Government; and what issues were discussed at this meeting. (8028)
- 259 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what further fiscal steps she is taking to help increase the international competitiveness of the UK's listing regime. (8007)
- 260 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to increase private investment in scale-up companies. (8008)
- 261 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department plans to take to help incentive retail investment in domestic public companies. (8009)
- 262 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government plans to accept all recommendations of the Digitisation Taskforce Interim Report, published July 2023. (8010)
- 263 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many suicides of people facing the Loan Charge HMRC has referred to the Independent Office of Police Conduct. (7746)
- 264 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) promoters and (b) operators of schemes now subject to the Loan Charge have been prosecuted. (7747)
- 265 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, [PLEASE PROVIDE CITATION with reference to reports that fuel duty is due to increase on the road haulage sector,] what estimate her Department has made of the potential impact of changes in the level of fuel duty on food prices. (7748)
- 266 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 17 September 2024 to Question 5223 on Council Tax: Wales, if she will publish the contract between the Valuation Office Agency and the Centre for Appraisal Research and Technology. (7828)
- 267 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Pursuant to the answer of 17 September 2024, to Question 5223, on Council Tax: Wales, if she will place in the House of Commons Library a copy of any report or documentation provided by CART to the Valuation Office Agency. (7829)

- 268 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2024, to Question 5155, on Council tax: Wales, if she will list each individual type of variable used in the Valuation Office Agency's Automated Valuation Model. (7830)
- 269 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September 2024, to Question 4354, on Public Houses: Business Rates, whether the introduction of a pub smoking ban would be deemed to be a material consideration for the purposes of calculating the Rateable Value. (7831)
- 270 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September 2024, to Question 4354, on Public Houses: Business Rates, whether (a) pavement licences under the Business and Planning Act 2020 and (b) outdoor licensing under the Licensing Act 2003 affect the assessment of a Fair Maintainable Trade for the purposes of the Rateable Value valuation or revaluation. (7832)
- 271 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in (a) her Department and (b) HMRC was in each of the last three years. (7909)
- 272 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what evidential basis HMRC concluded that abolition of the Furnished Holiday Lettings tax regime will not have significant macroeconomic impacts; and if she will publish that evidence. (7733)
- 273 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to (a) review the planned changes to alcohol duty rates before their implementation in February 2025, notwithstanding an extension of the current duty freeze and (b) publish an impact assessment of the planned changes (i) on the (A) hospitality and (B) wine production sectors and (ii) more broadly. (8056)
- 274 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the HMRC internal manual EIM01450 - Employment income: gifts and other voluntary payments, what guidance HMRC has provided her Department on whether gifts of (a) glasses and (b) clothing are subject to (i) income tax and (ii) National Insurance. (7749)
- 275 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she made a ministerial declaration of interest in relation to her donation from Ian Corfield. (7750)
- 276 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what meetings officials in her Department have had with companies represented by Arden Strategies since 5 July 2024. (7751)
- 277 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the International Investment Summit Adviser has (a) had meetings with representatives of Arden Strategies and (b) arranged meetings between Arden Strategies clients and officials in her Department since 5 July 2024. (7752)

- 278 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing draught duty relief for (a) beer and (b) cider served in pubs in Carlisle. (7935)
- 279 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of increasing draught duty relief to 20% on (a) pubs and (b) small independent brewers in Carlisle. (7936)
- 280 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she plans to take through the alcohol duty system to support (a) pubs and (b) breweries in Carlisle. (7937)
- 281 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had discussions with (a) HSBC and (b) Standard Chartered on the provision of Mandatory Provident Fund retirement savings to Hong Kongers on the British National (Overseas) visa scheme. (7854)
- 282 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the recommendations of the International Monetary Fund in its report entitled New Perspectives on Quantitative Easing and Central Bank Capital Policies, published on 17 May 2024, whether she plans to review the treatment of QE/QT profits and losses. (8071)
- 283 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to introduce VAT on school fees for vocational music and dance schools where the funding is provided by the Music and Dance Scheme. (8072)
- 284 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing draught duty relief for (a) beer and (b) cider served in pubs in Hazel Grove constituency. (7927)
- 285 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in her Department was in each of the last three years. (7916)

Questions for Answer on Monday 14 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee has had recent discussions on the application of EU Regulation 2023/1115 in Northern Ireland. (8087)
- 2N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee's Specialised Committees have had recent discussions on the application of EU Regulation 2023/1115 in Northern Ireland. (8088)

- 3N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) the Joint Consultative Working Group has had discussions on the application of EU Regulation 2023/1115 in Northern Ireland and (b) the group's meeting minutes are published. (8089)
- 4N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of Not for EU labelling requirements on British businesses that export to the European Union but not to Northern Ireland. (7880)
- 5N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many trade agreements require the use of biosecurity (a) facilities and (b) services provided by the Animal and Plant Health Agency in New Haw; and if he will make an estimate of the contribution of these trade agreements to the UK's gross domestic product. (7853)
- 6N **Imogen Walker** (Hamilton and Clyde Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support local businesses in Hamilton town centre. (7959)
- 7N **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the financial impact of reductions in arts funding provided by her Department since 2010 on the creative sector in (a) Thanet District, (b) Kent and (c) England. (7947)
- 8N **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of how much funding her Department provided for (a) art, (b) craft and (c) design education in schools in the (i) 2009-10, (ii) 2010-11 and (iii) 2023-24 financial year; and if she will make an assessment of the difference in (A) real terms and (B) percentage terms between funding in the (1) 2009-10 and (2) 2010-11 financial year and that in the 2023-24 financial year. (7948)
- 9N **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of how much funding her Department provided for dance education in schools in the (a) 2009-10, (b) 2010-11 and (c) 2023-24 financial year; and if she will make an assessment of the difference in (i) real terms and (ii) percentage terms between funding in the (A) 2009-10 and (B) 2010-11 financial year and that in the 2023-24 financial year. (7949)
- 10N **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of how much funding her Department provided for drama education in schools in the (a) 2009-10, (b) 2010-11 and (c) 2023-24 financial year; and if she will make an assessment of the difference in (i) real terms and (ii) percentage terms between funding in the (A) 2009-10 and (B) 2010-11 financial year and that in the 2023-24 financial year. (7950)

- 11N **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an estimate of changes to levels of funding to music education in schools (a) in real terms and (b) as a percentage since 2010; and what the level of funding in 2010 is at current values. (7951)
- 12N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the change to real terms spending on services for disabled children by Shropshire Council since 2016. (7885)
- 13N **John Slinger** (Rugby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what support her Department provides to further education colleges to help them recruit staff from (a) industry and (b) generally to improve vocational skills development. (7955)
- 14N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the pilot of the family first for children pathfinder and family network. (7889)
- 15N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to make changes to how it calculates special guardianship allowances. (7890)
- 16N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will have discussions with the Standards and Testing Agency on its planned timetable for responding the representation made by King Edwards VI Balaam Wood Academy on 10 September. (8052)
- 17N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to publish an updated Community Benefits Protocol for England. (7991)
- 18N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to expand the capacity of the electricity distribution network in Wales. (7928)
- 19N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the number of properties in Wales which are unable to generate their own electricity due to capacity constraints in the electricity distribution network. (7929)
- 20N **Patrick Spencer** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions his Department has had with the agricultural community on the construction of the Norwich-to-Tilbury pylon project. (8080)
- 21N **Patrick Spencer** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): 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 community benefit scheme for agricultural landowners affected by the National Grid Norwich to Tilbury project who will no longer be able to farm land with a pylon on it. (8081)

- 22N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 16 September 2024 to Question 4798, whether his Department has had discussions with (a) the Ulster Farmers Union and (b) businesses on the (i) potential cost and (ii) other practical implications of compliance with Regulation EU 2023/1115. (8086)
- 23N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department was consulted prior to the publication of the revised planning policy on onshore wind. (7825)
- 24N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Government's planning policies on large-scale solar farms on food (a) production and (b) security in England. (7826)
- 25N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Environment Agency on the response to flooding in the Hitchin constituency. (7888)
- 26N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has had recent discussions with Northumberland County Council on the construction of an artificial intelligence data centre in Cambois. (7859)
- 27N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when he will publish a consultation on the potential merits of bringing forward an Artificial Intelligence Bill. (7860)
- 28N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what areas of discussion have been submitted by parties attending the AI Action Summit in November 2024. (7861)
- 29N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many universities (a) he and (b) other Ministers in his Department have visited since their appointment. (7862)
- 30N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to amend the Research Excellence Framework. (7863)
- 31N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much and what proportion of the Project Gigabit fund has been allocated to rural areas. (7887)
- 32N **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to introduce a broadened copyright exception for text and data mining. (7710)

- 33N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress her Department has made on establishing an independent inquiry into HS2. (7881)
- 34N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many urban areas in England with populations of over 17,000 do not have a railway station. (7882)
- 35N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many urban areas in the West Midlands with populations of over 17,000 do not have a railway station. (7883)
- 36N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the rate of implementation of step free access on the rail network. (7891)
- 37N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in receipt of the State Pension there are in each district council electoral ward in Louth and Horncastle constituency. (7789)
- 38N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the proportion of the general population that are in receipt of the State Pension in each district council electoral ward in Louth and Horncastle constituency. (7790)
- 39N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help ensure that guide dog owners are not refused access to (a) businesses and (b) other services. [Transferred] (7699)
- 40N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people claimed Pension Credit in each of the last 12 months. (7794)
- 41N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the schedule is for the advertising campaign for pension credit sign up. (7795)
- 42N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when she plans that pensioners will receive a letter from her Department on eligibility to sign up for pension credit. (7796)
- 43N **Imogen Walker** (Hamilton and Clyde Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to reduce levels of child poverty in Hamilton and Clyde Valley constituency. (7956)
- 44N **Imogen Walker** (Hamilton and Clyde Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many adults were living in absolute poverty in Hamilton and Clyde Valley constituency in each of the last five years. (7957)

- 45N **Imogen Walker** (Hamilton and Clyde Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many children were living in absolute poverty in Hamilton and Clyde Valley constituency in each of the last five years. (7958)
- 46N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve outcomes for patients who have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (8011)
- 47N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the early (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of pancreatic cancer in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (8012)
- 48N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve research into treatments for pancreatic cancer; and how much funding his Department has allocated to pancreatic cancer research in each of the last 14 years. (8013)
- 49N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of what the average time was to diagnose pancreatic cancer in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England in each of the last five years. (8014)
- 50N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many complaints relating to the mental healthcare service at Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS trust there have been in each of the last three years. (7893)
- 51N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of eligible people have received a check through the targeted lung health check programme in Yorkshire since the establishment of that programme; and what steps he plans to take to help increase the update of those checks. (7894)
- 52N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to (a) increase breast cancer screening rates to pre-covid-19 levels and (b) meet his Department's breast cancer screening targets. (7895)
- 53N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason people who turned 80 before 1 September 2024 are not eligible for the RSV vaccine; and whether exceptions can be made. (7797)
- 54N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many community pharmacies have closed in North Shropshire since 2016. (7884)
- 55N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the annual amount of discretionary funding received by GP services in North Shropshire. (7886)

- 56N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he held meetings with representatives of the Chagossian community in the period between his appointment as Foreign Secretary and 7 October 2024. (7857)
- 57N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it is her policy to create a standalone criminal offence for drink spiking; and what steps she is taking to help tackle drink spiking. (7870)
- 58N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Register of licensed sponsors: workers, published on 7 October 2024, how many seafarers were sponsored to work on ships (a) in UK waters, (b) on international routes from UK ports and (c) in the offshore wind industry. (7744)
- 59N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to identify the number of non-UK national workers that were brought to work on the construction and maintenance of offshore wind farms within UK territorial waters under the Offshore Wind Workers Immigration Rules Concession 2017 before it expired on 30 April 2023. (7745)
- 60N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many children are educated with financial assistance from the Continuity of Education Allowance. (7840)
- 61N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel receive the Continuity of Education Allowance. (7842)
- 62N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual cost to the public purse is of the Continuity of Education Allowance. (7843)
- 63N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of ceding sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius on the security of the Diego Garcia strategic base; whether he consulted Lord Robertson of Port Ellen in his capacity as Head of the Strategic Defence Review before this decision was taken; and whether the Government negotiated enforceable guarantees to prevent the use of other Chagos Islands to (a) spy upon and (b) otherwise compromise the military utility of the Diego Garcia strategic base. (7711)
- 64N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to Section 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the planning application notification requirements for ensuring that local residents are aware of proposals to build large developments in their area. (7879)

- 65N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to limit the distance local authorities can relocate (a) people and (b) families when discharging a homelessness duty. (7728)
- 66N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will establish a national oversight mechanism to (a) monitor and (b) review the practice of local authorities discharging homelessness duties out of area. (7729)
- 67N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to require local authorities discharging a homelessness duties out of area to notify the receiving local authority of each relocation. (7730)
- 68N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she is making additional resources available to receiving communities when families are placed out of area by a local authority seeking to prevent homelessness. (7731)
- 69N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what (a) protections and (b) support are available for families facing homelessness who wish to refuse an offer of accommodation located a significant distance from their home area. (7732)
- 70N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for publishing the revised National Planning Policy Framework. (7852)
- 71N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many children for whom no living parent was identified were allocated a legal guardian in each of the last five years. (7764)
- 72N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the Answer of 8 October 2024 to Question 5643 on Terrorism: Northern Ireland, how many requests for public inquiries he is considering. (7835)
- 73N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding for the Bushmills area as part of the Causeway Coast and Glens growth deal. (8090)
- 74N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of adopting the International Standard on Auditing for Audits of Financial Statements of Less Complex Entities. (7877)

- 75N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of planned increases to audit exemption thresholds on rates of tax evasion. (7878)
- 76N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps through the forthcoming Budget to restore public health grants to real terms 2015 levels. (7798)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- 1 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): What progress he has made on the Strategic Defence Review. (900586)
- 2 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): What steps he is taking to increase military support to Ukraine. (900587)
- 3 **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): What recent estimate his Department has made of the percentage of Russia's gross domestic product spent on its armed forces in each year since the invasion of Ukraine. (900588)
- 4 **Michelle Scrogham** (Barrow and Furness): What recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of progress on the AUKUS strategic partnership. (900589)
- 5 **Chris Ward** (Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven): What progress he has made on implementing the recommendations of the LGBT Veterans Independent Review. (900590)
- 6 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): What steps he plans to take to ensure that the AUKUS partnership helps maintain national security. (900591)
- 7 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): What steps he is taking to help secure the future of the UK's defences. (900592)
- 8 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): What steps he is taking to support veterans. (900593)
- 9 **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): What recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on support for Ukraine. (900594)
- 10 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): When he plans to announce the outcome of the Strategic Defence Review. (900595)
- 11 **David Burton-Sampson** (Southend West and Leigh): What recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on support for Ukraine. (900596)
- 12 **Jesse Norman** (Hereford and South Herefordshire): What progress he has made on delivering the Global Combat Air Programme. (900597)
- 13 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): What plans he has for future levels of spending on defence research and development. (900598)
- 14 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): If he will have discussions with the Prime Minister on the potential merits of making the Minister with responsibility for veterans a member of the Cabinet. (900599)

- 15 **Cat Eccles** (Stourbridge): What recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on support for Ukraine. (900600)
- 16 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): What steps he is taking to improve service life for serving personnel and their families. (900601)
- 17 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): What recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on support for Ukraine. (900602)
- 18 **Warinder Juss** (Wolverhampton West): What steps he is taking to improve the defence relationship with European allies. (900603)
- 19 **David Pinto-Duschinsky** (Hendon): What steps he is taking to help secure the future of the UK's defences. (900604)
- 20 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): Whether he is taking steps to prevent trail hunting on land owned or managed by his Department. (900605)
- 21 **Chris McDonald** (Stockton North): What recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of progress on the AUKUS strategic partnership. (900606)
- 22 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): What steps he is taking to support people and organisations wishing to donate and deliver vehicles to Ukraine. (900607)
- 23 **Lillian Jones** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): If he will review his Department's policy on the rehabilitation of armed forces (a) personnel and (b) applicants graded as medically unfit. (900608)
- 24 **Fred Thomas** (Plymouth Moor View): What steps he is taking to ensure the future of the UK's submersible capabilities. (900609)
- 25 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): What steps he is taking to increase military support to Ukraine. (900610)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- T1 **Chris McDonald** (Stockton North): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (900611)
- T2 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): (900612)
- T3 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): (900613)
- T4 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): (900614)
- T5 **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): (900615)
- T6 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): (900616)
- T7 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): (900617)
- T8 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): (900618)

T9	Carla Lockhart (Upper Bann):	(900619)
T10	Luke Murphy (Basingstoke):	(900620)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 15 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Solicitor General, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in (a) her Department and (b) the Crown Prosecution Service was in each of the last three years. (7897)
- 2N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in his Department was in each of the last three years. (7898)
- 3N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to prevent fraudulent practices by online shopping sites (7822)
- 4N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in (a) his Department and (b) the Competition and Markets Authority was in each of the last three years. (7899)
- 5N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in her Department was in each of the last three years. (7900)
- 6N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential impact of introducing VAT on independent schools on the arts sector. (7734)
- 7N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of plans to introduce VAT on independent schools on (a) the number of children attending choir schools, (b) the number of choir schools, (c) the music industry and (d) levels of tourism. (7735)
- 8N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an estimate of the median level of student debt held by people in Aldershot constituency. (8004)
- 9N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department has taken to help improve children's oracy skills in Aldershot constituency. (8005)

- 10N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average length of paternity leave taken by staff in her Department was in each of the last three years. (7901)
- 11N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, following her Department's meeting with representatives of the WASPI Campaign on 5 September, whether there is an expected timeline for responding to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report into changes to women's State Pension age, published on 21 March 2024. (7943)
- 12N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many avoidable or preventable deaths of mental health patients at Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS trust there have been in each of the last three years. (7892)
- 13N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government has offered assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina following recent flooding and landslides. (7858)
- 14N **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the dissemination of AI-generated misinformation in the lead-up to the regional elections in Kurdistan; and what steps his Department is taking to support free and fair elections in that region. (7712)
- 15N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many passport applications have (a) been and (b) not yet been processed from people in Aldershot constituency in the last 12 months. (8001)
- 16N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the number of vehicles stolen in (a) Aldershot constituency, (b) Hampshire and (c) England in each of the last 12 years. (8002)
- 17N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of charge rates for anti-social behaviour in Aldershot constituency. (8003)
- 18N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding the Government will contribute to Italy's Rome Process; and what that funding will be used for. (7856)
- 19N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) her Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to her Department; how many (i) staff and (ii) contractors are involved in each dispute; what the form of industrial action is in each dispute; which recognised trade union is involved in each dispute; what the substantive matter is that is being disputed in each case; and what steps she plans to take to end each dispute. (7924)

- 20N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to bring empty properties back into use; whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) introducing (i) incentives and (ii) penalties to encourage property owners to bring empty properties back into use and (b) making a proportion of her target for new housing the bringing into use of empty properties from existing housing stock. (8084)
- 21N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what plans she has to reform the court system in the light of the Renters' Rights Bill. (8037)
- 22N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of restoring the scope of cases covered by legal aid to those provided for prior to the Legal Aid, Sentencing, and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012. (7986)
- 23N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits providing grants to legal aid providers to help increase the accessibility of legal aid. (7987)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 17 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Carolyn Harris** (Neath and Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what support the Government is providing to help victims of sexual exploitation exit prostitution. (7813)
- 2N **Carolyn Harris** (Neath and Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce demand for trafficking for sexual exploitation. (7814)
- 3N **Carolyn Harris** (Neath and Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the scale of commercial sexual exploitation across the country. (7815)
- 4N **Carolyn Harris** (Neath and Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prevent organised crime groups from advertising victims of (a) trafficking and (b) other sexual exploitation offences on websites advertising prostitution. (7816)
- 5N **Carolyn Harris** (Neath and Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prevent children being exposed to pornography. (7817)

Questions for Answer on Monday 21 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the situation in Myanmar. (7765)
- 2N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help tackle the human rights situation in Myanmar. (7766)