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Questions tabled on Thursday 10 October 2024

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Questions for Answer on Monday 14 October

Questions for Written Answer

- John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2024 to Question 2301 on Cyber-Security: EU law, what assessment the Cyber Security Centre has made of the potential cyber risks to the (a) public and (b) private sector of the requirement for kernel level software access in the context of the CrowdStrike incident; and whether the Government plans to (i) take steps to transfer responsibilities connected with competition concerns to the Competition Markets Authority and (ii) amend the position in relation to kernel level software access. (8423)
- John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2024 to Question 2296 on Business Interests: Civil Servants and Ministers, if he will hold discussions with the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments on increasing the proportion of applications processed within (a) 15, (b) 20 and (c) 25 days. (8424)
- John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2024 to Question 2065 on 10 Downing Street, if he will list the (a) supplementary job titles and (b) specific role responsibilities for each special adviser in 10 Downing Street. (8425)
- John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 13 September 2024 to Question 4702 on Public Bodies, whether the process in place for considering whether to approve the creation of a new public body is different to Classification Of Public Bodies: Guidance For Department, published on 27 April 2016. (8426)

- 5 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the timetable is for publication of up to £150,000 senior salaries transparency data on gov.uk; and whether this list will include special advisers. (8427)
- 6 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Northern Ireland Civil Service Pension Scheme is separate to the GB Civil Service Pension Scheme. (8428)
- 7 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 September 2024, to Question 4646, on Civil Servants: Remote Working, if he will cite each of the research studies that his Department reviewed to inform the expectations on office and remote working. (8429)
- 8 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September 2024 to Question 4661, if he will (a) make an assessment of the potential impact of repealing the Trade Union Act 2016 on levels industrial action and (b) review the industrial action sections of the National Risk Register in the context of that assessment. (8430)
- 9 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September 2024 to Question 4654 on Public Sector: Trade Unions, what the Government's policy is on check-off; and how many departments (a) charge trade unions for levying check-off and (b) have no check-off arrangements. (8431)
- 10 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 8 August 2024 to Question HL519 on Public Expenditure, for what reason parts of that speech were redacted; and whether the Permanent Secretary had a role in that redaction. (8432)
- 11 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 2316 on Equality, if she will publish guidance on the application of the socio-economic duty to (a) special adviser and (b) ministerial appointments. (8433)
- 12 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 4 September 2024 to Question 2304 on Prime Minister: Aviation, on what proportion of Prime Ministerial (a) domestic and (b) overseas flights sustainable aviation fuel has been used; and on which flights, since 5 July 2024. (8434)
- 13 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 23 September 2024 to Question 5043 on Prime Minister: Staff, how many staff work in (a) press, (b) marketing and (c) communications roles. (8435)
- 14 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 23 September 2024, to Question 5009, on Government Departments: Disclosure of Information, whether the Government remains committed to publishing all transparency data monthly. (8436)

- 15 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had recent discussions with the Electoral Commission on the use of photo ID issued by the Ministry of Defence by veterans when voting in elections. (8564)
- 16 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to improve the Government's national security risk assessment policies, in the context of the recent CrowdStrike software outages. (8446)
- 17 **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of reopening Ramsgate Port to international passengers on levels of (a) capacity pressure experienced by (i) the Port of Dover and (ii) other ports in the South East of England and (b) congestion on the M20. (8532)
- 18 **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of reopening Ramsgate Port to international (a) trade and (b) passenger transit on economic growth in (i) South East England, (ii) Kent and (iii) Thanet district. (8533)
- 19 **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of reopening the Ramsgate Port to international (a) trade and (b) passenger transit on job creation in the local economy. (8534)
- 20 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of insolvencies of road haulage businesses in each of the last five years. (8568)
- 21 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the report entitled Classification of the audit at SAIC-Volkswagen (Xinjiang) Automotive Ltd, published by Volkswagen in September 2024. (8409)
- 22 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he plans to take to ensure that Parliament has meaningful powers to (a) scrutinise trade negotiations as they progress and (b) (i) debate and (ii) vote on trade treaties ahead of ratification. (8571)
- 23 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to make the strengthening of UK climate commitments a priority during the negotiation of free trade agreements. (8572)
- 24 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, which stakeholders his Department plans to consult during the development of his proposed trade strategy. (8573)

- 25 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to implement procurement rules to give greater weight to the inclusion of green steel in purchased goods and services. (8549)
- 26 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if his Department will establish a definition for (a) lower emission and (b) net zero steel. (8550)
- 27 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what his planned timetable is for the third statutory review of the Pubs Code and the Pubs Code Adjudicator. (8524)
- 28 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make a comparative assessment of the Pubs Code in (a) Scotland and (b) England and Wales. (8525)
- 29 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the Pubs Code to allow tenants of pub-owning businesses to sell one beer of their choice. (8526)
- 30 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether (a) Ministers, (b) special advisers and (c) officials in his Department have had discussions with representatives of Arden Strategies. (8514)
- 31 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the competitiveness of the UK visual effects sector. (8578)
- 32 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an estimate of the number of people employed in the UK's visual effects sector. (8579)
- 33 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to take steps to help increase tourism in rural constituencies where (a) small businesses and (b) cultural landmarks rely on visitors. (8621)
- 34 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to take steps to increase funding opportunities for grassroots sports facilities in rural constituencies. (8622)
- 35 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme beyond March 2025. (8623)
- 36 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding her Department has provided for (a) covered and (b) indoor (i) tennis and (ii) padel courts in each of the last five years. (8449)

- 37 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help increase access to (a) affordable and (b) covered or indoor community tennis courts. (8450)
- 38 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of (a) indoor and (b) covered tennis facilities, in the context of her Department's target for increasing the number of people who are physically active by 2030. (8451)
- 39 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the provision of accessible (a) indoor and (b) covered tennis courts in underserved communities. (8452)
- 40 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding her Department plans to provide for tennis facilities in each of the next three financial years. (8453)
- 41 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of access to indoor tennis facilities on the level of participation in disability tennis. (8454)
- 42 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of access to tennis facilities on the physical activity levels of (a) older people, (b) disabled people, (c) women and girls and (d) other less active groups. (8455)
- 43 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to (a) improve access to and (b) increase involvement in sports in deprived areas. (8508)
- 44 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential benefits to pupils of the Steiner school education system. (8505)
- 45 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions she has had with the School and Public Health Nurses Association on the adequacy of school nursing provision. (8563)
- 46 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to (a) improve SEND provision and (b) recruit more educational psychologists. (8556)
- 47 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many people secured a grant from the Great British Insulation Scheme since it opened in April 2003. (8480)

- 48 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his Department's policy is on clean heat market mechanism exemptions for boilers used in (a) new-build caravans and (b) park homes. (8513)
- 49N **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. [Transferred] (7825)
- 50 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the statutory target to halve residual waste on demand for waste incineration capacity. (8438)
- 51 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of waste incineration capacity over the next (a) five, (b) 10 and (c) 20 years assuming all statutory environmental targets are met. (8439)
- 52 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to reduce the amount of waste sent for incineration; and what estimate he has made of how much waste will be incinerated in each of the next five years. (8440)
- 53 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the proportion of waste that will be recycled in each of the next five years. (8441)
- 54 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many abandoned waste sites there are; and if he will publish a list of such sites. (8442)
- 55 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to clear up water ways in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (8536)
- 56 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to reduce air pollution (a) nationally and (b) in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (8537)
- 57 **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to support farmers affected by compulsory purchase orders for nationally significant infrastructure projects to find alternative land nearby. (8489)

- 58 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the UK's commitments under the United Nations Biodiversity Conference are met ahead of COP16; and what steps his Department is taking to help stop global biodiversity loss. (8585)
- 59 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he will maintain levels of spending under the agriculture budget; and what steps he is taking to ensure that changes in the level of that budget support nature recovery. (8586)
- 60 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the number of (a) non-compliances and (b) legal breeches in (i) publicly funded and (ii) all other slaughterhouses in the UK. (8587)
- 61 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that fishing catch limits are in line with scientific advice on that matter. (8617)
- 62 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential economic impact of sewage discharges into the sea on the tourism industry. (8619)
- 63 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what is the expected timetable for the introduction of legislation to ban imports of hunting trophies. (8509)
- 64 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the harmful effects of pornography in Lowestoft constituency. [Transferred] (8338)
- 65 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent children in Lowestoft constituency being exposed to pornography. [Transferred] (8339)
- 66 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help protect people online. (8543)
- 67 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to help increase public confidence in the safety of AI. (8544)
- 68 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of levels of (a) broadband and (b) mobile coverage in rural areas on mental health. (8610)

- 69 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent children in Monmouthshire being exposed to pornography. (8598)
- 70 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the response made to recommendation 5 in his Department's policy paper entitled Regulating quantum technology applications: government response to recommendations made by the Regulatory Horizons Council, published on 8 October 2024, what other classes of pro-innovation regulatory tools he has identified. (8492)
- 71 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what proportion of his time the Minister of State for Data Protection and Telecoms dedicates to his ministerial role within his Department. (8495)
- 72 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Information Commissioner's Office on the future development of an Information Commission. (8499)
- 73 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has met with his counterparts in the European Union to discuss the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill. (8500)
- 74 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has met with his counterparts in the European Union to discuss the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill. (8501)
- 75 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to continue the inter-ministerial group on tackling digital exclusion. (8502)
- 76 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the use of ISDN phone lines across Government. (8503)
- 77 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to limit the number of dangerous toys sold by third-party sellers on online marketplaces. (8553)
- 78 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to increase the use of digital technologies across Government; and what steps he plans to take to improve the training for such technologies. (8445)
- 79 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to publish the results of the consultation on Street works: fines and lane rental surplus funds. (8552)

- 80 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of extending the zero emission vehicle mandate to include (a) trucks and (b) buses. (8554)
- 81 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of a new waste incinerator in Portland on (a) levels of traffic and (b) infrastructure in West Dorset constituency. (8620)
- 82 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help recruit more driving examiners to tackle the backlog of outstanding practical tests. (8558)
- 83 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions her Department has had with relevant stakeholders on (a) autonomous delivery robots and (b) other emerging technologies in transport systems. (8559)
- 84 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve the reliability of bus services in rural communities. (8560)
- 85 **Irene Campbell** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of trends in the level of child poverty in North Ayrshire and Arran constituency; and what steps she is taking to help reduce these levels. (8555)
- 86 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of the two-child limit in Universal Credit on affected families' long-term (a) health, (b) social and (c) economic outcomes. (8569)
- 87 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support people with (a) learning and (b) other disabilities who are seeking paid employment in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (8545)
- 88 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Universal Support programme; and what steps she is taking to ensure that funding is targeted towards the areas of highest deprivation. (8516)
- 89 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to investigate complaints about the AEA Technology pension scheme. (8618)
- 90 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to deliver a long-term (a) funding settlement and (b) strategy for local crisis support when the Household Support Fund ends in March 2025. (8521)

- 91 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of Park Home Residents who are unable to take up pension credit due to pitch fees not being treated equivalently to ground rent in the application process. (8479)
- 92 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of trends in the level of long-term youth unemployment in (a) Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency and (b) Scotland; and what steps she is taking to help tackle long-term youth unemployment in those areas. (8522)
- 93 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for elective surgeries in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (8539)
- 94 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of NHS urgent and emergency care services. (8540)
- 95 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of the report by Lord Darzi entitled Independent investigation of the NHS in (a) England and (b) Beckenham and Penge constituency. (8541)
- 96 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his policy is on the role of pharmacies in (a) delivering healthcare and (b) improving health outcomes in the community. (8542)
- 97 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of physical advertising for unhealthy food products on levels of child obesity. (8601)
- 98 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is his Department taking to update guidance to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) on the need to offer gluten free staples on NHS prescription for people with coeliac disease. (8603)
- 99 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the level of variation in funding hospices receive across England. (8518)
- 100 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to reform the funding model for charitable hospices as part of the 10 year plan for health and care. (8519)

- 101 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the impact of hospice funding on people's experiences of death and dying. (8520)
- 102 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a comparative assessment of the adequacy of access to mental health provision in (a) urban and (b) rural areas. (8608)
- 103 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure parity in the adequacy of mental health resources in (a) rural and (b) urban areas. (8609)
- 104 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of trends in the level of social work vacancy rates in Newbury. (8607)
- 105 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of maintaining unused NHS (a) buildings, (b) parts of buildings and (c) other spaces in each of the last five years. (8599)
- 106 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reforming the funding model for charitable hospices as part of his 10-year plan for health and care. (8574)
- 107 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the impact of hospice funding on people's experience of death and dying in Wokingham. (8575)
- 108 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of sovereign cold chain partners on the safe (a) storage and (b) delivery of vaccines in healthcare emergencies. (8551)
- 109 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the number of primary care facilities for the diagnosis of stages of breast cancer. (8611)
- 110 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve support for people living with secondary breast cancer in rural areas. (8612)
- 111 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to reform the funding model for charitable hospices as part of the 10 year plan for health and social care. (8530)

- 112 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to introduce additional measures to (a) verify and (b) validate the medical qualifications of non-UK trained doctors working in the NHS. (8415)
- 113 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the (a) access to and (b) affordability of (i) fruit and (ii) vegetables for families living on low incomes in Lambeth. (8469)
- 114 **Mark Sewards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking recruit more full-time healthcare support workers. (8557)
- 115 **Mark Sewards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure NHS dental practices have the capacity to treat more patients. (8562)
- 116 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of people being prescribed propranolol to treat anxiety. (8448)
- 117 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies for the (a) care and (b) treatment of myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) of the report entitled Maeve Boothby O'Neill: Prevention of Future Deaths Report, published on 8 October 2024. (8478)
- 118 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help promote LGBT rights across the Commonwealth. (8486)
- 119 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Development in response to the question from the hon. Member for West Worcestershire, during the Urgent Question on Sudan of 3 September 2024, Official Report, column 161, if he will publish a breakdown of the £97 million funding announced for Sudan this financial year by (a) sector (i) multilateral, (ii) non-governmental organisations, (iii) local and (iv) national responders in Sudan and (b) geographic area. (8527)
- 120 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral statement on British Indian Ocean Territory: Negotiations of 7 October 2024, Official Report, column 45, whether the Government plans to provide housing support to Chagossians in the UK. (8577)
- 121 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will review the privileges granted to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office under the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office Act 1996. (8570)

- 122 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to establish a Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion and Belief on a statutory footing. (8437)
- 123 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people eligible for an eVisa to replace their Biometric Residence Permit have not yet applied to do so; and if she will make an estimate of the number of people who will apply for an eVisa to replace their Biometric Residence Permit in the period between 10 October 2024 and 31 December 2024. (8565)
- 124 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to publicise the need to register for eVisas to replace a Biometric Residence Permit. (8566)
- 125 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what technical support her Department offers to people applying for eVisas to replace their Biometric Residence Permit. (8567)
- 126 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle anti-social behaviour in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (8538)
- 127 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to improve communication on the validity of legacy paper documents for people who do not have an e-visa. (8582)
- 128 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department began using Equifax checks as part of the fee waiver assessment process for leave to remain applications. (8482)
- 129 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to minimize unnecessary data (a) collection and (b) sharing through Equifax during the fee waiver application process. (8483)
- 130 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department confidentially destroys third party data received as part of Equifax checks conducted in fee waiver applications. (8484)
- 131 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to consider the needs of rural areas when determining police funding allocations. (8624)
- 132 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support (a) recruitment and (b) retention in rural police forces. (8625)

- 133 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with police forces on tackling violence at football games.
(Transferred) (8138)
- 134 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Rt hon. Member for Manchester Central, representing the House of Commons Commission, what progress the Commission has made on enabling (a) generative AI and (b) other new technologies to support members. (8444)
- 135 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's timetable is for deciding on the next steps for the Submarine Dismantling Project. (8588)
- 136 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department plans to publish a timetable for the implementation of the Submarine Dismantling Project. (8589)
- 137 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what locations are being considered for the (a) build and (b) assembly of the fleet solid support ships. (8590)
- 138 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on supporting skills development for Scottish workers to enable them to get jobs as part of the Submarine Dismantling Project. (8591)
- 139 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Submarine Dismantling Project on the economy in (a) Scotland and (b) the UK. (8592)
- 140 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has held with international (a) allies and (b) partners on the Submarine Dismantling Project. (8593)
- 141 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure long-term availability of submarine berths for repair and maintenance in (a) Scotland and (b) the UK. (8594)
- 142 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects the legacy nuclear powered submarine fleet to have been decommissioned. (8595)
- 143 **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the (a) equality of and (b) potential impact on councils in low income areas of the funding formula for local government; and whether she has plans to reform that formula. (8511)

- 144 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support the residents of buildings with unsafe cladding. (8546)
- 145 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to identify buildings with dangerous cladding. (8547)
- 146 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) newbuild housing quality and (b) housing prices on health outcomes for residents. (8602)
- 147 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the Building Regulations Act 2010 to introduce mandatory reporting on embodied carbon emissions for projects (a) with a gross internal area of 1000m² or more and (b) that create more than 10 dwellings to help meet the UK's climate change commitments. (8459)
- 148 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Portland Incinerator on local infrastructure in West Dorset constituency. (8613)
- 149 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure there is adequacy supply of social housing in West Dorset constituency. (8614)
- 150 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of high property prices on the availability of social housing in rural constituencies. (8615)
- 151 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is providing support to local authorities in rural areas where demand for social housing exceeds supply. (8616)
- 152 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Levelling Up the United Kingdom White Paper, published in February 2022, whether she is taking steps to implement the Community Eatwell pilot. (8470)
- 153 **Oliver Ryan** (Burnley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Homelessness code of guidance for local authorities, published on 22 February 2018, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the guidance on (a) priority need and (b) emergency accommodation provision for single men who (i) do not fit the priority categories and (ii) are rough sleeping. (8548)

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- 154 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to increase cross-government collaboration with the devolved Administrations. (8447)
- 155 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has plans for legislation changes on (a) enfranchisement rights, (b) ground rents, (c) default tenure and (d) cladding remediation liability for (i) leasehold and (ii) commonhold ownership. (8491)
- 156N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to Chapter 12, Paragraph 7, of her Department's consultation entitled Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system, updated on 24 September 2024, what her planned timetable is for making that funding available to councils; and if she will meet any additional costs. (8472)
- 157 **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department takes to determine the level of funding required to facilitate an adequate number of crown court sitting days in each financial year. (8507)
- 158 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to increase Crown Court capacity in Kent. (8581)
- 159 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 7 October 2024 to Question 5458 on Film: Tax Allowances, whether she has a planned timetable for bringing forward legislative proposals on the Audio-Visual Expenditure Credit. (8580)
- 160 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an (a) estimate of the potential private sector investment in (i) autonomous delivery robots and (ii) other autonomous technologies by 2030 and (b) assessment of the potential implications of such investment for the Government's economic growth agenda. (8561)
- 161 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the Exchequer loss from UK citizens working abroad paying Class 2 NICs to build up entitlement to a state pension; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring such citizens to pay Class 3 NICs. (8512)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 15 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to reply to the correspondence of 10 September 2024 from the Hon. Member for East Londonderry on wider availability of Royal portraits. (8411)
- 2N **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of reopening Ramsgate Port to international trade on levels of (a) capacity pressure experienced by (i) the Port of Dover and (ii) other ports in the South East of England and (b) congestion on the M20. (8531)
- 3N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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. [Transferred] (7734)
- 4N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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. [Transferred] (7735)
- 5N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether it is her policy to continue the provision of free period products to pupils during the school holidays. (8468)
- 6N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to prepare for the coming into force of the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024. [Transferred] (8399)
- 7N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department made of the level of food insecurity in (a) England and (b) the South East. (8463)
- 8N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to tackle (a) unethical cat breeding and (b) kitten farming. (8458)
- 9N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 September 2024 to Question 3584 on Foie Gras: Imports, whether he plans to publish a consultation on a potential ban on the import of foie gras. (8465)

- 10N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 5708 on European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts: Finance, what estimate his Department has made of the construction cost of the project. (8493)
- 11N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 5708 on European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts: Finance, whether the contract for construction was advertised. (8494)
- 12N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to page 41 of the Information Commissioner's Office report on Quantum Technologies published on 9 October 2024, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the conclusions on post-quantum security. (8496)
- 13N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had meetings with the UK Space Agency to discuss the growth of Scotland's space ecosystem. (8497)
- 14N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to continue the inter-ministerial group on tackling digital exclusion. (8498)
- 15 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make it his policy to ringfence Project Gigabit funding for rural areas. (8523)
- 16N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve passenger rail performance. (8462)
- 17 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a discounted railcard for people aged 30 to 60 years old who earn below the average. (8605)
- 18N **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of GPs in Leicester. (8528)
- 19N **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) help prevent burnout and (b) increase the capacity of postgraduate GP trainers. (8529)
- 20N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his department are taking with (a) the NHS and (b) stakeholders to help increase awareness of ovarian cancer. (8460)

- 21N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been diagnosed with ovarian cancer through the non-specific symptoms pathway. (8461)
- 22N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to increase the uptake of cervical screening appointments. (8464)
- 23 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to increase hospice funding. (8606)
- 24N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to answer Question 6569 on Armenia: Azerbaijan tabled by the hon. Member for Rutland and Stamford on 4 October 2024. (8481)
- 25N **Mr Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the guidance entitled Immigration Rules, updated 10 October 2024, whether the rules applicable to a person with a Skilled Workers visa are those (a) currently in place or (b) when a person's leave was granted. (8583)
- 26N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what role artificial intelligence has played in (a) sifting and (b) evaluating Strategic Defence Review submissions. (8456)
- 27N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many submissions have been received for the Strategic Defence Review. (8457)
- 28N **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an estimate of the (a) change in funding to Kent County Council (i) in real terms and (ii) as a percentage since 2010 and (b) forecast funding level for 2024 in the event that 2010 funding levels had been maintained in real terms. (8535)
- 29 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes in the level of funding on Fire and Rescue services; and if she would will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding to Fire and Rescue services through the Local Government Settlement. (8604)
- 30 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 30 September 2024 to Question 2675 on Council Housing: Finance, whether his Department's wider review of Right to Buy will set out potential changes in (a) primary and (b) secondary legislation. (8490)

- 31N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she plans to reply to the correspondence from the hon. Member for East Londonderry of 21 August 2024 on a wages and taxation issue. (8410)
- 32N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make an assessment of the potential (a) implications for her policies of the effectiveness of the free period products scheme in Scotland and (b) merits of implementing a similar scheme in England. (8466)
- 33N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of period poverty on (a) the economy and (b) educational attainment. (8467)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 16 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will have discussions with the Charity Commission on the potential merits of opening an investigation into the eligibility for charitable status of (a) Dar Alhekma and (b) the Abrar Islamic Foundation. (8471)
- 2N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of which primary planning areas will have a ratio of pupil numbers forecast to estimated capacity of (a) greater than one, (b) one, (c) at or above 0.97 and below one and (d) at or above 0.95 and below 0.97 for the 2025-26 academic year; and what steps she (i) has taken and (ii) plans to take to increase capacity in each area. (8420)
- 3N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of which secondary planning areas will have a ratio of pupil numbers forecast to estimated capacity of (a) greater than one, (b) one, (c) at or above 0.97 and below one and (d) at or above 0.95 and below 0.97 for the 2025-26 academic year; and what steps she (i) has taken and (ii) plans to take to increase capacity in each area. (8421)
- 4N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of which secondary planning areas will have a ratio of Year 7 pupil numbers forecast to estimated capacity of (a) greater than one, (b) one, (c) at or above 0.97 and below one and (d) at or above 0.95 and below 0.97 for the 2025-26 academic year; and what steps she (i) has taken and (ii) plans to take to increase capacity in each area. (8422)

- 5N **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 impact of the Norwich-to-Tilbury pylon route on the local agricultural sector. (8600)
- 6N **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve rail transport links in rural areas to increase access to (a) the Duke of Edinburgh Award and (b) other youth services. (8596)
- 7N **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to take steps to reduce the discrepancies in the UK's health spending relative to other countries in North West Europe. (8597)
- 8N **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Integrated Care Systems do not have an open Women's Health Hub. (8584)
- 9N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with the National Institute for Health and Care Research on support for research into (a) care and (b) treatment for people with myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS). (8473)
- 10N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his (a) G7 and (b) EU counterparts on increasing enforcement of the price cap policy on Russian oil. (8504)
- 11N **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many full time equivalent personnel there are working in his Department's legal directorate. (8412)
- 12N **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many qualified lawyers are working in his Department's legal directorate. (8413)
- 13N **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department employs staff on secondment from human rights NGOs. (8414)
- 14N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of giving asylum seekers the right to work whilst their application is being processed. (8506)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

- 1 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): What progress he has made on improving broadband connectivity. (900694)
- 2 **Kevin Bonavia** (Stevenage): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support the life sciences sector in Stevenage constituency. (900695)
- 3 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): What steps his Department is taking to enhance mobile phone reception in Bridgwater constituency. (900696)
- 4 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): What steps his Department is taking to help improve diversity and inclusion in the STEM workforce. (900697)
- 5 **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): What steps he is taking to help improve domestic research and development capabilities. (900698)
- 6 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): What steps he is taking to rollout Project Gigabit in Chester South and Eddisbury constituency. (900699)
- 7 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): What steps he is taking to help support the UK space sector. (900700)
- 8 **Mike Reader** (Northampton South): What steps he is taking to protect children using the Roblox platform from online predators. (900701)
- 9 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): What steps he is taking to support research into artificial intelligence. (900702)
- 10 **Joe Powell** (Kensington and Bayswater): What steps he is taking to help protect people online. (900703)
- 11 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What steps he plans to take to help support the semiconductor industry. (900704)
- 12 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): What steps he is taking to fund the scale up of research in the life sciences sector. (900705)
- 13 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of rural broadband coverage. (900706)
- 14 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): What steps he is taking to help protect people online. (900707)
- 15 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): What steps he is taking with mobile network providers to accelerate the delivery of the Shared Rural Network. (900708)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

- T1 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (900709)

T2	Melanie Ward (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy):	(900710)
T3	Alex Baker (Aldershot):	(900711)
T4	Samantha Niblett (South Derbyshire):	(900712)
T5	Rebecca Smith (South West Devon):	(900713)
T6	Sarah Gibson (Chippenham):	(900714)
T7	Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton):	(900715)
T8	Mr Jonathan Brash (Hartlepool):	(900716)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

1	Dr Danny Chambers (Winchester): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 16 October.	(900717)
2	Simon Hoare (North Dorset):	(900718)
3	Alison Hume (Scarborough and Whitby):	(900719)
4	Adrian Ramsay (Waveney Valley):	(900720)
5	Ann Davies (Caerfyrddin):	(900721)
6	Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Stamford):	(900722)
7	Kit Malthouse (North West Hampshire):	(900723)
8	Jen Craft (Thurrock):	(900724)
9	Mary Glindon (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend):	(900725)
10	Chris McDonald (Stockton North):	(900726)
11	Katrina Murray (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch):	(900727)
12	Cat Smith (Lancaster and Wyre):	(900728)
13	Shaun Davies (Telford):	(900729)
14	Jake Richards (Rother Valley):	(900730)
15	Ben Maguire (North Cornwall):	(900731)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 17 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what her Department's planned timetable is for making a decision on whether the the parishes of (a) Warcop, (b) Hilton, (c) Murton and (d) Ormside will be included in Project Gigabit. (8416)
- 2N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when a water company licence was last revoked; and how many water company licences have been revoked. (8417)
- 3N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on how frequently the Environment Agency reviews environmental permits issued to sewerage undertakers under the Environment Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016. (8418)
- 4N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether all existing environmental permits issued to sewerage undertakers under the Environment Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require those companies to fulfil their legal obligations in relation to sewage (a) treatment and (b) disposal. (8419)
- 5N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that home care workers are paid correctly for their travel time. (8487)
- 6N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the flexibility NHS trusts have relating to capital departmental resource limit leases to allow trusts to support (a) local authorities and (b) regeneration of the high street to help support access to local health facilities. (8517)
- 7N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what meetings he has had with (a) NHS clinical teams specialising in the care and treatment of myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), (b) researchers, (c) patients and (d) patient group representatives on ME/CFS. (8474)
- 8N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to produce a national myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) strategy. (8475)

- 9N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has issued guidance to integrated care systems (ICS) on commissioning specialist care and treatment services for myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS); and whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of requiring ICS to commission minimum levels of those services. (8476)
- 10N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence on reviewing guidance for the (a) diagnosis, (b) care and (b) treatment of myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS). (8477)
- 11N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral statement on British Indian Ocean Territory: Negotiations of 7 October 2024, Official Report, column 45, when his Department plans to publish further details of the (a) trust fund and (b) additional government support for Chagossians in the UK. (8576)
- 12N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in her Department; and what guidance she issues to her Department's Arm's Length Bodies on decolonisation. (8515)
- 13N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential role of letting agencies in trends in the level of rents in the private rented sector. (8488)
- 14N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure the financial sustainability of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service. (8510)
- 15N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will have discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on a role for a Women and Equalities Minister in the cross-government strategy to tackle homelessness. (8485)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

- 1 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of visitor levies in Scotland and Wales on inbound UK tourism. (900668)
- 2 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What steps the Government is taking to promote the Scottish Highlands as a film location for movies and television. (900669)
- 3 **Louise Jones** (North East Derbyshire): What steps she is taking to support multi-sport grassroots facilities. (900670)

- 4 **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What steps she is taking to support grassroots and non-league football. (900671)
- 5 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): What recent assessment her Department has made of the impact of youth services on levels of antisocial behaviour in Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes constituency. (900672)
- 6 **Mrs Sarah Russell** (Congleton): What recent discussions she has had with representatives of the creative industries on AI. (900673)
- 7 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): What steps she is taking to support grassroots athletics clubs to maintain their facilities. (900674)
- 8 **Yuan Yang** (Earley and Woodley): What steps she is taking to support the financial sustainability of English football. (900675)
- 9 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle the harmful effects of gambling. (900676)
- 10 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): When she plans to launch a consultation on secondary ticketing and dynamic pricing. (900677)
- 11 **Elaine Stewart** (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle the harmful effects of gambling. (900678)
- 12 **Joe Powell** (Kensington and Bayswater): What steps she is taking to help increase arts funding. (900679)
- 13 **Pete Wishart** (Perth and Kinross-shire): What progress she has made with Cabinet colleagues on easing restrictions for UK artists seeking to tour in EU countries. (900680)
- 14 **Mr Jonathan Brash** (Hartlepool): What recent assessment her Department has made of the contribution of youth services to the wellbeing of young people in Hartlepool constituency. (900681)
- 15 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What steps she is taking to prepare the BBC for its charter review. (900682)
- 16 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): What steps her Department is taking to support Team GB and ParalympicsGB to build on their successes in 2024. (900683)
- 17 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): What steps she plans to take to support art galleries with financial pressures. [R] (900684)
- 18 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): What plans she has for funding the Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme. (900685)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

- T1 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (900686)
- T2 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): (900687)

T3	Peter Prinsley (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket):	(900688)
T4	Olivia Bailey (Reading West and Mid Berkshire):	(900689)
T5	Harpreet Uppal (Huddersfield):	[R] (900690)
T6	Mr Bayo Alaba (Southend East and Rochford):	(900691)
T7	Chris Bloore (Redditch):	(900692)
T8	Chris Ward (Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven):	(900693)

Oral Questions to the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission and the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners

- 1 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church of England is taking to support parish life in small rural communities. (900656)
- 2 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to support the development of housing on derelict former church sites. (900657)
- 3 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking with developers and local authorities to ensure that residents in new towns and villages have access to places of worship. (900658)
- 4 **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church has taken in response to the findings of Sarah Wilkinson's independent review into the Independent Safeguarding Board. (900659)
- 5 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to recognise the positive impact of individual members of the clergy in the communities they serve. (900660)
- 6 **Matt Rodda** (Reading Central): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what progress the Church has made on developing interfaith understanding. (900661)
- 7 **Dawn Butler** (Brent East): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to mark the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women. (900662)
- 8 **Douglas McAllister** (West Dunbartonshire): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what estimate the Church Commissioners have made of levels of funding required to restore parish churches and cathedrals. (900663)
- 9 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the hon. Member representing the House of Commons Commission, whether the Commission is taking steps to increase access to period products on the parliamentary estate. (900664)

- 10 **Dame Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): To ask the hon. Member representing the House of Commons Commission, what recent progress has been made on the Restoration and Renewal Programme. (900665)
- 11 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to mark the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women. (900666)
- 12 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to help ensure that people can contact and communicate with the leaders of their dioceses. (900667)
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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 steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Myanmar. (8443)