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Questions tabled on Monday 14 October 2024

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- † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 15 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2024 to Question 4008 on Childcare: Recruitment, what steps his Department is taking to (a) monitor and (b) enforce the payment of the National Living Wage in the early education and childcare sector.
[Transferred] (8664)
 - 2 **Nigel Farage** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has had discussions with local authorities on the potential impact of the proposed outdoor smoking ban on local businesses.
[Transferred] (8699)
 - 3 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Point of Order of the Rt Hon. Member for Sutton Coldfield of 8 October 2024, Official Report, column 163, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of 6 September 2024 from Lord Howard of Lympne.
[Transferred] (8633)
 - 4 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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.
[Transferred] (8604)
 - 5 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to include support for home owners struggling with mortgage commitments in the Budget.
(8921)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 16 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Solicitor General, whether (a) the Attorney General has had and (b) officials in his Department have had discussions with the Metropolitan Police on Special Escort Group policing for (i) Taylor Swift and (ii) her entourage. (88997)
- 2 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department plans to publish a consultation on enacting the socio-economic duty in the Equality Act 2010. (8801)
- 3 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has requested a leak inquiry in relation to media reports about Sue Gray's salary. (8802)
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the three entries totalling £189,870 for Fujitsu Services Ltd under the GPG - Interoperability One Data Programme, in his Department's transparency data entitled Cabinet Office: spend data over £25,000 - July 2024, published on 29 August 2024, what other suppliers were considered for these software services. (8803)
- 5 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to change the (a) reporting regime and (b) threshold at which Ministers must declare (i) hospitality and (ii) gifts. (8804)
- 6 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what methodology the Government uses to assess whether someone is a working person for the purposes of policy development; and whether pensioners are included in this demographic. (8805)
- 7 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance he has issued on whether (a) an applicant's and (b) their parent's socio-economic background should be considered in (i) promotion and (ii) employment decisions in the civil service. (8806)
- 8 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to ensure that all Departments use an appropriate level of evaluation to assess the (a) design, (b) implementation and outcomes of new interventions. (8808)
- 9 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to uprate the salaries of Lords Ministers in line with inflation. (8810)
- 10 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will list the (a) Freedom of Information and (b) Environmental Information Regulation requests received by his Department since 2024 by (i) information requested, (ii) decision taken and (iii) exemption used. (8811)

- 11 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 16 September 2024 to Question 4695 on Government Communication Service, whether the Government plans to reduce spending on official photographers in order to meet the savings on communications listed in Table 2 of HM Treasury's publication entitled Fixing the foundations: public spending audit 2024-25, CP 1133, published in July 2024. (8812)
- 12 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 25 September 2024 to Question 5051 on Civil Servants: Trade Union Officials, if he will publish the (a) supporting guidance and (b) facility time agreements signed by his Department. (8814)
- 13 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 August 2024 to Question 1256 on 10 Downing Street: Repairs and Maintenance, what the estimated budget for refurbishment is for this financial year; and what works have taken place since 4 July 2024. (8815)
- 14 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 16 September 2024 to Question 4658 on Civil Servants: Recruitment, if he will publish the Time To Hire data. (8816)
- 15 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 16 September 2024 to Question 5052 on Government Departments: Disclosure of Information, what his planned timetable is for the launch of the new transparency portal for consolidated government data. (8817)
- 16 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has issued guidance to public bodies on using public funds to subscribe to Stonewall. (8818)
- 17 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether there is a regular cross-departmental meeting of special advisers. (8819)
- 18 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 7568 on Civil Service: Productivity, what metrics his Department uses to assess productivity in the (a) civil service and (b) wider public sector. (9049)
- 19 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024 to question 1252 on 10 Downing Street: Government Art Collection, if he will publish a list of all art work, including reference, numbers from (a) the Government Art Collection and (b) his Department's own collection that are on display within the offices of No.10 Downing Street; and whether any such art is on display in the Prime Minister's personal residence. (8943)
- 20 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the salary for a Minister will be in each of the next five financial years. (8821)

- 21 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to introduce an extended producer responsibility scheme for the textile sector. (8894)
- 22 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with industry representatives on the potential impact of the EU's revised Drinking Water Directive on (a) product standards and (b) market access. (9036)
- 23 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to speed up compensation payments for sub-postmasters impacted by the Horizon IT System. (8961)
- 24 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a Grocery Supply Code of Practice for all (a) upstream and (b) mid-supply chain businesses. (8962)
- 25 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the impact of delays at the Dartford Crossing on businesses in Dartford. (9104)
- 26 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with domestic manufacturers on complying with dual labelling requirements for water efficiency in the UK and EU; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of aligning new labelling requirements with existing international standards. (9045)
- 27 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many and what proportion of branches within the Post Office network are provided by mobile services. (8783)
- 28 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support the long-term viability of pubs (a) in Bromsgrove constituency and (b) nationally. (9111)
- 29 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to introduce a statutory levy on gambling operators. (9006)
- 30 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with (a) gambling companies and (b) relevant trade associations on the potential introduction of a statutory levy. (9007)
- 31 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of pausing the measures on adult gambling centres announced in the Gambling White Paper. (9008)

- 32 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with Universal Studios on proposals for a theme park in Bedfordshire. (8884)
- 33 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of Universal Studios' proposed theme park to be situated in Bedfordshire. (8885)
- 34 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to publish the Government's response to the consultation entitled The Enterprise Act 2002 (Mergers Involving Newspaper Enterprises and Foreign Powers) Regulations 2024. (8886)
- 35 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many civil servants are assigned to work in each of her Department's offices; and how many desks are available in each office. (9063)
- 36 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many and what proportion of desks were occupied in each of her Department's offices in the most recent four weeks for which figures are available; and how many staff attended each office in person in the same period. (9064)
- 37 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department since the dissolution of the last Parliament; and on what items this was spent. (9065)
- 38 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she (a) is taking and (b) plans to take to support the development of the broadcasting industry outside of London. (8799)
- 39 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to reduce food waste in her Department. (8977)
- 40 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative changes to enable the viewing of films in communal spaces in sheltered accommodation without a licence. (8973)
- 41 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help improve internet connections in the South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (9096)
- 42 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of levels of funding for (a) women's cricket and (b) grassroots cricket infrastructure. (8965)

- 43 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help local authorities fund public libraries. (8767)
- 44 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has held discussions with the Charity Commission on the adequacy of its guidance entitled Campaigning and political activity guidance for charities, published on 7 November 2022. (8925)
- 45 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to help ensure school children are educated about knife crime. (8857)
- 46 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to reform the funding formula used to distribute SEND funds. (8952)
- 47 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve the accountability of SEND support within schools; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the complaint routes for parents. (8953)
- 48 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will hold discussions with OFSTED on the potential merits of identifying young carers as a specific group within the education system. (8928)
- 49 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many civil servants are assigned to work in each of her Department's offices; and how many desks are available in each office. (9067)
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- 51 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department since the dissolution of the last Parliament; and on what items this was spent. (9069)
- 52 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether Ministers in her Department have met representatives of Arden Strategies since 5 July 2024. (8755)
- 53 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has plans to review and amend the Supporting Families programme. (8792)

- 54 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many full-time equivalent staff will be allocated to the Supporting Families programme in the 2025-26 financial year; and what grades those staff are. (8793)
- 55 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve the provision of SEND support for children in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (9076)
- 56 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve support for children with epilepsy in schools. (9085)
- 57 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the cost to the public purse will be per local authority to fund (a) the teachers pay additional grant, (b) the teachers pension employer contribution grant and (c) the core schools budget grant for financial year 2024-25. (8855)
- 58 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that the current level of funding for sports programmes in schools is protected. (8966)
- 59 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will rebuild the Magna Carta School in Egham. (8890)
- 60 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will issue a formal public apology on historic forced adoptions on behalf of the Government. (8750)
- 61 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the oral answer of 9 September 2024 from the Secretary of State for Education, Official Report column 551, whether she has asked the Office for Students to look into reports regarding the operation of Peking University HSBC Business School in Oxford. (8893)
- 62 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether independent school fees for people over the age of 18 who are (a) in education and (b) have an Education Health and Care Plan will be exempt from VAT. (8877)
- 63 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether independent education settings for people over the age of 19 will be VAT-exempt. (8878)
- 64 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will consult on the use of energy standing charges. (8860)
- 65 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to help increase the use of geothermal energy for heating in (a) domestic and (b) commercial spaces. (8862)

- 66 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of recognising air-to-air heat pumps in energy performance certificates. (8960)
- 67 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6235 on Environment Protection: Industry, if he will take steps with the Office for Clean Energy Jobs to support workers from high carbon sectors move into clean energy jobs as part of the transition to net zero. (8822)
- 68 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will meet National Grid to discuss potential underground cabling alternatives for the proposed Grimsby to Walpole pylon plans. (8754)
- 69 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the potential cost of including a package of community benefits in the proposal for the Grimsby to Walpole project under the Great Grid Upgrade. (8759)
- 70 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to encourage offshore oil and gas companies to [(a) transition from fossil fuels and (b) increase their level and proportion of investment in renewable carbon energy sources. (9024)
- 71 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what proportion of North Sea operators invest solely in oil and gas extraction. (9027)
- 72 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the investment by oil and gas operators in the UK's energy transition. (9029)
- 73 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made a comparative assessment of the potential environmental impact of (a) importing coal from abroad for domestic consumption and (b) mining coal in the UK. (9066)
- 74 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the announced expansion of the Stansted airport on net zero targets. (8837)
- 75 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for his policies of projected annual carbon emissions from Stansted airport. (8838)

- 76 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that rural communities benefit from hosting ground-mounted solar farm infrastructure on agricultural land. (8848)
- 77 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the EU's revised Drinking Water Directive on UK manufacturers of water-related products; and what steps he is taking to support businesses to meet the new compliance requirements. (9035)
- 78 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the divergence between (a) UK and (b) EU regulations on products in contact with drinking water; and whether he is taking steps to help with additional compliance costs for companies supplying the UK market. (9037)
- 79 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the use of (a) Fipronil and (b) Imidacloprid in flea treatments for pets on the (i) water courses and aquatic ecosystems and (ii) the environment. (9011)
- 80 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a right of responsible access to the countryside. (8954)
- 81 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October to Question 6533 on Disposable Wipes: Plastics, on what date he plans to bring forward proposals to implement a ban on the sale of wet wipes containing plastic. (8876)
- 82 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 10 September 2024 to Question 5225 on Domestic Waste: Waste Disposal, whether Ministers have completed the review of final policy positions relating to Simpler Recycling. (8796)
- 83 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the animal welfare provision and conditions within the Animal and Plant Health Agency licensed quarantine kennel and cattery facilities. (8784)
- 84 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the number of places available for dogs and cats at Animal and Plant Health Agency licensed quarantine kennel and cattery facilities. (8785)
- 85 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) dog and (b) cat places were licensed by the Animal and Plant Health Agency for quarantine in each year since 2014. (8786)

- 86 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the inspection regime is for premises licensed by the Animal and Plant Health Agency to operate as quarantine facilities. (8787)
- 87 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's statutory guidance entitled Dog kennel boarding licensing: statutory guidance for local authorities, updated on 1 June 2024, how many licensed kennels and catteries inspected by local authorities did not meet minimum requirements in the latest period for which data is available. (8788)
- 88 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what assessment he has made of the potential impact of calorie labelling on menus on (a) obesity, (b) the prevalence of eating disorders and (c) other issues. (9103)
- 89 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to (a) tackle puppy and kitten smuggling and (b) ear cropping of dogs. (9009)
- 90 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the (a) effectiveness of the Pfand recycling system in Germany and (b) potential merits of adopting a similar approach in the UK. (8938)
- 91 **Adam Jodge** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the cost to the public purse has been of developing a new water efficiency labelling scheme; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of mandating the use of existing labels that comply with ISO31600 as an alternative. (9043)
- 92 **Adam Jodge** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to mandate the display of water efficiency labels for products such as taps and showers; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of accepting the Unified Water Label as a route to comply. (9046)
- 93 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in (a) France, (b) Germany and (c) Sweden on reducing plastic waste. (8852)
- 94 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the funding criteria for coastal defences in Hemsby, and if he will visit Hemsby. (8968)
- 95 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on its commitment to launch a four-country tree planting task force. (8920)

- 96 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish the 48 local nature recovery strategies, and what steps he is taking with local authorities to help deliver those strategies. (8963)
- 97 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the Environment Agency's modelling of average (a) daily and (b) monthly volumetric river flow rates for each gauging station on the Thames from Reading to Kingston for drought events that are (i) 1 in 100, (ii) 1 in 200 and (iii) 1 in 500 years. (8843)
- 98 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the Environment Agency's modelling of the average (a) daily and (b) monthly percentage of (i) usable and (ii) deployable capacity in each of the (A) Lower Lee Group and (B) Lower Thames Group reservoirs for drought events that are (1) 1 in 100, (2) 1 in 200 and (3) 1 in 500 years. (8844)
- 99 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Independent review of protected site management on Dartmoor, published on 12 December 2023, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the design of the (a) Sustainable Farming Incentive and (b) Countryside Stewardship scheme will facilitate retaining the number of semi-wild hill ponies on Dartmoor. (8913)
- 100 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Government response to the Independent review of protected site management on Dartmoor, what his planned timescale is for (a) agreeing, (b) implementing and (c) completing a Molinia reduction strategy across the moor; what level of Molinia reduction he plans to secure; and who the senior responsible officer for the Molinia reduction strategy will be. (9030)
- 101 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for how many hours raw sewage was discharged into the River Ravensbourne in the London Borough of Havering in the first nine months of 2024. (8766)
- 102 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of trends in the population of the bluebird species in England in the last 10 years. (8769)
- 103 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help tackle biodiversity loss in the London Borough of Havering. (8770)
- 104 **Cat Eccles** (Stourbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he (a) is taking and (b) plans to take steps to (i) require broadband companies to share underground infrastructure and (ii) help reduce disruption to residents ahead of the full fibre rollout. (9050)

- 105 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department will be taking through the new joint government working group on children's online safety to assess the impact of digitally manipulated body images on young people's mental health. (8882)
- 106 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department plans to take through the new joint government working group on children's online safety to assess the impact of the illegal sale of IPEDs and anabolic steroids via social media platforms on young people. (8883)
- 107 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has for Ince and Elton train station. (8851)
- 108 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she publish data on the performance of West Midlands Rail services on the Birmingham to Hereford line in each of the last six reporting periods. (8820)
- 109 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the (a) number and (b) frequency of train services in the South Hampshire region. (8797)
- 110 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will introduce a road safety campaign to reinforce the importance of safe driving around horses and their riders. (8881)
- 111 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department holds on the number of crimes reported on West Coast Mainline trains between London Euston and Manchester Piccadilly in each of the last five years. (8974)
- 112 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to reduce food waste in her Department. (8979)
- 113 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will meet me to discuss the release of HS2 compensation for residents in Newcastle-under-Lyme. (8980)
- 114 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many EV charging points there are in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency; and what estimate his Department has made of the potential demand for the future installation of such charging points. (9088)
- 115 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to improve bus services in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (9091)

- 116 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of train stations in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (9092)
- 117 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the trial of e-scooters in Basildon. (9095)
- 118 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how long it took her Department to consider each application for a change to the national passenger rail timetable for December 2024; and what the average time was for her Department to determine the outcome of an application. (9054)
- 119 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure the timely determination of track access applications on changes to the national passenger rail timetable for (a) May 2025 and (b) December 2025. (9056)
- 120 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the governments of (a) Wales and (b) Scotland on growing cross-border rail patronage through open-access passenger rail operations. (9058)
- 121 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much and what proportion of the Control Period 7 funding settlement remains available to Network Rail; and if she will take steps to ensure that total funding level remains the same for the next financial year. (9113)
- 122 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to simplify railway ticket pricing. (8896)
- 123 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2024 to Question 5796 on Parking: Pedestrian Areas, if she will set a target date to respond to the consultation entitled Pavement Parking: options for change, which closed in November 2020. (8914)
- 124 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to modernise public transport in Essex. (8771)
- 125 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress she has made on increasing the number of potholes that are repaired in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (8777)
- 126 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to increase capacity on Chiltern Railways. (9114)
- 127 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many train cancellations there were for each railway franchise (a) in total and (b) as a percentage of the number of services run by each franchise, for each of the last ten years. (8969)

- 128 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average percentage of scheduled train miles operated was for each railway franchise in each of the last ten years. (8970)
- 129 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department holds on the number of passenger complaints for each railway franchise in each of the last 10 years. (8971)
- 130 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department holds on the (a) number and (b) total sum of compensation payments made to passengers by each railway franchise in each of the last 10 years. (8972)
- 131 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) increasing the carers allowance and (b) introducing a taper to ensure unpaid carers are not subject to any removal of benefits. (8957)
- 132 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will introduce a statutory guarantee of regular respite breaks for unpaid carers. (8958)
- 133 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of paying carers at national living wage rates. (8959)
- 134 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of women affected by the changes to the State Pension age in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (8760)
- 135 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people receiving a state pension are no longer eligible for the winter fuel allowance in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (9080)
- 136 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support disabled claimants through the Personal Independence Payment review process. (9082)
- 137 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support disabled households with the cost of energy. (9083)
- 138 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support people with autism spectrum disorder conditions into work. (9084)

- 139 **Mrs Sarah Russell** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Universal Credit minimum income threshold on trends in the level of childminder (a) recruitment and (b) retention, in the context of recent changes to free childcare allowances. (9047)
- 140 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to take steps to increase funding for pharmacies. (8858)
- 141 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce the number of pharmacy closures. (8859)
- 142 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will run a national campaign to raise awareness of sepsis. (8861)
- 143 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the National Screening Council plans to review its advice on Prostate Specific Antigen testing. (8895)
- 144 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the guidance by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence entitled Integrated health and social care for people experiencing homelessness, published on 16 March 2022, what steps his Department is taking to implement these guidelines in health and social care settings. (8905)
- 145 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing the VAT charges on medicines dispensed in hospitals. (9012)
- 146 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Universal Care Plan for London to the East of England. (8955)
- 147 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the (a) integration and (b) coordination of end of life care services. (8956)
- 148 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has received recent representations from the charitable hospice sector on the impact of statutory funding levels on the adequacy of (a) service levels, (b) staffing levels and (c) patient care. (8875)
- 149 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a regional breakdown of the supply chain issues with Creon. (9003)

- 150 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of NHS employees who have (a) taken early retirement and (b) had their employment terminated as a result of long covid, by region. (9010)
- 151 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children have been hospitalised for asthma in Darent Valley Hospital in each of the last 10 years. (9099)
- 152 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children under one year old were admitted to Darent Valley Hospital for respiratory issues in each of the last 10 years. (9100)
- 153 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of pollution on the number of admissions to Darent Valley Hospital. (9101)
- 154 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people over 70 years old have been hospitalised with respiratory issues at Darent Valley Hospital in each of the last 10 years. (9102)
- 155 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing annual health check-ups for young carers under 18. (8930)
- 156 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has funded awareness campaigns to encourage the use of sunscreen to prevent melanoma in the last three years. (8987)
- 157 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to fund awareness campaigns to encourage the use of sunscreen to prevent melanoma. (8988)
- 158 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether officials in his Department have had discussions with their counterparts in the Treasury on the potential merits of funding measures to improve access to sunscreen. (8989)
- 159 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what criteria are used to prioritise patients on NHS dental waiting lists; and whether older people are given priority. (9105)
- 160 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the level of access to NHS dentistry on diagnosis rates of routine mouth cancers. (9106)

- 161 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to assess the impact on the health outcomes of people with dementia of the (a) average length of time people with dementia stay in hospital relative to people over 65 without dementia and (b) availability of specialist dementia nurses to meet the needs of people with dementia during hospital stays. (8800)
- 162 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the impact of the generational smoking ban on Exchequer revenues in the context of the findings of the Office for Budget Responsibility outlined on page 42 of the Institute of Fiscal Studies' report entitled The outlook for the public finances in the new parliament, published on 10 October 2024. (8902)
- 163 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for revising his policy on accepting hospitality from the (a) football and (b) music industry. (8903)
- 164 **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 providing additional funding to hospices in Wokingham. (8917)
- 165 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will promote the use of (a) sustainable and (b) reusable medical garments in the NHS. (8854)
- 166 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide suicide prevention support for young adults. (9087)
- 167 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the provision of mental health first aid training. (9089)
- 168 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has (a) made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing the Liberty Protection Safeguards and (b) had discussions with relevant stakeholders on a timetable for replacing the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards with the Liberty Protection Safeguards. (8849)
- 169 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve recruitment in adult social care. (8911)
- 170 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to support people who require long term care for (a) dementia and (b) other debilitating diseases with the costs of such care. (9108)

- 171 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to develop standardised national guidelines for the (a) identification and (b) treatment of neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1). (8879)
- 172 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans increase breast screenings for young women with (a) neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1) and (b) other determinants of being at risk of developing breast cancer. (8880)
- 173 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made on the potential impact of reductions in funding for sports on (a) access to physical activity for children and young people and (b) public health. (8967)
- 174 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of flexible working arrangements for NHS midwives. (8870)
- 175 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people graduated from pre-registration undergraduate midwifery courses as newly-qualified midwives in each of the last five years. (8871)
- 176 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many students were enrolled on (a) pre-registration undergraduate and (b) postgraduate midwifery courses in each year of study in each of the last five years. (8872)
- 177 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of people who joined the NHS as a midwife were newly-qualified as midwives in each of last five years. (8873)
- 178 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have entered the NHS midwifery workforce through (a) pre-registration undergraduate courses, (b) apprenticeships, (c) postgraduate conversion from nursing, (d) return to midwifery programmes, (e) international recruitment and (f) other routes according to the most recent data available to his Department; and what assessment his Department has made of the contribution of each route to growing that workforce over the (i) last and (ii) next five years. (8874)
- 179 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the 20 earliest covid-19 related deaths in the UK by (a) five year age-cohort, (b) sex, (c) nation, (d) week of occurrence and (d) week of registration; and whether each of those deaths were (i) referred to a coroner and (ii) subject to an inquest. (8763)

- 180 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how long the 20 longest delays between (a) occurrence date and (b) registration date were for covid-19 related deaths in England that (i) occurred in 2020 and (ii) were subject to an inquest. (8764)
- 181 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to mandate that fact-of-death is reported to the Office for National Statistics in England within eight days. (8765)
- 182 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) encourage screening for and (b) increase the rate of early diagnosis of prostate cancer. (8772)
- 183 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the viability of aldesleukin as a routine treatment for people who have had a heart attack. (8825)
- 184 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of guidance issued by his Department on the best time to take blood pressure medication. (8826)
- 185 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce delays in treatment for cancer patients. (8829)
- 186 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the findings of Lord Darzi's Independent investigation of the NHS in England, published on 12 September 2024, what steps his Department is taking to support community pharmacies with (a) funding, (b) workforce and (c) medicine supply challenges. (9051)
- 187 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding his Department has allocated to (a) public bodies and (b) agencies to run campaigns aimed at encouraging brain tumour patients to participate in clinical trials. (9021)
- 188 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with representatives of the pharmaceutical industry on access to clinical trials for brain tumour patients. (9022)
- 189 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) adult and (b) paediatric brain tumour patients with a terminal diagnosis to find and participate in clinical trials. (9023)

- 190 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing brain tumour patients access to clinical trials. (9025)
- 191 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 7591 on Brain: Tumours, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Government funding into brain tumour research. (9028)
- 192 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of community pharmacy closures on health outcomes (a) in South West Devon constituency and (b) nationally. (8922)
- 193 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing the activity thresholds for the Pharmacy First Service monthly fixed payment. (8923)
- 194 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending prescribing rights to (a) dietitians, (b) occupational therapists, (c) prosthetists and orthotists, (d) diagnostic radiographers, (e) speech and language therapists and (f) other healthcare professionals. (8991)
- 195 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the GP-to-patient ratio in Bromsgrove constituency. (9110)
- 196 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve dementia diagnosis rates in Henley and Thame constituency. (9040)
- 197 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve public awareness of (a) the importance of early dementia diagnosis and (b) recognition of early symptoms. (9041)
- 198 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to increase diagnostic capacity in memory clinics to reduce waiting times for dementia diagnosis in England. (9042)
- 199 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make a request to his Azerbaijani counterpart for a UK delegation to visit the 23 Armenian prisoners being held by Azerbaijan in order to (a) verify their conditions and (b) ensure that international standards and conventions are being complied before COP29 in Baku in November. (8830)

- 200 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 7 October 2024 to Question 5527 on China and Hong Kong: Diplomatic Service, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that Hongkongers who (a) arrived in the UK under the BN(O) scheme and (b) will be naturalised as British citizens are recognised as British nationals by the (i) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and (ii) Chinese government. (8752)
- 201 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to his Canadian counterpart on reports of anti-Hindu hatred in that country. (9109)
- 202 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help uphold human rights in Bangladesh. (8833)
- 203 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help promote stability in Bangladesh. (8834)
- 204 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has issued recent guidance to businesses operating in internationally-disputed territories. (8835)
- 205 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help protect human rights defenders in Azerbaijan ahead of COP29. (8836)
- 206 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assistance he is providing to the Republic of Moldova against potential Russian aggression. (9032)
- 207 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help protect Christians from persecution in Ghana. (8768)
- 208 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Georgian counterpart on human rights in that country. (8828)
- 209 **Nigel Farage** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of the UK withdrawing from the European Convention on Human Rights. (9031)
- 210 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an estimate of how many polygamous marriages are valid in the UK. (8756)

- 211 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions (a) she has had and (b) officials in her Department have had with the Metropolitan Police on Special Escort Group policing for (i) Taylor Swift and (ii) her entourage. (8992)
- 212 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Metropolitan Police originally recommended that the Special Escort Group was necessary to escort Taylor Swift to and from Wembley Stadium. (8993)
- 213 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the estimated cost to the public purse of the special escort group policing for Taylor Swift and her entourage; and whether any external sources contributed to that cost. (8994)
- 214 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to revise guidance issued to her Department on accepting hospitality from the (a) football and (b) music industry. (8995)
- 215 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what date she declared the hospitality of tickets to the Taylor Swift concert in August 2024 to her Permanent Secretary. (8996)
- 216 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce food waste in her Department. (8976)
- 217 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to consult civil society before publishing the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill. (9002)
- 218 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many irregular migrants are housed in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (9077)
- 219 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many beds are reserved to house irregular migrants in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (9079)
- 220 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of neighbourhood policing levels in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (9093)
- 221 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take to tackle anti-social behaviour in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (9094)

- 222 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of provisions in Section 32 of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 on LGBTQI+ people in the asylum system. (8865)
- 223 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the risk of (a) abuse, (b) harassment and (c) violence faced by LGBTQI+ people in immigration detention centres. (8866)
- 224 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of community-based alternatives to detention. (8867)
- 225 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Government response to the Brook House Inquiry report, published on 19 March 2024, what progress her Department has made on implementing the recommendations of that report. (8868)
- 226 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will (a) collect and (b) publish data on (i) the protected characteristics of individuals in detention who have claimed asylum, (ii) where those individuals are detained and (iii) the period that those individuals have been detained for. (8869)
- 227 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department issues to police forces on the (a) recording and (b) retention of personal information on police data bases for hate incidents that are not deemed to be a crime. (8823)
- 228 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the number and proportion of warranted police officers that were (a) deployed and (b) unavailable for deployment to frontline roles per police force in the last 12 months. (8951)
- 229 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answers of 17 September 2024 to Questions 4871 and 4872 on Home Office: Staff, how many of the employees of (a) Immigration Enforcement, (b) UK Visas and Immigration, (c) Border Force, and (d) HM Passport Office who were (i) suspended for gross misconduct, (ii) dismissed for gross misconduct and (iii) convicted of immigration crime were (A) British nationals, (B) non-British nationals and (C) British nationals with dual nationality. (8981)
- 230 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will repeal the Section 37 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 prohibiting police officers serving while off duty as on-call firefighters. (8751)

- 231 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Leader of the House, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department since the dissolution of the last Parliament; and on what items this was spent. (9061)
- 232 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Leader of the House, Pursuant to the answer of 18 September 2024, to Question 5016, on Emily Middleton, how many written parliamentary question responses have cited a forthcoming FOI response. (8807)
- 233 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the proportion of veterans who left service before December 2018 who have a veteran ID card. (9020)
- 234 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on (a) appointing service chiefs for four years tenures and (b) reviewing the performance of service chiefs two years after their appointment. (8949)
- 235 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase domestic defence production capabilities. (8775)
- 236 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Albion-class amphibious assault ships are (a) operationally available and (b) undergoing upgrades. (8776)
- 237 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if his Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of support for the physical health of service people. (8824)
- 238 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department plans to provide for training in the (a) Royal Navy, (b) British Army and (c) Royal Air Force in the 2024-25 financial year. (9115)
- 239 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to introduce a referendum cap for council tax increases for the next financial year. [R] (8919)
- 240 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support her Department provides to district councils to help reduce the levels of homelessness. (8937)
- 241 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the impact of trends in public sector pay over the last three years on district council budgets. (8940)
- 242 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the impact of contract inflation on the cost of district council services. (8941)

- 243 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to enforce Section 96(1)(1) of the Children and Families Act 2014 on providing a needs assessment for all young carers. (8931)
- 244 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many civil servants are assigned to work in each of her Department's offices; and how many desks are available in each office. (9070)
- 245 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of desks were occupied in each of her Department's offices in the most recent four weeks for which figures are available; and how many staff attended each office in person in the same period. (9071)
- 246 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department since the dissolution of the last Parliament; and on what items this was spent. (9072)
- 247 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to support first-time buyer households in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (8758)
- 248 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make the Fens a designated area for food production in planning policy. (8761)
- 249 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many full-time equivalent staff were allocated to the Supporting Families Programme in its final full year in her Department; and what grades those staff members were. (8791)
- 250 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help build more affordable homes in Basildon. (9081)
- 251 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to prevent local authorities from bidding for housing stock outside of their own areas. (9097)
- 252 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to extend funding for the (a) Night Shelter Transformation Fund and (b) Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme. (8773)

- 253 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help reduce the number of children living in temporary accommodation. (8774)
- 254 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the role that district councils will have in a potential devolution deal for Gloucestershire. (9013)
- 255 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what additional steps she plans to take to support district councils to reduce the levels of homelessness. (9014)
- 256 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to reform funding arrangements for Internal Drainage Board levies. (9015)
- 257 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has provided funding to Hope Not Hate since the general election. (8924)
- 258 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the roll out of the early prison release scheme. (8863)
- 259 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the consultation entitled Introducing fees in the Employment Tribunals and the Employment Appeal Tribunal, which closed on 25 March 2024, what her policy is on introducing a £55 issue fee for claimants. (9004)
- 260 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the unduly lenient sentence scheme to cases sentenced in the Magistrates' Court. (9116)
- 261 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the (a) Prime Minister and (b) Northern Ireland Executive on appointing a new Northern Ireland Veterans' Commissioner. (8975)
- 262 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on increasing funding for local council sports grants (a) for young sports groups and athletes in Ards and North Down Council Borough and (b) generally. (8827)
- 263 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Prime Minister, what plans he has for revising his policy on accepting hospitality from the (a) football and (b) music industry. (8998)

- 264 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Prime Minister, whether planned revised guidance on Ministers accepting hospitality from the (a) football and (b) music industry will apply to specialist advisers. (8999)
- 265 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Prime Minister, what discussions (a) he has and (b) his officials have had with representatives of Universal Music Publishing Group since 4 July 2024. (9000)
- 266 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Prime Minister, whether (a) he and (b) his officials had discussions with the (i) the Home Department, (ii) Attorney General and (iii) Metropolitan Police on Special Escort Group policing for (A) Taylor Swift and (B) her entourage. (9001)
- 267 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will remove VAT from medicines for NHS hospitals. (9017)
- 268 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the economic impact of (a) building more social housing and (b) reducing the number of families living in temporary accommodation. (8939)
- 269 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many civil servants are assigned to work in each of her Department's offices; and how many desks are available in each office. (9053)
- 270 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of desks were occupied in each of her Department's offices in the most recent four weeks for which figures are available; and how many staff attended each office in person in the same period. (9055)
- 271 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department since the dissolution of the last Parliament; and on what items this was spent. (9057)
- 272 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many civil servants are assigned to work in each of (a) HMRC's and (b) the Valuation Office Agency offices; and how many desks are available in each office. (9059)
- 273 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of desks were occupied in each of (a) HMRC's and (b) the Valuation Office Agency's offices in the most recent four weeks for which figures are available; and how many staff attended each office in person in the same period. (9060)

- 274 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of (a) removing portraits of men from 11 Downing Street and (b) procuring new portraits and paintings; what the process will be for procuring new portraits and paintings; and whether she plans to remove the portraits of former Chancellors of the Exchequer. (8809)
- 275 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has provided guidance to (a) Government departments and (b) arm's-length bodies on steps that should be taken to reduce spending on (i) communications and (ii) consultancy fees, in the context of the commitments made in her Department's policy paper entitled Fixing the foundations: Public spending audit 2024-25, CP 1133, published in July 2024. (8813)
- 276 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent estimate her Department has made of the level of household debt in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (8757)
- 277 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 2 August 2024 to Question 1651 on Private Education: VAT, whether independent Welsh language schools will be exempt from VAT. (8789)
- 278 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether summer schools which are operated by (a) an independent school on its own site and (b) a third party on an independent school site will be liable for VAT; and whether the liability is changed if a significant part of the course content is English language tuition. (8790)
- 279 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for its policies of the Institute of Fiscal Studies' finding relating to tobacco excise duty outlined in paragraph 10, page 3 of its report entitled The outlook for the public finances in the new parliament, published on 10 October 2024. (8897)
- 280 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans she has for revising her policy on accepting hospitality from the (a) football and (b) music industry. (8898)
- 281 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to page 42 of the Institute of Fiscal Studies' report entitled The outlook for the public finances in the new parliament, published on 10 October 2024, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential implications for its policies of the Office for Budget Responsibility's estimate of the impact of the generational smoking ban on revenue from tobacco excise duty by 2060. (8899)
- 282 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether (a) her Department and (b) the Office for Budget Responsibility has made an assessment of a potential Laffer Curve effect relating to (i) tobacco and (ii) alcohol duties. (8900)

- 283 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Institute of Fiscal Studies' finding relating to the fall in revenues from tobacco duty over the last decade, outlined on page 42 of its report entitled The outlook for the public finances in the new parliament, published on 10 October 2024, what steps she is taking to help tackle the illicit and non-duty paid markets for tobacco. (8901)
- 284 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to reduce food waste in her Department. (8978)
- 285 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department is taking steps to provide financial incentives for businesses engaged in (a) upcycling and (b) the sustainable production of textiles. (8853)
- 286 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the National Wealth Fund's statement of strategic priorities will include (a) meeting net zero targets and (b) the promotion of poverty reduction. (8842)
- 287 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help protect access to high street banks for the (a) elderly and (b) disabled. (9086)
- 288 **Frank McNally** (Coatbridge and Bellshill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much funding the Welsh Government (a) has received and (b) is forecast to receive in additional Barnett Formula consequential funding as a result of income raised via the Residential Property Developer Tax. (9044)
- 289 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2024 to question 3891 on the Office for Value for Money, what progress the Office for Value for Money has made on (a) finalising a workplan and (b) appointing an independent Chair. (8950)
- 290 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help tackle tobacco duty avoidance. (8778)
- 291 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the annual tax revenue loss from (a) illicit and (b) non-duty paid tobacco. (8779)
- 292 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to (a) reduce and (b) freeze tobacco excise duty. (8780)
- 293 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies on rates of tobacco duty of the Office for Budget Responsibility's report entitled Dynamic scoring of policy measures in OBR forecasts, published on 9 November 2023, in the context of the Laffer curve. (8781)

- 294 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to increase funding for Trading Standards officers. (8782)
- 295 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to continue funding for previously agreed (a) Town Deals and (b) Levelling Up Round 3 awards. (9016)
- 296 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) building more social housing and (b) keeping families out of temporary accommodation on the economy. (9018)
- 297 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes in the level public sector pay on district council budgets over the last three years. (9019)
- 298 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department since the dissolution of the last Parliament; and on what items this was spent. (9062)
- 299 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, when she plans to bring forward legislation to make anti-LGBTQ+ hate crime an aggravated offence. (8932)
- 300 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to develop a national action plan to tackle hate crime. (8933)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 17 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 19 September 2024 to question 4269 on Qualifications, what progress her Department has made on it's review of 16-19 qualification reforms at Level three and below. (9048)
- 2N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that Hinduism is taught in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in Aylesbury constituency. (8926)

- 3N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) teachers are given training in and (b) schools have high-quality resources to support teaching on Hinduism in (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools in Aylesbury constituency. (8927)
- 4N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure faith groups are regularly consulted on locally agreed syllabuses for religious education. (8936)
- 5N **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what his timetable is for providing Bramhall High School with details of (a) funding and (b) a start date for as under the School Rebuilding Programme. (8964)
- 6N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Exchequer Secretary's oral contribution during the debate on VAT: Independent Schools of 8 October 2024, Official Report, column 171, if she will publish the Government's own analysis on the potential impact of adding VAT to school fees on pupils and their families across the state and private school sectors. (8945)
- 7N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average maintenance loan received by English-domiciled students (a) studying away from home in London, (b) living at home and studying in London and (c) studying in London in total was in each of the last three financial years. (8850)
- 8N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a zonal pricing mechanism via the review of electricity market arrangements. (8946)
- 9N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will review the rules on beaver (a) reintroduction and (b) management. (9026)
- 10N **Nigel Farage** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve flood defences in (a) Jaywick, (b) St Osyth, (c) Point Clear and (d) other high-risk areas in Clacton constituency. (9090)
- 11N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that farmers have a stable income. (8864)
- 12N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to tackle fly-tipping in (a) rural, (b) semi-rural and (c) urban communities. (9074)
- 13N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of the level of fly-tipping in Epping Forest constituency. (9075)

- 14N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2024 to Question 6855 on Water Supply: East of England, what the planned timetable is for (a) approving and (b) constructing the proposed two new reservoirs in East Anglia. (8947)
- 15N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to protect the wild salmon population. (8985)
- 16N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken with external stakeholders to remove excess phosphorus from cattle and pig slurry. (8986)
- 17N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to maintain the current level of Bus Service Improvement Plan funding for Buckinghamshire after March 2025. (8984)
- 18N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many track access applications concerning changes to the national passenger rail timetable were received for (a) December 2024, (b) May 2025 and (c) December 2025. (9052)
- 19N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make a comparative estimate of the potential reduction in local noise pollution on the M25 in Runnymede and Weybridge constituency by (a) repairing the sections of concrete motorway and (b) replacing the concrete with another road surface. (8888)
- 20N **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many women claimed statutory (a) maternity pay and (b) maternity allowance in Scotland in each of the last five years. (9112)
- 21N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve access to GP appointments in (a) Epping Forest constituency and (b) England. (9073)
- 22N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of patients received urgent cancer treatment within 62 days of a GP referral at Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin integrated care board since October 2023. (8906)
- 23N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the number of children with education and health care plans who will require support after the age of 25 on the adult social care system. (8907)
- 24N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure all NHS Trusts meet the Government's target to reduce the number of stillbirths nationally to 0.23%. (8908)

- 25N **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the potential impact of prohibiting outdoor smoking and vaping on the hospitality sector. (8942)
- 26N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of the situation of (a) the Buddhist community and (b) other religious minorities in Myanmar; and what discussions he has had with his Laotian counterpart on ASEAN's efforts to tackle the (i) violence and (ii) humanitarian crisis in Myanmar. (8856)
- 27N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government considers that the All-Serb Assembly Declaration of June 2024, made by the Republic of Serbia and Republika Srpska, is compatible with the Dayton Agreement. (9107)
- 28N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure the financial sustainability of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service. [Transferred] (8510)
- 29N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will review Part 5 Modern Slavery of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022. (9078)
- 30N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) adults and (b) children have (i) applied for and (ii) been found eligible to relocate and settle permanently in the UK under the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme Pathway 1 Stage 2: Separated Families. (8845)
- 31N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to tackle anti-Hindu hatred in Aylesbury constituency. (8929)
- 32N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to protect Hindu places of worship. (8934)
- 33N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department has made to deliver (a) new and (b) refurbished military accommodation for 40,000 service men and women. (8912)
- 34N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of British Army Training Unit Kenya in financial year 2023-24. (8944)
- 35N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on establishing a National Armaments Director. (8948)

- 36N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing private rented sector tenants' protections and rights of redress against (a) landlords and (b) letting agencies under private rented sector deposit protection schemes. (8915)
- 37N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of (a) trends in level of planning applications granted for buy-to-let developments and (b) the potential impact of those trends on first-time buyers. (8916)
- 38N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to review the funding criteria of Homes England to help facilitate investment in regeneration projects covering areas with high-density colliery housing that have significant numbers of (a) void, (b) derelict and (c) poor-quality homes, even if such regeneration schemes may result in a net reduction in the overall housing supply. (8794)
- 39N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made an estimate of the cost of increasing the number of crown court sitting days beyond the original allocation. (9098)
- 40N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that the children of those imprisoned are (a) identified and (b) offered support. (9033)
- 41N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the new Early Release Scheme on the families of those released. (9034)
- 42N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October to Question 7835 on Terrorism: Northern Ireland, if he will publish details of all requests for public inquiries that he has considered. (8847)
- 43N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the VAT status is of further education colleges. (8846)
- 44N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate the Office for Budget Responsibility made of revenues for spirits excise duty in the 2024-25 financial year; and what those revenues are to date. (8762)
- 45N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure effective enforcement of the UK's financial sanctions regime for UK companies suspected of breaching sanctions on Russian oil. (8990)

- 46N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help reduce the impact of off-payroll working rules on the financial services sector and those working in it; and whether she plans to review those rules. (9038)
- 47N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the insurance industry on ensuring that premiums for homeowners do not increase substantially. (9039)
- 48N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2024 to Question 6326 on Probation Service, what new funding has been allocated to (a) the Probation Service, (b) the Electronic Monitoring Service and (c) support other services provided to offenders in the community, in the context of the early prisoner release scheme. (8832)
- 49N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether organisations in receipt of funding via the National Wealth Fund will be required to (a) have a UK headquarters and (b) be UK taxpayers. (8839)
- 50N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether private equity firms will be eligible to receive funds via the National Wealth Fund. (8840)
- 51N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the Government's planned timetable is for introducing legislation to establish the National Wealth Fund. (8841)

Questions for Answer on Monday 21 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what progress her Department has made on implementing the reforms outlined in the white paper entitled High stakes: gambling reform for the digital age, published in April 2023; and what her planned timeline is for the full implementation of the proposals. (9005)
- 2N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to support hospitals that (a) are and (b) have been indebted by Private Finance Initiative (PFI) schemes. (8753)
- 3N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to continue the provision of the Children's Hospice Grant into 2025/26. (8935)

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- 4N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to monitor China's compliance with international consular conventions on the treatment of naturalised British citizens with (a) Hong Kong and (b) Chinese descent. (8831)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 22 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of (a) named day and (b) ordinary written parliamentary questions were answered within the response deadline by (i) Department and (ii) month since 4 July 2024. (8887)
- 2N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take enforcement action against Thames Water in response to sewer flooding in the Runnymede and Weybridge Constituency. (8892)
- 3N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact on (a) local traffic and (b) air pollution of a direct rail link from Egham to Heathrow. (8889)
- 4N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress his Department has made on building a new healthcare facility to replace Weybridge Community Hospital. (8891)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 23 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of maintaining the level of fuel duty on inflation in the next three financial years. (8795)
- 2N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of freezing fuel duty on inflation since 2010. (8798)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 28 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to reduce the frequency of PIP Reviews. (8982)
- 2N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of specialist input in PIP Reviews. (8983)