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Questions tabled on Tuesday 22 October 2024

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 23 October

Questions for Written Answer

- Fabian Hamilton (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if the Prime Minister will create a Minister for Manufacturing post in the Department for Business and Trade.

 [Transferred] (10048)
- 2 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential economic impact of sewage discharges into the sea on businesses in constituencies who rely on the tourism industry.

[Transferred] (10211)

Richard Tice (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help protect (a) agricultural land and (b) natural habitats from the potential impact of the (i) construction and (ii) maintenance of (A) the Great Grid Upgrade and (B) other major infrastructure projects.

[Transferred] (10337)

- 4 Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the impact of planning developments on habitats for great crested newts; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of implementing local authority district-level licenses for relocating newts.

 [Transferred] (10248)
- Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will commission research into the (a) public health and (b) animal welfare impact of quiet fireworks.

 [Transferred] (10062)

- James MacCleary (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will hold discussions with mobile phone operators on trends in the level of roaming fees since the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

 [Transferred] (10201)
- James MacCleary (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department has taken to help reduce mobile phone roaming fees for people travelling in Europe since the UK's withdrawal from the EU. [Transferred] (10203)
- Apsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will hold discussions with the Port of London Authority on its compliance with section three of the Ports Good Governance Guidance, published in March 2018, in the context of its practice of charging for river works licenses for balconies that overhang the River Thames.

 [Transferred] (10158)
- 9 **Mike Reader** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the financial impact of reducing the housing benefit taper rate for people in supported housing.

 [Transferred] (10324)
- Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of long waiting times for an assessment of neurodevelopmental conditions on children. [Transferred] (10244)
- 11 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to improve mental health support for veterans.

[Transferred] (10296)

- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to deliver specialist mental health professionals in every school.

 [Transferred] (10298)
- 13 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support veterans' mental health in rural constituencies.

 [Transferred] (10215)
- 14 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to improve access to health services for veterans living in rural areas.

 [Transferred] (10216)
- Will Stone (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing spouses of people sent on British diplomatic missions to continue working if (a) they work for a Government organisation and (b) their security needs are met. [Transferred] (10186)
- Richard Burgon (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to roll out open access young futures hubs. [Transferred] (10107)

- James MacCleary (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a new European Youth Mobility scheme. (10562)
- 18 **Mark Sewards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to extend the Ukraine Extension Scheme.

[Transferred] (10396)

- Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy
 of the free legal support available to people from Hong Kong who are resident in the UK
 under the British National (Overseas) visa.

 [Transferred] (10119)
- 20 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of adding VAT to schools fees on special schools.

 [Transferred] (10246)
- 21 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support wine importers with additional administrative requirements following the ending of the temporary easement to the implementation of the new alcohol duty system in February 2025. [Transferred] (10185)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 24 October

Questions for Written Answer

- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September 2024 to Question 4654 on public sector: trade unions, what the practice of government Departments current on check-off; and how many Departments (a) charge trade unions for levying check-off and (b) have cancelled check-off arrangements. (10435)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 September 2024 to Question 4649 on Members: Correspondence, and with reference to the letter from the Cabinet Secretary to the Rt hon. Member for Salisbury, dated 12 September 2024, if he will place a copy of the induction training guidance for special advisers referenced in that letter in the House of Commons Library. (10436)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department issues to (a) press officers and (b) special advisers on briefing correspondence to the media. (10437)
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Mission Delivery Boards are classified as cabinet sub-committees; and how often they will meet.

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guidance his Department has issued.

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- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Special Adviser Remuneration Committee has met since 4 July 2024. (10440)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason it is the Government's to lift the Civil Service headcount cap that had been announced by the previous administration; and if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of this policy.

 (10443)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people will be subject to an annual allowance tax charge due to the retrospective application of the McCloud remedy on Civil Service pensions. (10444)
- 9 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the projected cost to the public purse is of removing hereditary peers from the House of Lords. (10406)
- Ayoub Khan (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on whether private asset management companies can play a role in the delivery of key public services. (10578)
- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the Ministerial Code to specifically include (a) commercially sensitive statements and (b) personal boycotts. (10456)
- 12 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the Consumer Rights Act 2015 to increase statute of limitations to 20 years for faulty medical devices. (10640)
- Jerome Mayhew (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many and what proportion of her Department's full time equivalent staff have been allocated to working on its response to failures of the Horizon Post Office IT system in each month of the last two years. (10487)
- Jerome Mayhew (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the response to issues arising from the failures of the Horizon IT System on his Department's capacity to deal with other issues. (10488)
- Jerome Mayhew (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate he has made of the cost of replacing the Post Office Horizon IT system. (10489)

- Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support unpaid carers in paid work. (10420)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make it her policy to regulate football clubs to prevent clubs being relocated away from local communities without fan approval. (10632)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make it her policy to prevent football club (a) grounds and (b) other assets from being sold for other uses. (10633)
- 19 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to include provisions on banning leveraged buyouts of football clubs in the Football Governance Bill. (10635)
- 20N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the BBC Board on the potential impact of changes to programming resulting from reductions in funding on Britain's soft power. (10415)
- 21 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) primary and (b) secondary school students receive free school meals in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (10470)
- 22 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what support her Department (a) provides and (b) plans to provide for apprentices who are required to purchase equipment to fulfil their apprenticeship. (10619)
- 23 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department (a) is taking and (b) plans to take to support apprentices who cannot afford public transport to reach their apprenticeship. (10627)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what
 steps her Department is taking to support children with Special Educational Needs and
 Disabilities in mainstream settings. (10602)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to (a) increase and (b) improve training on SEND in the (i) teacher and (ii) classroom assistant training (A) curriculum and (B) classroom practice.

 (10604)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of school places in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole council area. (10636)

- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing kitchen facilities available to primary schools, in the context of the roll-out of new breakfast clubs. (10509)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of a national curriculum which focuses on British (a) culture and (b) history in statemaintained secondary schools. (10586)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to improve social mobility. (10588)
- **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he plans to take to ensure that the increase of electricity demand in the next 15 years can be met by domestically produced green power. (10593)
- **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of importing renewable energy from the Global South if there is a gap in domestic green power supply.

 (10594)
- **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans he to encourage the use of hydrogen technologies in domestic settings. (10595)
- **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure that new technologies comply with Net Zero targets. (10596)
- **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to (a) incentivise consumers and (b) support manufacturers to use green energy sources. (10597)
- 35N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of overhead lines on GPS equipment used by farmers.

 [Transferred] (10130)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to introduce a permanent ban on the forced installation of prepayment meters. (10644)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to abolish standing charges on energy bills. (10645)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to strengthen the biomass sustainability auditing regime before any new Contracts for Difference are awarded. (10458)

- 39 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to integrate the Government's Nationally Determined Contribution under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change with the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. (10598)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the tidal stream ring-fence to £30m in Allocation Round 7 of the upcoming Contracts for Difference auction. (10590)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with the tidal stream energy industry on how GB Energy can support that sector. (10591)
- 42 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of using hydrogen to power glass factories. (10464)
- 43 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to issue new guidance on the handling of chickens by their legs. (10570)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to establish a Tenant Farming
 Commissioner. (10417)
- 45 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many fines have been issued for violating tree preservation orders in each year since 2010. (10653)
- Vikki Slade (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for bringing forward legislative proposals to end fox hunting. (10569)
- 47N **Patrick Spencer** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the eligibility criteria was for the expanded Farming Recovery Fund. (10566)
- 48 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to require drivers to report cat killings under Section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. (10665)
- 49 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the publication entitled Annual statistics of scientific procedures on living animals, Great Britain 2023, published on 11 September 2024, what

- steps he plans to take to (a) increase funding for the further development and uptake of human-specific methods that can replace the use of animals in medical research and testing and (b) support scientists to transition to these approaches. (10429)
- Patrick Hurley (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to (a) ensure (i) transparency and (ii) accountability in the decision-making process for broadband infrastructure projects and (b) tackle potential conflicts of interest. (10537)
- 51 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure equality of access to rural fibre-optic infrastructure. (10563)
- 52 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to support the life sciences sector to develop new drugs to tackle malaria. (10448)
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress she has made on supporting the repair of potholes in Runcorn and Helsby constituency.

 (10468)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing a programme of railway electrification. (10460)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether

 (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have met with representatives of the

 European Company for the Financing of Railroad Rolling Stock (EUROFIMA). (10461)
- Jim Dickson (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the potential impact of recent traffic disruption on the local economy in Dartford constituency since October 2023. (10574)
- Jim Dickson (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of National Highway's management of recent traffic issues in Dartford constituency. (10575)
- Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the availability of driving tests within (a) half an hour, (b) an hour and (c) two hours travel of the Gosport peninsula. (10430)
- 59 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing a counterpart to the cycle to work scheme for self-employed people. (10533)
- Damien Egan (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to remove barriers to cycling for disabled people. (10534)

- 61 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of new driving licences were issued to foreign nationals in each of the last three years. (10405)
- 62 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many driving test centres there are in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) the East Midlands. (10408)
- 63 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to update the cycling and walking investment strategy. (10651)
- Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate her Department has made of the carbon footprint of the private jets registered in the UK. (10652)
- Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications for her policies of recent (a) e-bike, (b) e-scooter and (c) other micro-mobility vehicle trials in England.

 (10654)
- 66 **Mark Sewards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to make electric vehicle owners eligible to pay car tax. (10628)
- 67N **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to continue to fund the universal bus pass for those of pension age.

 [Transferred] (10054)
- 68 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of expedited tests for people who require a driving license to secure (a) training or (b) employment in key worker roles. (10565)
- 69 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what work (a) has been undertaken and (b) is planned on the creation of a long-term strategy for rolling stock. (10457)
- 70 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 6049 on Pension Credit: Gosport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding the survey sample sizes for entitled non-recipients of Pension Credit. (10433)
- 71 Mary Glindon (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the number and proportion of households where income does not meet essential spending in Newcastle East and Wallsend constituency. (10445)

- Pen Maguire (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps is the Department is taking to support (a) pensioners who face significant reductions in their pensions when they reach state pension age and (b) other pensioners affected by the HSBC Clawback scheme. (10560)
- 73 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of linking the Carer's Allowance earning limit to increase in the national living wage. (10418)
- 74 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of increasing the carer element of Universal Credit for unpaid carers, in the context of recent trends in the cost of living.

 (10419)
- 75 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of dental provision in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (10469)
- Jim Dickson (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many appointments were (a) cancelled and (b) missed at Darent Valley Hospital on 21 October 2024.
 (10573)
- 77 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of implementing the recommendations of the National Centre for Creative Health's review entitled Creative Health Review, published on 6 December 2023. (10431)
- 78 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 7738 on General Practitioners: Gosport, what steps he plans to take to introduce Neighbourhood Health Centres in Gosport constituency. (10432)
- 79 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the McCloud remedy is implemented for affected NHS workers by April 2025. (10638)
- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve outcomes for people with brain tumours; and if he will develop a brain tumour strategy to help improve (a) diagnosis, (b) treatments and (c) support from clinical nurse specialists for (i) patients and (ii) families.

 (10572)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of (a) hospitalisations and (b) deaths from people using nitazenes in Birmingham; and what steps he is taking to reduce these numbers.

 (10459)

- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve breast cancer screening in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) South Holland and The Deepings constituency. (10404)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential link between poor (a) mental health and (b) access to nutritious food. (10506)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish guidance on the sugar and salt content of baby foods. (10507)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing autoenrolment for Healthy Start. (10508)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the change to the Winter Fuel Allowance entitlement on terminally ill patients. (10513)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total cost to the public purse was of cancer care in each of the last five years.

 (10518)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse was of NHS spending on cancer (a) research and (b) treatment in each of the last five years. (10519)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average cost per patient for palliative care was in each of the last five years. (10520)
- **Andy MacNae** (Rossendale and Darwen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the (a) safety and (b) regulation of the cosmetic surgery industry. (10557)
- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to launch a campaign to raise public awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer. (10621)
- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to ensure all women across England with ovarian cancer get access to the best possible treatment. (10622)
- **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of plans to outsource hundreds of staff by East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust on (a) NHS services and the (b) healthcare workforce. (10643)

- **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce health inequalities for women managing menopause in areas of high health inequalities. (10465)
- **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mandatory menopause training for GPs. (10466)
- **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that all patients have access to faceto-face appointments with their GP. (10582)
- **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward regulations on the composition of (a) toddler and (b) other so-called growing up formula milks. (10561)
- **Rosie Wrighting** (Kettering): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding the Kettering General Hospital scheme has received up to the end of the 2023-24 financial year. (10624)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what projects his Department funds to help tackle HIV globally. (10571)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to Section 51 of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018, what steps his Department has taken to help British Overseas Territories establish a publicly accessible register of the beneficial ownership of companies registered in their jurisdiction. (10641)
- **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans he has for engagement with the Chagossian community during the transfer of sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. (10585)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the treatment of Uighur peoples in Xinjiang, China. (10523)
- Carla Lockhart (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations his Department has made to the Chinese government on the treatment of Uighur peoples in Xinjiang. (10524)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the (a) scale and (b) nature of the persecution and murder of Christians in Nigeria. (10525)

- 105 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to
 communicate the risks associated with travel to Hong Kong to Hongkongers who have
 (a) arrived in the UK under the BN(O) scheme and are (b) due to be naturalised as British
 citizens.
 (10496)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) the Global Fund, (b) Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and (c) other multilateral organisations to eliminate malaria.
 (10446)
- 107 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the rollout of new medicines developed in the UK to tackle malaria. (10447)
- 108 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking as penholder on Sudan
 to help find a diplomatic solution to the conflict in that country. (10606)
- 109 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for project licences to conduct experiments on animals under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 were refused permission between 1 January 2023 and 30 September 2024. (10427)
- Anna Dixon (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help (a) reduce and (b) prevent fraud against people paying Clean Air Zone charges online via fake websites. (10642)
- Nigel Farage (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of illegal migrants crossing the English Channel who are not intercepted by Border Force. (10548)
- Nigel Farage (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign national offenders are incarcerated in the United Kingdom as of 22 October 2024.
- Nigel Farage (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on police protection provided to people other than Ministers and members of the Royal Family. (10550)
- 114 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to take steps to increase the number of safe routes available to people fleeing persecution. (10416)

- 115N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on the potential merits of the adoption of standalone 5G for the emergency services.

 [Transferred] (10179)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with representatives of the domestic abuse sector on the adequacy of public funding for specialist domestic abuse services, in the context of potential considerations to be reflected in the upcoming Budget. (10611)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued to police forces on assessing whether silent prayer is taking place during public protests or gatherings whereby that action may constitute a breach of the law. (10526)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance she has issued to police forces on ensuring that their methods of assessing silent prayer respect individuals' rights to freedom of (a) thought, (b) conscience and (c) religion. (10527)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to increase the salary threshold for skilled worker visas. (10589)
- **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of launching a review of the antisocial use of fireworks in residential areas. (10634)
- **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies on tackling drug-related harms of all of the recommendations made by the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs between 2010 and 2014. (10493)
- **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs has not published an annual report since 2019; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs resumes publishing these reports. (10494)
- **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what meetings she has had with the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs since 5 July 2024. (10495)
- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the scale of commercial sexual exploitation in Reigate. (10612)

- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prevent children being exposed to pornography in Reigate constituency. (10614)
- **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much the Immigration Skills Charge raised in (a) the last 12 months and (b) each of the last five years; and how the money raised has been spent so far. (10545)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme to all veterans. (10637)
- **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual cost is of maintaining decommissioned nuclear submarines at (a) Rosyth and (b) Devonport. (10650)
- **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to accept people with dietary allergies into the armed forces. (10584)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if he will make an assessment of the potential
 implications for her policies of the number and proportion of leaseholders who are unable
 to get a mortgage because their lease is below 80 years; and if he will take steps to end
 leasehold.

 (10467)
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits
 of the establishment of a regulator of property agents to help tackle leasehold issues. (10471)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential
 merits of a moratorium on evictions for mortgage prisoners. (10472)
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential
 merits of making the guidance entitled Code of Practice for the remediation of residential
 buildings, published on 27 July 2023, mandatory, in the context of the major fire incident in
 Dagenham on 26 August 2024. (10474)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an audit programme to ensure compliance with the document entitled Code of Practice for the remediation of residential buildings, published on 23 July 2023, in the context of the major fire incident in Dagenham on 26 August 2024.

(10475)

- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment
 of the potential merits of including detailed guidance on the evidence-based criteria used
 for decisions on whether residents should be decanted during remedial works in the Code
 of Practice for the remediation of residential buildings, published on 27 July 2023, in the
 context of the major fire incident in Dagenham on 26 August 2024. (10476)
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment
 of the potential merits of including guidance regarding the fire rating of temporary
 materials applied to a building during remedial works on the fire rating of temporary
 materials applied to a building during remedial works in the Code of Practice for the
 remediation of residential buildings, published on 27 July 2023, in the context of the major
 fire incident in Dagenham on 26 August 2024.
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's publication
 entitled Building Safety Remediation: monthly data release August 2024, published on
 19 September 2024, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that developer selfdeclarations under clause 5.4(i) or 5.4(ii) of the developer remediation contract are (a)
 reviewed (b) audited by the Department.
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that
 developer self-declarations under clause 5.4(i) or 5.4(ii) of the developer remediation
 contract have been agreed by (a) building owners (b) leaseholders and residents. (10479)
- 139 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to issue a response
 to the call for evidence entitled Leaseholder-owned buildings (11m+ or 5 storeys+) which
 closed on 14 November 2022. (10480)
- 140 Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to commission an independent audit for buildings under 11 metres where the Fire Risk Appraisal of External Walls recommends remediation work. (10481)
- 141 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has a contract with
 an independent auditor for buildings under 11 metres where the Fire Risk Appraisal of
 External Walls recommends remediation work. (10482)
- Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people claimed the single-person discount on council tax in the latest period for which data is available; and what the cost to the public purse was of this discount in the same period. (10490)

- 143 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the report by The Community Land Trust Network entitled Community Housing Fund Delivery Review, published 19th September 2024. (10646)
- Siân Berry (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to release capital investment for community led housing. (10647)
- Siân Berry (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will set out her timetable to bring forward regulations relating to Schedule 3 of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 to allow Community Land Trusts to obtain community housing certificates to exempt homes from leasehold enfranchisement. (10648)
- Siân Berry (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take legislative steps to support the continued provision of leasehold flats and houses by (a) Community Land Trusts and (b) other community-led providers.

 (10649)
- 147 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will include a youth chapter in the upcoming homelessness strategy. (10629)
- 148 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the timelines are for the cross-government strategy to end homelessness. (10630)
- 149 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, if she will amend the Future Homes and Buildings

 Standards to ensure that all newbuild homes include solar photovoltaic panels. (10428)
- Marie Goldman (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the (α) infrastructure levy and (b) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and section 106 system.
 (10543)
- 151 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing local council planning fees so that they cover the costs of local planning services. (10544)
- Jodie Gosling (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to increase the supply of social housing in Nuneaton constituency. (10536)

- 153 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to block applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects which include solar photovoltaic panels on grade 1, 2 and 3a farmland. (10407)
- 154 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to take steps to ensure that tenants with permission to keep pets are able to keep those pets throughout their tenancy. (10608)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to take steps to (a) prevent landlords from not considering prospective tenants that have pets and (b) support people with pets to find somewhere to rent. (10609)
- Rebecca Paul (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an estimate of the proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy spent on each category of infrastructure listed in subsection 2 of s216 of the Planning Act 2008 for (a) Reigate & Banstead, (b) Surrey and (c) England in each year since 2020.
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department issues on use of single notional invoices for Representation of the People Act 1983 candidate returns where multiple elections are contested concurrently. (10528)
- 158 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to increase the quality of education in young offender institutions. (10656)
- 159 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of (a) staff shortages and (b) inadequate training on the educational experiences of children in young offender institutions. (10657)
- 160 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to improve collaboration between education providers and young offender institutions. (10658)
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of (a) lack of access to education and (b) prolonged cell confinement on the (i) rehabilitation and (ii) future prospects of children in young offender institutions. (10659)
- Sarah Hall (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information her Department holds on the number of prisoners diagnosed with Huntington's disease in the last five years. (10655)

- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many confiscations of Class A drugs took place in prisons in (a) England and (b) Wales in each of the last three years. (10409)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many confiscations of mobile phones took place in prisons in (a) England and (b) Wales in each of the last three years. (10410)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's polices of trends in the level of costs for (a) family and (b) close friends of victims of crime for attending (i) trials and (i) sentencing. (10661)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make it her policy to reimburse family members of victims with limited means the cost of attending the (a) trial and (b) sentencing. (10662)
- Oliver Ryan (Burnley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the (a) adequacy of safeguards against the misuse of online application forms for Lasting Power of Attorney and (b) potential merits of only providing forms following discussions with officials who are satisfied that Lasting Power of Attorney would be in the interests of vulnerable people. (10558)
- **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make it his policy that any future Northern Ireland troubles legacy proposals will have capacity to deal with murders that took place after 10th April 1998.

 (10510)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the PSNI on the Provisional IRA Army Council. (10512)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps the Government is taking to increase the resilience of telecommunications infrastructure in Northern Ireland, in the context of recent ransomware attacks in the last 12 months. (10514)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment he has made of the long-term sustainability of the financial settlement provided to Northern Ireland under the Barnett formula. (10515)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps the Government is taking to improve cross-border cooperation on tackling (a) organised crime and (b) paramilitary activities in Northern Ireland. (10516)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Transport on steps to improve Northern Ireland's transport connectivity with the rest of the UK. (10517)

- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many firearms have been registered in Northern Ireland in each of the last five years. (10521)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many firearm licenses have been revoked in Northern Ireland in each of the last five years.

 (10522)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to support mortgage prisoners. (10473)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to ring-fence Business Asset Disposal Relief in the upcoming Budget. (10639)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 4258 on Treasury: public appointments, what the recruitment principles exception was for each appointment made by exception to her Department since 30 May 2024. (10441)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 2628 on Government departments: communication and public consultation, what data her Department holds on (a) government and (b) departmental spending on communications and marketing. (10442)
- **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to reduce wealth inequality in the UK. (10576)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of increasing Draught Relief to 20% on (a) pubs and (b) small and independent brewers in North Cornwall constituency. (10559)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing VAT on swimming lessons provided by non-council swimming facilities for (a) SEND children, (b) hydrotherapy patients, (c) the elderly and (d) other groups. (10564)
- **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure that financial services regulators fulfil their obligations under their secondary objective on international competitiveness and economic growth.

 (10485)
- 184 Jerome Mayhew (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what evidence she has seen of financial services regulators adapting their approach as a result of the secondary objective on international competitiveness and economic growth.
 (10486)

185N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to bring forward proposals to counter financial discrimination against cancer survivors.

[Transferred] (10281)

- Richard Tice (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to maintain current levels of (a) Agricultural Relief for Inheritance Tax and (b) Business Relief for Inheritance Tax in the upcoming Budget. (10660)
- 187 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of VAT rules applying to (a) cakes, (b) confectionary and (c) food; and if she will take steps to increase levels of business understanding of VAT ratings for new products falling within those categories. (10607)
- 188 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the temporary freeze on alcohol duty.

 (10492)

Questions for Answer on Monday 28 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 2 February 2024 to Question 11521 on Government Departments: Sick Leave, if he will make an estimate of the number of staff days lost to long term sick absences in each Department in 2023. (10531)
- 2N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make it his policy to ensure that the release of Jimmy Lai is a prerequisite to any trade agreement with China. (10450)
- 3N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to increase the time limit for access to the Employment Tribunal from three months to six months after an incident of workplace discrimination. (10535)
- 4N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what her planned timetable is for launching the next BBC charter review.

 (10414)
- 5N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to maintain the £35 million investment in grassroots cricket facilities announced on 4 April 2024. (10462)

- 6N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Prime Minister announces multi-million pound boost for grassroots cricket, published on 4 April 2024, what progress has been made on delivering new cricket domes to host the (a) 2026 Women's T20 World Cup and (b) 2030 Men's T20 World Cup. (10463)
- 7N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of funding for education health and care plans. (10600)
- 8N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to (a) improve support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in mainstream settings and (b) develop new specialist provision for children with SEND in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole council area.

 (10603)
- 9N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many pupils were supported via the Music and Dance Scheme in academic year (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25.
- 10N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many students received funding under the Music and Dance Scheme at each of the (a) eight schools and (b) 20 centres for advanced training in academic year (i) 2023-24 (ii) 2024-25.

 (10424)
- 11N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to publish a response to her Department's review of RSHE statutory guidance launched by the previous Administration in May 2024. (10511)
- 12N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his Department's policy is on approving permit applications for new waste incinerators. (10631)
- 13N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of (a) current and (b) future planned incineration waste capacity is used in (a) Cambridgeshire and (b) Peterborough. (10547)
- 14N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with Thames Water on removing surface water from sewer systems by (a) sewer lining and (b) manhole sealing in the Runnymede and Weybridge Constituency since July 2024. (10491)
- 15N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help support small regional airports to develop new routes in addition to the use of public service obligations. (10412)

- 16N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help improve road safety outside schools. (10620)
- 17N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department is taking steps to review the (a) operation and (b) fines attached to Parking Charge Notices. (10599)
- 18N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department is taking steps to simplify the application process for Pension Credit. (10618)
- 19N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the procurement process was to award contracts for the Change NHS online portal. (10502)
- 20N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Change NHS online portal, what the total cost to the public purse is of contracts issued to (a) Thinks Insight & Strategy, (b) Kaleidoscope Health and Care and (c) The Institute for Public Policy Research to run the public engagement programme; and if he will publish all (i) contracts, (ii) work programmes and (iii) terms of reference connected to the procurement process. (10503)
- 21N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what role (a) Ministers, (b) special advisers and (c) Departmental officials had in the awarding of contracts to the organisations running the Change NHS: A health service fit for the future public engagement campaign. (10504)
- 22N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total budget is for the Change NHS: A health service fit for the future public engagement campaign; and what time period this funding will cover. (10505)
- 23N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle misinformation on (a) migrant access to NHS services and (b) the accommodation of asylum seekers. [Transferred] (10284)
- 24N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase (a) the number of people being trained to be educational psychologists and (b) the number of assessments of children with undiagnosed SEND. (10601)
- 25N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that NHS services can meet additional demand in (a) the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin integrated care board and (b) England in winter 2024-25. (10529)

- 26N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help ensure that upper tier local authorities can meet additional demand for social care services in (a) Shropshire and (b) England in winter 2024-25. (10530)
- 27N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing mobile dental services in (a) Cambridgeshire and (b) Peterborough. (10546)
- 28N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had on the provision of Enhurtu to Her2 low metastatic breast cancer patients. (10532)
- 29N Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October to Question 9121, on Respiratory Syncytial Virus: Vaccination, when he expects to receive further advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation on the potential merits of extending eligibility for that vaccine to people who turned 80 before 01 September 2024. (10592)
- 30N **Rosie Wrighting** (Kettering): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of the Kettering General Hospital scheme. (10623)
- 31N **Rosie Wrighting** (Kettering): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding had been allocated by the Treasury for the Kettering General Hospital scheme as of 2 July 2024. (10625)
- 32N **Rosie Wrighting** (Kettering): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) business case status and (b) RIBA stage is of the Kettering General Hospital scheme.
- 33N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with
 his Lithuanian counterpart on the decision of that country to proscribe the Islamic
 Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organisation. (10498)
- 34N Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential
 impact of alleged reports that Hezbollah plans to advance into Galilee in Israel on the
 UK's strategic interests. (10499)
- 35N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking with
 international partners to help protect United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)
 personnel from attacks by Hezbollah in southern Lebanon. (10500)

- 36N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential
 implications for his policies of the recent arrest warrant issued against former Bangladesh
 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina; and whether he has had discussions with his Indian
 counterpart on the former Prime Minister's continued presence in India, in the context of
 the bilateral extradition treaty between Bangladesh and India. (10483)
- 37N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential
 implications for his policies of recent reports of the destruction of Ahmadiyya Muslim
 places of worship in the Punjab region of Pakistan. (10484)
- 38N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take diplomatic steps to reduce
 Iranian influence in Lebanon. (10497)
- 39N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of public funding for specialist domestic abuse services. (10610)
- 40N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle street crime against women and girls in (a)

 Ashford constituency and (b) Kent. (10579)
- 41N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what (a) funding her Department is providing and (b) steps her Department is taking to help prevent crime in (i) Ashford constituency and (ii) Kent. (10580)
- 42N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of levels of neighbourhood policing in (a) Ashford constituency and (b) Kent. (10581)
- 43N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 9189 on Police: Technology, and paragraph 5.6 of the Spring Budget 2024, published on 6 March 2024, HC 560, how much and what proportion of the £230 million funding for new police technology she plans to spend in the 2024-25 financial year. (10452)
- 44N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department has (a) allocated to and (b) spent on the air protection laser self-protection system. (10552)
- 45N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress has been made on establishing an integrated air and missile defence system for the UK.

 (10553)

- 46N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his (a) planned timetable and (b) key milestones for success are for the DIAMOND initiative. (10554)
- 47N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding has been allocated to the European Long-range Strike Approach programme. (10555)
- 48N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects Challenger 3 to be deployed to Estonia. (10556)
- 49N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what contracts his Department holds with Palantir Inc. (10453)
- 50N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 9487 on Strategic Defence Review, whether submissions to the Strategic Defence Review will be first read by (a) a human being and (b) an Artificial Intelligence tool.
- 51N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, when her Department plans to present secondary
 legislation amending the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024. (10615)
- 52N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Leasehold and Commonhold Reform Bill will ban leasehold houses. (10616)
- 53N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions her Department has held with Natural England on the effect of nutrient neutrality rules on new housebuilding projects in the River Stour catchment area in Kent. (10613)
- 54N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 9158 on Homelessness, what redress is available to a receiving Local Authority when a local authority breaches section 208 of the Housing Act 1996 by failing to notify them of an out-of-area placement. (10425)
- Darren Paffey (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help reduce the number
 of (a) social and (b) council housebuilding projects in Southampton which are delayed
 due to financial infeasibility.

 [Transferred] (10272)
- 56N **Chris Ward** (Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department issues guidance on handling hazardous materials when developing former gasworks sites. (10567)

- 57N **Chris Ward** (Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of imposing national restrictions on the development of ex-gasworks sites.

 (10568)
- 58N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, on what date the last of the prisoners who were released in error in September 2024 under the SDS40 early release scheme returned to prison. (10449)
- 59N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to reduce the backlog of court cases in Kent. (10583)
- 60N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to establish (a) Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme provision and (b) an alternative programme. (10455)
- 61N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the addition of VAT to school fees is compliant with section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. (10664)
- 62N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had discussions with the automotive industry on trends in the level of consumer debt accrued through car hire purchase agreements. (10413)
- 63N **Becky Gittins** (Clwyd East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure that all consumers are given access to financial services advice. (10605)
- 64N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to HMRC's guidance entitled Charging and reclaiming VAT on goods and services related to private school fees, last updated on 22 October 2024, what estimate she has made of the potential cost to the public purse of independent schools reclaiming the VAT on capital items that are less than 10 years old in each of the next five years. (10421)
- 65N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 4047 on Private Education: Fees and Charges, whether the Tax Information and Impact Note will include the estimated cost to the public purse of independent schools reclaiming the VAT on capital items that are less than ten years old.
- 66N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 9237 on Pensioners: Tax Rates and Bands, for what reason does Government not publish this data. (10501)
- 67N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies on National Insurance Contributions for employees of paragraph 4 of the report by the Office for Budget Responsibility entitled The economic effects of policy measures, published in October 2021.

68N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what the Government's planned timetable is for ending the gender pay gap. (10411)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

- Mike Tapp (Dover and Deal): What steps her Department is taking to increase the supply of housing. (900867)
- **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): What assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of shortfalls in council budgets. [R] (900868)
- **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): What plans her Department has to develop Stretton Hall through the New Homes Accelerator programme. (900869)
- **Mr Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that every property has access to either gigabit broadband or a 4G or 5G mobile signal. (900870)
- **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): If she will take steps to regulate property management service providers. (900871)
- **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): What recent progress her Department has made on planning reform. (900872)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): What steps her Department is taking to increase the supply of housing. (900873)
- **Alan Strickland** (Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor): What steps she is taking to reform the private rented sector. (900874)
- **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): What steps she is taking to protect the green belt in Farnham and Bordon constituency. (900875)
- David Smith (North Northumberland): What steps her Department is taking to increase the supply of social housing. (900876)
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of section 8 of the National Planning Policy Framework on the number of fast food outlets. (900877)
- **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that every property has access to either gigabit broadband or a 4G or 5G mobile signal.

 (900878)
- Danny Beales (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on reducing levels of furniture poverty. (900879)
- **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): What steps she plans to take to reform the leasehold system. (900880)
- **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that every property has access to either gigabit broadband or a 4G or 5G mobile signal. (900881)

- James MacCleary (Lewes): What assessment she has made of trends in the costs of delivering statutory local government services in rural areas. (900882)
- 17 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): What steps she is taking with local authorities to help ensure that they have adequate resources to fund local services. (900883)
- Josh Simons (Makerfield): What steps her Department is taking to increase the supply of housing in towns in Makerfield constituency. (900884)
- 19 **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): What steps she is taking to help ensure that people living in new homes have access to well-designed green spaces. (900885)
- 20 **Oliver Ryan** (Burnley): What steps she is taking to help tackle Islamophobia. (900886)
- 21 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): What steps she is taking to help ensure the financial sustainability of local authorities. [R] (900887)
- 22 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): What steps she plans to take to reform the leasehold system. (900888)
- 23 **Warinder Juss** (Wolverhampton West): What steps she is taking to build more affordable homes. (900889)
- 24 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): What assessment she has made of the potential merits of reforming the planning system to introduce new measures to help reduce flood risk. (900890)
- 25 John Slinger (Rugby): What steps her Department is taking to increase the supply of social housing. (900891)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Γ1	Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities.	
		(900892)
Г2	Tom Morrison (Cheadle):	(900893)
Г3	Helena Dollimore (Hastings and Rye):	(900894)
Г4	Gareth Bacon (Orpington):	(900895)
Г5	Darren Paffey (Southampton Itchen):	(900896)
Г6	Sojan Joseph (Ashford):	(900897)
Г7	Martin Vickers (Brigg and Immingham):	(900898)
Г8	Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West):	(900899)
Г9	James MacCleary (Lewes):	(900900)
Γ10	Liz Twist (Blaydon and Consett):	(900901)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 29 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of private school pupils with an education, health and care plan who will (a) enter mainstream state education, (b) enter specialist state education and (c) drop out of mainstream education as a result of the proposed application of VAT to private school fees..
- 2N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the (a) health and (b) welfare of (i) pets and (ii) wild animals during fireworks season in Aylesbury constituency. (10577)
- 3N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled UK statement on the ICJ's Advisory Opinion on Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, published on 19 July 2024, when he plans to release his Department's final response. (10451)
- 4N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support peacebuilding efforts by Israeli and Palestinian civil society. (10587)
- 5N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to review the police funding formula. (10426)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 30 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he plans to take to improve support for employers who hire people with autism. (10541)
- 2N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure ADHD testing is accessible to children in Greater Manchester.

 (10538)
- 3N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that people diagnosed with autism are actively consulted on the support they require by (a) addressing healthcare barriers, (b) improving health outcomes and (c) implementing necessary adjustments in health services. (10539)

- 4N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to reduce waiting times for autism diagnosis; and what steps he is taking to improve access to diagnostic services for (a) children and (b) adults. (10540)
- 5N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that people diagnosed with autism at the age of 30 or later receive comparable (a) support and (b) resources to people diagnosed in childhood; and what plans he has to tackle disparities in services. (10542)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Scotland

- 1 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): What discussions he had with representatives of the devolved Administrations and regions at the first meeting of the Council of Nations and Regions.

 (900902)
- 2 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for the space sector in Scotland. (900903)
- 3 **Kenneth Stevenson** (Airdrie and Shotts): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on encouraging inward investment into Scotland. (900904)
- 4 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): What discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Defence on the number of defence sector jobs in Scotland. (900905)
- 5 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): What recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on funding for the arts in Scotland. (900906)
- 6 Kirsteen Sullivan (Bathgate and Linlithgow): What discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the potential impact of the Government's new industrial strategy on workers and businesses in Scotland. (900907)
- 7 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): What steps he is taking to help support farmers and food production in Scotland. (900908)
- 8 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on supporting economic growth in Scotland. (900909)
- 9 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on supporting employment rights in Scotland. (900910)
- 10 Mr Gregory Campbell (East Londonderry): Whether he has had discussions with the Scottish Government on the criteria for assessing the potential impact of planning applications for offshore wind on UNESCO World Heritage Sites. (900911)
- 11 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the decision not to issue North Sea oil and gas licences on employment in Scotland. (900912)
- 12 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): What assessment he has made of the potential economic impact of extending the Borders Railway line from Tweedbank to Carlisle. (900913)

- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): What steps his Department is taking to help support a just energy transition in the North Sea. (900914)
- 14 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on supporting the green energy transition in Scotland. (900915)
- Maureen Burke (Glasgow North East): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on support for women on maternity leave in Scotland. (900916)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 31 October

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of implementing a (a) resettlement and (b) reunification scheme for non-UK citizens in Lebanon who have siblings in (i) the UK and (ii) Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr constituency. (10663)