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Questions tabled on Thursday 24 October 2024

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Questions for Answer on Monday 28 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 17 September 2024 to Question 4655 on Public Sector: Directors, which Non-Executive Board Members have left which Departments since 4 July 2024. (10986)
- 2 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 September 2024 to Question 4703 on Public Sector: Pay, if he will take steps to collate this information. (10987)
- 3 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether individuals of pension age receiving a pension from the security and intelligence services are able to accrue a civil service pension if employed by the civil service. (10989)
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 25 September to Question 5051 on Civil Servants: Trade Union Officials, whether the Government plans to (a) issue new guidance on and (b) renegotiate existing facility time agreements. (10990)
- 5 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Civil Service has employed any (a) staff and (b) contractors on zero-hours contracts since 5 July 2024. (10991)
- 6 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when his Department plans to publish the debarment list. (11029)

- 7 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2024 to Question 8571 on Trade Agreements: Parliamentary Scrutiny, what options he is considering for wider scrutiny arrangements for trade agreements. (11149)
- 8 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential for abuse of voluntary insolvencies. [Transferred] (10726)
- 9 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department supports the use of Compulsory Licences to gain access to medicines (a) generally and (b) by Columbia for access to dolutegravir. (10999)
- 10 **Mrs Lorraine Beavers** (Blackpool North and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has had discussions with the Health Lottery on fulfilling its social responsibility duties. (11142)
- 11 **Mrs Lorraine Beavers** (Blackpool North and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department holds data on the amount the Health Lottery (a) makes in profit and (b) spends on social endeavours. (11143)
- 12 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support the development of the esports industry. (11076)
- 13 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate her Department has made of when the re-build of Ashfield School will take place. (11047)
- 14 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve the provision of SEND services in Hertfordshire. (11008)
- 15 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle funding gaps for statutory SEND duties in Hertfordshire. (11009)
- 16 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle disparities in per-head High Needs Funding between Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire. (11010)
- 17 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data her Department holds on the proportion of schools that celebrate Gypsy, Roma and Traveller history month; and what steps she is taking to help support the inclusion of this history on the National Curriculum. (10969)
- 18 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will ensure that all teachers are trained to support students with Special Educational Needs. (11125)

- 19 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to update the International Education Strategy. (11091)
- 20 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase the provision of level (a) five and (b) six qualifications in areas that do not have a university. (11080)
- 21 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Written Statement of 22 October 2024, HCWS150 on Mainstream Free Schools, what her policy is on opening free schools approved under the last Government. (11052)
- 22 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of recognising book and claim as a form of corporate emissions reporting. (11027)
- 23 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) returning he Mineworkers' Pension Scheme investment reserve to scheme members and (b) commissioning a review into future investment reserve surplus sharing arrangements. (11067)
- 24 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help decarbonise the gas grid. (11068)
- 25 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of using the gas grid to support the decarbonisation of (a) domestic and (b) industrial space heating. (11069)
- 26 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential cost to the public purse of decommissioning the gas grid. (11070)
- 27 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to introduce (a) low- and (b) no-cost finance for domestic energy efficiency measures in its Warm Homes Plan. (11071)
- 28 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made with the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the potential merits of removing VAT from refrigerants used in heat pumps. (11072)
- 29 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) effectiveness and (b) value for money of the Boiler Upgrade Scheme for increasing the number of heat pump installations. (11073)

- 30 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of creating a single service to advise households on (a) energy efficiency in the home and (b) financial support available for energy efficiency improvements. (11074)
- 31 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to tackle fraud in the Energy Company Obligation scheme. (11081)
- 32 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the North Sea Transition Authority plans to award new licences for the (a) production and (b) extraction of oil and gas. (10970)
- 33 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Coal Authority plans to award new licences for the (a) mining and (b) extraction of coal. (10971)
- 34 **Mark Sowards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to regulate emissions produced by organisations. (11119)
- 35 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6253 on Marine Protected Areas: Fisheries, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the decision to allow bottom trawl fishing in parts of the Farnes East marine protected area on the (a) ecological integrity of the site and (b) meeting its conservation objectives. (11005)
- 36N **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to review the provisions for dairy free options for children with dairy (a) allergies and (b) intolerances in the school milk subsidy scheme. [Transferred] (10932)
- 37 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of EU Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 on shipments of waste. [Transferred] (10741)
- 38 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to launch a consultation on phasing out cages for layer hens. (11121)
- 39 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the staff turnover rate in his Department was in each of the last five years. (11109)
- 40 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to tackle illegal fox hunting. (11101)

- 41 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of the (a) powers and (b) resources of the Environment Agency to regulate landfill sites. (11079)
- 42 **Mark Sowards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help increase the affordability of cat neutering services. (11118)
- 43 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Justice in Northern Ireland on changes in the level of rural crime in Northern Ireland. [Transferred] (10724)
- 44 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what level extended producer responsibility fees will be set at. (10979)
- 45 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the cost of the introduction of extended producer responsibility fees to businesses. (10980)
- 46 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what body will administer the non-household packaging elements of the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme; and when he plans to publish details of that body. (10981)
- 47 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the consistency of phytosanitary certificate checks at the UK Border. (10982)
- 48 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of the implementation of further protections for (a) nature and (b) biodiversity in National Landscapes. (11126)
- 49 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to meet the UK's commitment under the Global Biodiversity Framework to reduce excess nutrients lost to the environment by at least half by 2030. (11128)
- 50 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what proportion of Project Gigabit's £5bn in funding will be used to deliver broadband in (a) rural and (b) urban areas. (11018)
- 51 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to divert any of the £5bn in funding for Project Gigabit to urban areas. (11019)

- 52 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to consult (a) civil society, (b) animal protection organisations and (c) the public on policy decisions on animal testing. (11001)
- 53 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he is taking steps to (a) collaborate with international partners on best practices and (b) align regulatory frameworks for animal testing; and what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on reducing reliance on animal testing. (11002)
- 54 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has had recent discussions with car manufacturers on the potential impact of digitally connected cars on the safety of domestic abuse survivors. (11004)
- 55 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions she has had with Ofcom on the adequacy of its reporting on the quality of phone signals for consumers. (11153)
- 56 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help improve internet connections in Great Yarmouth constituency. (11107)
- 57 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, in reference to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 7092 on Heathrow Airport: Railways, when her Department intends to publish a plan for future rail investment. (11147)
- 58 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) average waiting time for people calling and (b) time people spent on hold for the DVLA was in each of the last five years. (11116)
- 59 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the consultation entitled Creating a UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS), published on 22 October 2024, what steps she plans to take to allow communities to provide comments to the proposed UKADS on new flight path systems. (11020)
- 60 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the consultation entitled Creating a UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS), published on 22 October 2024, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of her proposal to establish the UKADS on the delivery timeline of the airspace modernisation programme. (11021)
- 61 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to her Department's consultation entitled, Creating a UK Airspace Design Service, published on 22 October 2024, whether the service will be staffed from existing Departmental staff. (11022)

- 62 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the current threshold for pension credit. (11033)
- 63 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a higher tax threshold for pensioners. (11042)
- 64 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reinstating trivial commutation following the changes to the Lifetime Allowance this year. (11127)
- 65 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how often her Department reviews the eligibility of foreign nationals for (a) Universal Credit and (b) other benefits. (11152)
- 66 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with local authorities on tackling youth unemployment in Great Yarmouth constituency. (11108)
- 67 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are claiming the enhanced mobility component of the personal independence payment by each eligible health condition. (11111)
- 68 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the (a) average waiting time for people calling and (b) time people spent on hold for her Department was in each of the last five years. (11115)
- 69 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to tackle child poverty in Sheffield Central constituency. (11092)
- 70 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to amend the Personal Independence Payment assessment system by reducing the number of documents required. (11097)
- 71 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the report entitled Disability Price Tag 2024, published by Scope in September 2024, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of Personal Independence Payments at supporting disabled people with the extra costs of disability. (11100)
- 72 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to make Jobcentres more effective at helping unemployed people into (a) work and (b) training. (11082)

- 73 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people claiming Income Support were (a) born and (b) not born in the UK. (11040)
- 74 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance were (a) born and (b) not born in the UK. (11041)
- 75 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support pubs in Ashfield constituency. (11044)
- 76 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much (a) funding and (b) other resources his Department is providing to GP practices to help meet the demand for appointments in the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial year. (11046)
- 77 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase funding for NHS smoking cessation programmes for pregnant women. (11048)
- 78 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase the number of NHS staff working on maternity units. (11049)
- 79 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to provide further funding to (a) voluntary community and (b) social enterprise organisations responding to local suicide rates. [Transferred] (10773)
- 80 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on the implementation of the recommendations of his Department's report entitled Good for you, good for us, good for everybody: A plan to reduce overprescribing to make patient care better and safer, support the NHS, and reduce carbon emissions, published on 22 September 2021. (11003)
- 81 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to provide adequate funding for research into blood cancer (a) treatment and (b) care; and what steps he is taking to help tackle delays in blood cancer diagnosis. (11129)
- 82 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to increase the number of clinical academics dedicated to blood cancer research. (11130)
- 83 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce dermatology waiting times. (11131)

- 84 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of waiting times from GP referral to first appointment with dermatology clinic on patients; and what data his Department holds on average such waiting times (a) for NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West ICB and (b) nationally. (11132)
- 85 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make funding for the National Breastfeeding Helpline's overnight service permanent. (11133)
- 86 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that new parents receive adequate support. (11134)
- 87 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of delays to fitness to practice investigations on dentists' mental health. (10984)
- 88 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment the Department has made of the potential impact of women's health hubs on health disparities in the treatment of (a) endometriosis, (b) polycystic ovary syndrome, (c) other menstrual health conditions and (d) other women's healthcare. (11135)
- 89 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much has been spent on (a) translation and (b) interpretation by (i) all NHS Trusts, (ii) James Paget University Hospitals Trust and (iii) the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust in each of the last five years. (11106)
- 90 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for children's mental health services in Sheffield Central constituency. (11095)
- 91 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plans to bring forward legislative proposals to update the Mental Health Act 1983. (11096)
- 92 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the number of single-use items used by the National Health Service. (11075)
- 93 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): 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 report entitled Report of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan published by the UN's Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan on 6 September 2024. (11090)

- 94 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6251 on Sudan: Development Aid, if he will break down the £97 million allocated to Sudan by funding to (a) multilaterals, (b) NGOs and (c) national and local organisations. (11000)
- 95 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): 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] reports that the British High Commissioner to Mauritius' phone conversations were leaked; and if he will review the effectiveness of negotiations on the exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago. (10968)
- 96 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to help promote freedom of religious belief for (a) Christians and (b) other religious minorities in Nigeria. (11028)
- 97 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 2067 on Government Hospitality: Wines, what the (a) full name, (b) vintage and (c) cost was of each (i) wine and (ii) spirit that has been used for hospitality in Downing Street since the general election. (10993)
- 98 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the Government's policy is on paying reparations to countries impacted by the UK's historic involvement in slavery. (11102)
- 99 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will issue guidance to (a) HSBC and (b) Standard Chartered on ensuring that British National (Overseas) passports are valid documents for Hong Kongers to use to secure early withdrawals of their Mandatory Provident Fund savings after permanently leaving Hong Kong. (11085)
- 100 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that Hongkongers who have (a) arrived in the UK under the BN(O) scheme and (b) will be naturalised as British citizens have access to UK (i) consulates and (ii) consular services. (11054)
- 101 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department takes to help ensure continuity of support for delivery of community-led HIV response during (a) conflict and (b) climate disasters. (10998)
- 102 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to expand safe routes for asylum seekers. (10977)

- 103 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether theft of a Minister's personal possessions while on official business is covered by Departmental insurance. (10992)
- 104 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of (a) translation and (b) interpretation services provided by (a) all police forces and (b) Norfolk Constabulary each year for the previous five years. (11103)
- 105 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many terrorist plots there have been by the ideology of the perpetrators in each of the last five years. (11104)
- 106 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of irregular migrants who claim to be under 18 have undergone age assessments since 2018; and how many and what proportion of those assessed were found to be 18 or over. (11112)
- 107 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the report entitled 12 Years of Modern Slavery, published by Kalayaan on 16 June 2024, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of reinstating the pre-2012 visa regime for migrant domestic workers. (11141)
- 108 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the results of training flights using Watchkeeper WK450 tactical unmanned aerial vehicle systems in Estonia in August 2024. (11014)
- 109 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Army's Watchkeeper mid-life extension programme. (11015)
- 110 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to permanently deploy a drone-specialist regiment in Estonia. (11016)
- 111 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to undertake further drone flight tests in Estonia following the 47th Regiment Royal Artillery's testing during August. (11017)
- 112 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to engage with people affected by the ban on LGBT people serving in the British Armed Forces prior to the start of discussions on a financial settlement. (11146)
- 113 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's Regulation of Property Agents working group report, published on 18 July 2019, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of regulating the activities of property agents. (11030)

- 114 **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 enabling Mayors of Combined Authorities to suspend the right to buy. (11031)
- 115 **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 appointing a building safety tsar to develop a building safety remediation programme to ensure that companies responsible for poor building safety (a) undertake any necessary remediation work and (b) pay compensation to homeowners and leaseholders in those buildings. (11032)
- 116 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of immigration on the length of waiting lists for social housing in (a) Ashfield and (b) Mansfield district. (11045)
- 117 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on decreasing the number of properties required to trigger the flooding recovery framework. [Transferred] (10772)
- 118 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to registered social landlords. (11053)
- 119 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the protection of historic landscapes which have inspired literature from development. (11007)
- 120 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 7096 on Local Plans, for what reason she chose the local authorities to which she has written to ask for Local Growth Plans. (11148)
- 121 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance is available to Local Planning Authorities on lowering house building targets. (11110)
- 122 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the number of people who are not UK citizenships that are on a waiting list for (a) social and (b) council housing (i) in the UK and (ii) for Great Yarmouth Borough Council. (11113)

- 123 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the disparity in wealth of the wealthiest 10% of the population and the average household on (a) economic prosperity, (b) productivity and (c) social cohesion in Cornwall. [Transferred] (10953)
- 124 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of devolving legislative powers to a Cornish Assembly. (11136)
- 125 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of (a) recognition of the Cornish as a national minority under the European Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and (b) protection of the Cornish language under the European Charter for Regional and Minority Languages on policy on devolving powers to Cornwall. (11137)
- 126 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure new homes help the UK meet its net zero commitments. (11093)
- 127 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of her Department's policies to build new homes on the UK's carbon budget. (11094)
- 128 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment with the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, of the potential impact of a lack of nest sites, including buildings, on Red Listed cavity-nesting birds. (11145)
- 129N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for the publication of his Department's response to the consultation on the Future Homes Standard. [Transferred] (10836)
- 130 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will include greater protection of the Oxford Green Belt in the National Planning Policy Framework. (11124)
- 131 **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what her planned timetable is to respond to her Department's consultation entitled Open Justice: the way forward which closed on 7 September 2023. (11138)
- 132 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much was spent on (a) translation and (b) interpretation costs in (i) all courts and (ii) Great Yarmouth Magistrates court in each of the last five years. (11105)

- 133 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many crimes were committed by undocumented migrants by each crime committed in each year since 2018. (11117)
- 134 **Mark Sowards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing legislation to allow victims of crime to express impact statements to convicted people directly. (11120)
- 135 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to reduce the backlog in the administration of family court orders. (11023)
- 136 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what role he plans his Department will have in supporting the work of the Northern Ireland Transformation Board. (11089)
- 137 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to help support pubs in Ashfield constituency. (11043)
- 138N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the £2.26bn loan for Ukraine will be included in the GDP figure for defence expenditure. [Transferred] (10746)
- 139N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Oral Statement of 22 October 2024 on Ukraine, Official Report, columns 183-4, whether he has had discussions with his Ukrainian counterpart on the proportion of the £2.26 billion loan to Ukraine that will be spent on the UK defence industry. [Transferred] (10748)
- 140 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recent increases in the minimum wage for 18-21 year olds on the financial sustainability of the hair and beauty sector. (11006)
- 141 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to increase funding for Local Authorities in line with NHS pay awards to ensure that other council services, including SEND and social care provision, are not affected. (11011)
- 142 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people received tax relief on their pension contributions at the (a) 20% and (b) 40% rate in the latest period for which data is available. (11122)
- 143 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total value was of pension tax relief to people paying the (a) 20% and (b) 40% rate in the latest period for which data is available. (11123)
- 144 **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, if she will provide this data by the recruitment principles exception used by each grade. (10988)

- 145 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the withdrawal of the temporary easement for wine on the supply chain for UK-based importers. (11025)
- 146 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the withdrawal of the temporary easement for wine on SMEs in the wine industry. (11026)
- 147N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to help stakeholders prepare for the introduction of the third stage of the Border Target Operating Model on 31 January 2025. [Transferred] (10794)
- 148 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the (a) average waiting time for people calling and (b) time people spent on hold for HMRC was in each of the last five years. (11114)
- 149 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the report entitled Disability Price Tag 2024, published by Scope in September 2024, what steps her Department takes to support disabled households with the extra costs they face. (11098)
- 150 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the report entitled Disability Price Tag 2024, published by Scope in September 2024, what estimate she has made of the extra costs incurred by disabled people. (11099)
- 151 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to apply VAT to small private schools offering Montessori education where pre-school age children are in the same classes as older children. [Transferred] (10716)
- 152 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent progress her Department has made on bringing forward proposed reforms to the gender recognition certificate process. (11078)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 29 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure that large scale lotteries meet social responsibility requirements. (10983)

- 2N **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Written Statement of 22 October 2024 on Mainstream Free Schools, HCWS150, what the 44 centrally delivered, mainstream projects are on which her Department will engage with local authorities and trusts. (11051)
- 3N **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many additional applications for pension credit have been accepted in (a) England, (b) Wales, (c) Scotland, (d) North West of England and (e) Runcorn and Helsby constituency in the last four months. (11034)
- 4N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2024 to Question 9771 on Social Security Benefits, for which benefit lines the Department records data on the birthplace of people claiming (a) out of work and (b) other benefits. (11035)
- 5N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people claiming Universal Credit were (a) born and (b) not born in the UK. (11036)
- 6N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people claiming Employment and Support Allowance were (a) born and (b) not born in the UK. (11037)
- 7N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people claiming the Personal Independence Payment were (a) born and (b) not born in the UK. (11038)
- 8N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people claiming Housing Benefit were (a) born and (b) not born in the UK. (11039)
- 9N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to (a) replace new Universal Credit claim (i) advance and (ii) benefit transfer loans with new claim grants and (b) to write off overpayments made in error. (11088)
- 10N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of making (a) rozanolixizumab, (b) zilucoplan and (c) efgartigimod available to NHS patients with myasthenia gravis (MG); and what (i) representations his Department has received from and (ii) meetings his Department has had with MG patients on that matter. (11055)
- 11N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase innovation in adult social care. (11061)

- 12N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made with the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the potential impact of (a) ME and (b) long covid on economic growth. (10994)
- 13N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the delivery plan for ME/CFS will include measures to improve the safety of NHS care for patients with ME. (10995)
- 14N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of ring-fencing biomedical research funding for ME. (10996)
- 15N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): 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 human rights situation in Balochistan. (11144)
- 16N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in (a) Armenia and (b) Azerbaijan on Armenians detained in Azerbaijan. (10973)
- 17N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his US counterpart on peace negotiations between Armenia and Azerbaijan. (10974)
- 18N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support peace negotiations between Armenia and Azerbaijan. (10975)
- 19N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in (a) Armenia and (b) Azerbaijan on the preservation of buildings of Armenian religious significance in the Nagorno-Karabakh region. (10976)
- 20N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what progress his Department has made on developing a children in conflict strategy. (10972)
- 21N **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the oral answer of 14 October 2024 from the Minister for Veterans and People, Official Report, column 574, if he will clarify what the correct (a) welfare and (b) legal support are for veterans that are required to undergo legal proceedings relating to their service during the troubles in Northern Ireland. (11024)
- 22N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to maintain the link between Local Housing Allowance rates and rent cost increases each year. (11087)

- 23N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether local government commissioners appointed by her Department are classified as civil servants. (11150)
- 24N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners released via the Early Release Scheme on 22 October 2024 are registered as residing in Bridgwater constituency. (11086)
- 25N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the potential revenue loss from large society lotteries who should be paying lottery duty due to not meeting social responsibility requirements but have not. (10985)
- 26N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department takes to verify the qualifications of newly hired officials. (11057)
- 27N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department takes to verify the professional experience set out in the applications of newly hired officials. (11058)
- 28N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the Lifetime ISA withdrawal limit for home purchases in London in the context of average house prices in London in 2024. (11012)
- 29N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will review the Lifetime ISA withdrawal limit to support first time buyers in London. (11013)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 30 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2024 to Question 8925 on Charities: Political Activities, whether the Charity Commission plans to investigate political campaigning by HOPE not Hate (a) Limited and (b) Charitable Trust. (11083)
- 2N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the requirement for under 18s to retake (a) English and (b) Maths GCSE on children with complex SEND. (11060)
- 3N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Written Statement of 22 October 2024 on Mainstream Free Schools, UIN HCWS150, if the proposed new special educational needs school in Swanley is one of the schools to have their funding reviewed. (11050)

- 4N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce pre-consumer plastic waste in supply chains. (11063)
- 5N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with businesses on steps to reduce the (a) manufacture and (b) distribution of single-use plastic products other than wet wipes. (11064)
- 6N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the recycling rates of plastic film. (11065)
- 7N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) increase biodiversity on farms and (b) ensure that farms are financially sustainable. (11077)
- 8N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing parents to retrospectively claim National Insurance credits if they were eligible for child benefit but did not claim them. (11059)
- 9N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the oral answer of 7 October 2024 from the Minister for Employment, Official Report, column 6, what changes have been made to the Access to Work Scheme since the beginning of this Parliament; how many additional staff have been assigned to processing Access to Work claims since the beginning of this Parliament; and from which other area these staff have been diverted. (10978)
- 10N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting single parents in part-time work with dependent children from the Administrative Earnings Threshold. (11056)
- 11N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of rural crime on (a) agricultural businesses and (b) Staffordshire Police. (11066)
- 12N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support for cavity-nesting birds on the Red List. (11062)
- 13N **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) social and (b) council housebuilding projects in Southampton are not delayed due to financial infeasibility. [Transferred] (10955)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Katrina Murray** (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 30 October. (900952)
- 2 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): (900953)
- 3 **Dame Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): (900954)
- 4 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): (900955)
- 5 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): (900956)
- 6 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): (900957)
- 7 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): (900958)
- 8 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): (900959)
- 9 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): (900960)
- 10 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): (900961)
- 11 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): (900962)
- 12 **John Slinger** (Rugby): (900963)
- 13 **Yuan Yang** (Earley and Woodley): (900964)
- 14 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): (900965)
- 15 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): (900966)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 31 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of conducting research on the impact of social media design on children's mental health. (11151)
- 2N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to improve the capacity of local authorities to administer the Household Support Fund. (10997)
- 3N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of allegations of sexual violence and assault perpetrated against (a) women in Palestine and (b) Palestinian women detained in Israeli prisons. (11139)

- 4N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much and what UK-funded aid has been denied entry into Gaza since 7 October 2024. (11140)
- 5N **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to end the use of hotel accommodation for women and girls seeking asylum. (11084)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- 1 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on supporting high street businesses. (900967)
- 2 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): Whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of recognising businesses with proactive equality practices. (900968)
- 3 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): If he will take steps to increase the use of sectoral collective bargaining. (900969)
- 4 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): What steps he is taking to help attract inward investment into Buckinghamshire. (900970)
- 5 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): What discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on reforms to business rates. (900971)
- 6 **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on supporting high street businesses. (900972)
- 7 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): Whether he is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to support the maritime sector to develop clean maritime technologies. (900973)
- 8 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): What recent progress he has made on developing a new industrial strategy. (900974)
- 9 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): What recent steps he has taken to help prevent e-bike battery fires. (900975)
- 10 **Matt Turmaine** (Watford): What progress his Department has made on delivering the Make Work Pay programme. (900976)
- 11 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): Whether he is taking steps to review free trade agreements negotiated under the previous Government. (900977)
- 12 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support the growth of co-operatives. (900978)
- 13 **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): What steps he is taking to help support small businesses to scale-up. (900979)
- 14 **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): What assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the outcomes of the International Investment Summit. (900980)

- 15 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support new co-operatives and mutuals. (900981)
- 16 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): What steps he is taking to support the night-time economy. [R] (900982)
- 17 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): What discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on reforms to business rates. (900983)
- 18 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): What steps he is taking to help support small businesses to scale-up. (900984)
- 19 **David Pinto-Duschinsky** (Hendon): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on supporting high street businesses. (900985)
- 20 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of abolishing business rates. (900986)
- 21 **Mike Reader** (Northampton South): What steps he is taking to help tackle late payments to small and medium-sized businesses. (900987)
- 22 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): What assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of abolishing business rates. (900988)
- 23 **Sam Rushworth** (Bishop Auckland): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support fair trade for producers. (900989)
- 24 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support businesses in rural areas. (900990)
- 25 **John Grady** (Glasgow East): What steps he is taking to attract inward investment into Scotland. (900991)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- T1 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (900992)
- T2 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): (900993)
- T3 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): (900994)
- T4 **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): (900995)
- T5 **John Slinger** (Rugby): (900996)
- T6 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): (900997)
- T7 **Becky Gittins** (Clwyd East): (900998)
- T8 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): (900999)
- T9 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): (901000)
- T10 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): [R] (901001)