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Questions tabled on Friday 25 October 2024

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Questions for Answer on Monday 28 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help support pubs in Ashfield constituency. [Transferred] (11044)
- 2N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his 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)
- 3 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, of the potential impact of a lack of nest sites, including buildings, on Red Listed cavity-nesting birds. [Transferred] (11145)
- 4 **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 steps her Department takes to support disabled households with the extra costs they face. [Transferred] (11098)
- 5 **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 estimate she has made of the extra costs incurred by disabled people. [Transferred] (11099)

- 6 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle violence against women and girls in (a) Stoke-on-Trent North constituency and (b) Kidsgrove. [Transferred] (10913)
- 7 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. [Transferred] (11011)
- 8 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a higher tax threshold for pensioners. [Transferred] (11042)
- 9 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of increasing the purchase price limit under the help-to-buy ISA scheme in line with average house price increases. [Transferred] (10885)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 29 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, if she will meet with the hon. Member for Newcastle-under-Lyme to discuss the condition of the Church estate in that constituency. (11198)
- 2 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what his timetable is for the publication of guidance to Great Britain based businesses trading in Northern Ireland on the General Product Safety Regulations 2025 . (11173)
- 3 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help support the (a) TV and (b) film industry outside of London. (11169)
- 4 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to conclude her review of Arts Council England. (11170)
- 5 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of imposing VAT on independent school fees on access to independent schools' sports facilities for state sector pupils. (11162)
- 6 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the planned free school in Bedford Borough is under review by her Department. (11188)

- 7 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to replace capital funding originally allocated to (a) Arnold Academy, (b) Parkfields Middle School, (c) Toddington St. George Church of England School, and (d) The Firs Lower School in Mid Bedfordshire constituency through the Condition Improvement Fund. (11189)
- 8 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of battery energy storage systems. (11184)
- 9 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether (a) Ministers and (b) officials have held recent discussions with National Grid on the viability of using an underground cable system instead of pylons as part of the great grid upgrade. (11157)
- 10 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of staff employed by his Department have experience in farming. (11204)
- 11 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of staff employed by his Department work exclusively on farming issues. (11205)
- 12 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help reduce the number of Blue Tongue virus livestock cases in Shropshire. (11161)
- 13 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of immigration on the road system. (11208)
- 14 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which consular representatives from his Department attended the Innotrans rail trade convention in Berlin between Tuesday 24 and Friday 27 September 2024. (11165)
- 15 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding her Department provided to Rail Partners in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (11166)
- 16 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much (a) Northern Rail, (b) London North Eastern Railway, (c) TransPennine Express and (d) Southeastern pay annually in membership fees to (i) the Rail Delivery Group and (ii) Rail Partners. (11167)
- 17 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding her Department has provided for signalling improvements on the Cambrian line since 2014. (11182)

- 18 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the value for money of Network Rail's annual spending with Alexander Mann Solutions. (11183)
- 19 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many habitual residence tests have been granted in each year of the last five years. (11207)
- 20N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to maintain the link between Local Housing Allowance rates and rent cost increases each year. [Transferred] (11087)
- 21 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to include brain tumours in personalised mRNA-based cancer immunotherapies research. (11185)
- 22 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to establish a formal pathway for the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of Charles Bonnet Syndrome. (11195)
- 23 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase the number of healthcare professionals trained to (a) diagnose and (b) treat Charles Bonnet Syndrome. (11196)
- 24 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Ministers in his Department have met representatives of the Mermaids charity since 5 July 2024. (11154)
- 25 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of radiotherapy treatment machines in England. (11155)
- 26 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with NHS England on improving access to radiotherapy treatments for cancer patients in rural areas. (11156)
- 27 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS staff (a) were dismissed and (b) resigned due to mandatory Covid-19 vaccination regulations. (11202)
- 28 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department has spent on (a) external tenders and (b) contracts for (i) translation and (ii) interpretation services in the NHS in each of the last five years. (11203)
- 29 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the availability of GP appointments in West Dorset constituency. (11214)

- 30 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support community pharmacies in providing primary healthcare consultations. (111215)
- 31 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department taking through the (a) UN, (b) 7 and (c) other multilaterals to support freedom of religion or belief globally. (11163)
- 32 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has provided funding to the Runnymede Trust in the last ten years. (11159)
- 33 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle county lines operations in Lincolnshire. (11164)
- 34 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate his Department has made of the number of irregular migrants that entered the UK via the English Channel whose whereabouts are no longer known. (11186)
- 35 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will publish a list of the hotels housing irregular migrants, broken down by star rating; and if he will provide the number of irregular migrants in each hotel. (11187)
- 36 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish a breakdown of crimes committed on the transport network by (a) nationality and (b) category of crime in each of the last five years. (11200)
- 37 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many irregular migrants have landed in (a) Norfolk and (b) Great Yarmouth constituency since 2018. (11209)
- 38 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applications were (a) made and (b) concluded in each month of each year since 2010. (11180)
- 39 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applications were completed on average per caseworker per week in each month of each year since 2010. (11181)
- 40 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether external (a) guidance and (b) training has been contracted for discussing (i) unconscious bias, (ii) critical race theory and (iii) decolonisation with staff in her Department. (11212)

- 41 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what (a) guidance and (b) training her Department provides to caseworkers handling asylum applications. (11213)
- 42 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average processing time is for a Skilled Worker visa. (11192)
- 43 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether each of the armed forces has diversity targets. (11193)
- 44 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to upgrade and modernise married living quarters at RAF Cosford. (11160)
- 45 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many times (a) his Department and (b) each agency sponsored by his Department has experienced a cyber attack in each year since 2010; what the cost to the public purse was of each cyber attack; and who the perpetrator was of each cyber attack. (11211)
- 46 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to intervene where councils have issued a section 114 notice. (11178)
- 47 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has provided funding to local authorities for diversity and inclusion projects in the last three financial years. (11179)
- 48 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with representatives from the Church Urban Fund since 5 July 2024. (11199)
- 49 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to address the increase in the remand population across the prison estate. (11190)
- 50 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners released under the early release scheme on (a) 10 September 2024 and (b) 22 October 2024 are registered as residing in (i) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (ii) Lincolnshire. (11158)
- 51 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners released under the early release scheme have been rearrested since September 2024. (11206)
- 52 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on mitigating the potential impact of closing Scottish visitor centres. (11194)

- 53 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a ring-fenced, multi-annual improved funding settlement for the agricultural sector. (11168)
- 54 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of quantitative easing on inflation. (11201)
- 55 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many claims for Research and Development tax credits were made (a) fraudulently and (b) in error since 2010 (11210)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 30 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of swallowtail butterfly numbers in (a) North Norfolk constituency and (b) England. (11197)
- 2N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to take steps to regulate driving instructors to help ensure the safety of young women. (11177)
- 3N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2024 to Question 2311 on British Nationals Abroad: Departmental Responsibilities, whether the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan) is responsible for cross-departmental representation of British expats within the Government on matters other than consular and crisis operations. (11174)
- 4N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to the United Nations on the attendance of the UN Secretary General at the BRICS summit in Russia. (11175)
- 5N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2024 to Question 2311 on British Nationals Abroad: Departmental Responsibilities, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a ministerial portfolio for representing the interests of UK citizens living abroad. (11176)

- 6N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (11059)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 31 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of recognising businesses with proactive equality practices. [Transferred] (900968)
- 2N **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support businesses in rural areas. [Transferred] (900990)
- 3N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has carried out research into the impact of AI in education settings on children's wellbeing. (11217)
- 4N **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to support the maritime sector to develop clean maritime technologies. [Transferred] (900973)
- 5N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the criteria for auto-enrolment for workplace pensions in the Pensions (Extension of Automatic Enrolment) Act 2023. (11172)
- 6N **John Slinger** (Rugby): 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 outcome of the recent parliamentary elections in the Kurdistan region in Iraq. (11191)
- 7N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police officers are not able to have contact with the public due to ongoing misconduct investigations in each police force; and for how long the ten police officers who have not been able to have contact with the public for the longest period have been in this position. (11171)
- 8N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the availability of the funding required for the 5.5% pay increase recommended by the Pay Review Body for health workers in Northern Ireland. (11216)

- 9N **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on reforms to business rates. [Transferred] (900971)
- 10N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on reforms to business rates. [Transferred] (900983)
- 11N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of abolishing business rates. [Transferred] (900986)
- 12N **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of abolishing business rates. [Transferred] (900988)
- 13N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support the growth of co-operatives. [Transferred] (900978)
- 14N **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support new co-operatives and mutuals. [Transferred] (900981)