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Questions tabled on Friday 8 November 2024

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Questions for Answer on Monday 11 November

- Stephen Gethins (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the investor-state dispute settlement measures in the Colombia-UK Bilateral Investment Treaty on the upholding of (a) environmental and (b) human rights protections in Colombia.

 [Transferred] (12967)
- 2 Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing surpluses to the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme in line with the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme.
 (13228)
- 3 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had recent discussions with the Office for Budget Responsibility on accounting for public sector funding for research and development in fiscal forecasts. (13226)
- 4 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of public sector funding for research and development on private sector investment in research. (13227)
- Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increasing the rate of employer national insurance contributions on contractors working inside IR35 via an umbrella company. (13229)

James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the impact of increasing employers' national insurance contributions on businesses in Essex. [Transferred] (13138)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 12 November

- Liam Byrne (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the EU Economic Security Strategy on UK businesses. (13176)
- 2 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 5 November 2024, to Question 11965, on Cabinet Office: Official Cars, how many senior officials had use of an official car from the Government Car Service on (a) 3 July and (b) 8 November. (13338)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet
 Office, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2024 to Question 11964 on Cabinet Office:
 Official Cars, what the security reasons are for not disclosing the number of allocated
 departmental Government Car Service cars that are electric. (13340)
- 4 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to integrate AI into civil service functions; and if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of AI on costs to the public purse in the next five financial years. (13307)
- 5 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil service staff are employed in (a) communications and (b) public relations roles. (13308)
- 6 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much has been spent in total on (a) design, (b) installation and (c) signage of gender neutral toilets by each Department. (13323)
- 7 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) gender neutral, (b) male and (c) female toilets there were in each Department in each of the last 10 years. (13324)
- 8 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much was spent on LGBT+ lanyards in each Department in each of the last five years. (13325)
- 9 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what flags are owned by each Department. (13326)

- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many non-disclosure agreements were signed by each Government Department in financial year 2023-24. (13341)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much has been spent in Number 10 on alcohol since 3 July 2024. (13345)
- **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to ensure that (a) Harland and Wolff is able to carry out the construction of Fleet Solid Support vessels and (b) Appledore Shipyard remains open. (13180)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many jobs were created in Lincolnshire as a result of foreign direct investment in the last five years. (13169)
- Clive Jones (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what data his Department holds on the number of utility companies that charge for paper copies of bills; what assessment he has made of the potential impact of this practice on customers; and whether he plans to take steps to monitor this practice. (13371)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support small rural businesses in West Dorset constituency to access export markets. (13313)
- **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether any arms export licences to Israel are under review other than those already suspended.

 (13355)
- **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with Premier League clubs on gambling sponsorship on their websites. (13378)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to consider the cruise industry's role in (a) inbound, (b) outbound and (c) domestic tourism when determining the membership of a re-established Tourism Industry Council. (13252)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to engage with the cruise industry; and whether she plans to invite representatives of that industry to join industry groups that her Department convenes. (13253)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how her Department plans to engage with (a) the cruise industry and (b) other tourism sectors in the development of tourism planning. (13255)

- 21 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support grassroots live music venues in London. (13365)
- 22 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, which (a) sporting, (b) cultural and (c) other events were attended by staff in her Department in each of the last five years by financial value. (13327)
- 23 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of closures of grassroots sports clubs on (a) community cohesion and (b) wellbeing in rural constituencies. (13298)
- 24 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of closures of grassroots disability sports clubs on (a) community cohesion and (b) wellbeing in rural constituencies. (13299)
- 25 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to undertake a review of the capital funding requirements of grassroots sports clubs for the sustainable, long-term maintenance of their facilities. (13300)
- Dan Norris (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture,
 Media and Sport, if she will make an estimate of the number of (a) domestic and (b)
 international tourists visiting North East Somerset and Hanham constituency annually.

 (13161)
- 27 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to extend the targeted STEM retention incentive payments for secondary school teachers to those teachers in further education colleges. (13258)
- Claire Coutinho (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what legal costs have been incurred by her Department for the appeal by the Freedom of Speech Union against her decision to pause the implementation of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023 as of 1 November 2024. (13264)
- Adam Dance (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 2.62 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the application of the standard VAT rate to independent schools on the teaching of (a) music and (b) the arts in such schools; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing support to such schools for such teaching. (13385)
- Mark Ferguson (Gateshead Central and Whickham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many kinship carers are registered in Gateshead Central and Whickham constituency; and if she will make an estimate of the average number of kinship carers registered per constituency. (13263)

- **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many primary school children are (a) eligible for and (b) registered to receive free school meals in Gateshead Central and Whickham constituency. (13265)
- **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the impact of the restriction of school and extra curricular options through repayment deadlines within the UK Benefits System on parents and students. (13358)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 6 November 2024 to Question 11711 on Students: Loans, for what reason there was an increase in the amount of debt written off between 2022-23 and 2023-24. (13306)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that rural schools have access to the latest (a) technological resources and (b) STEM education in West Dorset constituency.

 (13302)
- Josh Simons (Makerfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her
 Department is taking to help (a) ensure that academic (i) funding and (ii) other resources
 are not used to support Chinese state surveillance and (b) protect universities from
 national security risks. (13269)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on offshore wind supply chain development. (13241)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the National Wealth Fund on offshore wind supply chain development. (13242)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the potential merits of including support for the wind industry in the Government's industrial strategy. (13243)
- 39 Stuart Anderson (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to increase levels of community energy infrastructure.
 (13259)
- **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of his Department's policy on new oil and gas fields in the North Sea on his policies on net zero. (13254)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to support farmers who are affected by the changes made to inheritance tax regulations at the Autumn Budget 2024. (13238)

- 42 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what data his Department holds on the number of residences that are ineligible for Floor Re support due to qualifying policy five in Cities of London and Westminster constituency. (13350)
- 43 Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure clear labelling of (a) locally produced fruit and vegetables and (b) imported produce. (13223)
- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the amount of funding that will be required to meet the UK's potential obligations under the proposed UN global plastics treaty. (13351)
- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his policy is on (a) chemical recycling and (b) the mass balance approach at the INC5 negotiations for the UN Global Plastics Treaty. (13352)
- 46 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for setting out further grants through the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway. (13278)
- 47 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many farm holdings are worth more than £1,000,000, by constituency. (13216)
- 48 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the University of Exeter's report entitled Resilience of Coastal Communities, Work Package 1: Responding to recent changes, Survey and Interview, Results Summary, published on 9 October 2024. (13287)
- 49 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will accelerate the implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme including packaging. (13250)
- 50 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to implement the recommendations of the Fifth Report of the Committee of Public Accounts of 2023-24 on Government's programme of waste reforms, HC333, published on 1 December 2023. (13367)
- Dan Norris (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the import of (a) beef, (b) lamb and (c) mutton through the free trade agreement between the UK and Australia on UK farmers. (13162)

- 52 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will take steps to ban bottom trawling in marine protected areas. (13315)
- Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the number of highly protected marine areas in the UK. (13322)
- 54 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish guidance on withdrawing a Certificate of Exemption for XL Bully dogs.

 (13354)
- Sir Julian Smith (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the extent of sediment-associated lead contamination in (a) river channels and (b) floodplains downstream of historical lead mines, and if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Environment Agency's focus on water pollution in addressing this risk. (13210)
- Sir Julian Smith (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his department has made of the potential changes to the level of risk of lead contamination from flooding events due to climate change in areas downstream of historical lead mines. (13211)
- 57 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his department has to update its policy guidance on metal mine pollution to reflect the primary risk from sediment contamination in river channels and floodplains. (13212)
- Sir Geoffrey Cox (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to support innovation in
 epilepsy research. (13179)
- 59 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help encourage (a) innovation and (b) tech-based start-ups in rural constituencies. (13301)
- 60 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help promote rural innovation in green technologies in West Dorset constituency. (13303)
- 61 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans his
 Department has to help tackle backlogs of (a) road maintenance and (b) upgrades in
 Ashfield and Mansfield constituency. (13237)
- 62 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to increase the frequency of bus services in Ashfield and Mansfield constituency. (13239)

- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions officials in her Department have had with the (a) States of Jersey, (b) States of Guernsey, (c) ferry operators and (d) trade unions on the long term provision of ferry services from (i) Poole and (ii) Portsmouth to the Channel Islands. (13363)
- **Richard Fuller** (North Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a requirement for insurance providers to request images of the front and back of an applicant's driving licence as part of the quotation process. (13196)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) telegraph poles and (b) other infrastructure on inclusive mobility; and what steps she is taking to make streets more accessible. (13370)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of using (a) AI and (b) automation for rail reforms; and if she will have discussions with (i) Network Rail and (ii) train operators on the potential impact of those bodies using (A) AI on (B) automation on costs (I) for rail passengers and (II) to the public purse.
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many driving licences were issued to those born outside of the UK by nationality in each of the last five years.

 (13328)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of improving access to wifi on trains for (a) the economy and (b) productivity. (13343)
- **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support local bus services in Boston and Skegness constituency. (13379)
- **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to improve employment support for disabled Universal Credit claimants. (13272)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent discussions the child poverty taskforce has had with medical professionals. (13376)
- **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the impact of the journal system for Universal Credit on the mental health of applicants and users. (13359)
- **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of mandatory reconsideration for assessing Personal Independent Payment decisions. (13366)

- 74 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much her Department has attributed to fraud and error in each of the last ten years. (13346)
- 75 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data her Department holds on the number of people eligible for child maintenance who are not claiming it. (13285)
- Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of a 25 pence per week increase for state pension claimants. (13357)
- 77 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to improve dementia care services in Ashfield and Mansfield constituency. (13235)
- 78 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for the future of NHS procurement frameworks. (13319)
- 79 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of access to maternal mental health services. (13279)
- Or Beccy Cooper (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the provision of advice on plant-based diets by clinicians in primary care settings on (a) achieving the aim in the NHS Long Term Plan of supporting patients to adopt improved healthy behaviours and (b) the cost of health care. (13305)
- 81 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of developing a National GP Retention Strategy backed by ring-fenced funding. (13310)
- Dr Beccy Cooper (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Lord Darzi's Independent investigation of the NHS in England, published on 12 September 2024, what steps his Department is taking to support integrated care boards to increase capital expenditure in the primary care estate. (13311)
- Dr Beccy Cooper (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 2.71 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, what support his Department plans to give to GP practices unable to access the fund for GP surgery upgrades. (13312)
- Adam Dance (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of increased (a) investment in and (b) support for community pharmacies. (13333)

- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a breakdown of the cost to the public purse of NHS spend on (a) branded pharmaceuticals, (b) generic pharmaceuticals and (c) companion diagnostics in the last 12 months.
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the projected net NHS spend on medicines both before and after accounting for forecast rebates due via the (a) Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing, Access and Growth and (b) Branded Health Service Medicines (costs) Regulations 2018 for the next five years.
- 87 Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2024 to Question 2469 on Health Services:

 Disability, when he expects NHS England's review of the Accessible Information Standard to be published.

 (13273)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Child health GP hubs on access to specialists in local GP settings. (13377)
- **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) increasing public awareness of the symptoms of, (b) provide timely access to (i) diagnostic tests and (ii) treatments for and (c) otherwise take steps to improve early diagnosis rates for ovarian cancer. (13380)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to continue to support the TRANSFORM prostate cancer screening trial. (13276)
- **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average life expectancy is in (a) Gateshead Central and Whickham constituency and (b) each ward of that constituency. (13262)
- **Richard Fuller** (North Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that NHS Trusts adhere to national guidelines on the (a) accuracy and (b) reliability of medical records. (13197)
- **Richard Fuller** (North Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) policies and (b) procedures are in place across NHS Trusts to ensure that medical records are (i) accurate and (ii) evidence-based. (13198)
- **Richard Fuller** (North Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to monitor NHS Trusts' adherence to (a) General Medical Council and (b) National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance on patient records. (13199)

- **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many adults have received the respiratory syncytial virus vaccination in each month since July 2024. (13274)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing (a) free and (b) reduced-price sanitary products for women with PCOS and similar conditions. (13372)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for his policies of the proportion of bowel cancers diagnosed at each stage in the last five years. (13374)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department have to encourage earlier diagnosis of bowel cancer in the Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire Integrated Care Board region. (13375)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many excess deaths have there been each month for the last ten years. (13339)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of NHS staff have been non-patient facing in each of the last ten years.

 (13386)
- **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of adding a QR code to the NHS App on the (a) speed and (b) safety of the processing of patients (i) in vaccination clinics and (ii) generally..
- **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle shortages of molybdenum-technetium generators. (13360)
- **Mark Sewards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will allow individuals with a history of anaphylaxis to receive Novavax Covid-19 booster vaccinations. (13321)
- **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate the Food Standards Agency has made of the risk of lead contamination in (a) silage and (b) animal feed produced on floodplains downstream of historical lead mining sites. (13213)
- **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Food Standards Agency is taking to (a) assess and (b) mitigate the risk of lead contamination in (i) allotments and 9ii) other food growing areas located on floodplains downstream of historical lead mines. (13214)

- 106 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Food Standards Agency's planned review of dietary lead will consider the extent of contamination up to 100 kilometres downstream of historical lead mining sites.
- 107 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support GP practices in Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency, in the context of the changes made to employers' National Insurance Contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024. (13230)
- Richard Tice (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the potential thyroid cancer risk from Mounjaro; when his Department received this information; whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the provision of Mounjaro through the NHS on the risk of thyroid cancer; whether the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has requested information from the US Food and Drug Administration on its interim report on this matter of March 2024; and for what reason the risk-labelling for Mounjaro is different in the UK to that used in the US.
- 109 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for child and adolescent mental health services in (a) Stoke-on-Trent North constituency and (b) Kidsgrove. (13249)
- 110 Ian Byrne (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the
 implications for his policies of the adequacy of the (a) capacity of (i) hospitals and (ii)
 primary health care centres and (b) availability of (i) medicine and (ii) basic medical
 supplies in Gaza. (13246)
- 111 Ian Byrne (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help
 ensure compliance with the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of
 Genocide in Gaza. (13256)
- 112 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations his Department has made
 to the Pakistan Government on the rights of minority groups in that country. (13260)
- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) diplomatic, (b) humanitarian and (c) other steps he is taking with international counterparts to help secure the release of hostages held in Gaza. (13316)

- 114 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the

 implications for his policies of the new transitional justice legislation in Nepal. (13173)
- 115 Uma Kumaran (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the Leader of the House on bringing forward legislative proposals to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. (13362)
- 116N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to paragraph 4.44 of the Autumn
 Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, whether any of the additional
 funding allocated to the BBC World Service will go towards BBC Monitoring; and whether
 his Department plans to take steps to scruitnise the distribution of this funding. [Transferred]
 (12909)
- 117 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what progress he has made on ratification of the United Nations agreement on biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction. (13314)
- Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made recent representations to his Azerbaijani counterpart on Armenian prisoners illegally held by the Azerbaijan regime. (13193)
- 119 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Azerbaijani counterpart on the right of return of Armenians of Artsakh under international protection.

 (13194)
- 120 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made recent representations to his Azerbaijani counterpart on the protection of the cultural and religious heritage of Artsakh. (13195)
- 121 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to take steps with the Scottish government to help tackle destitution experienced by migrants in Scotland. (13289)
- 122 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department holds on the number of road traffic incidents which involved bicycles operated by (a) Lime and (b) Forest in 2023. (13349)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what is the total amount paid to (a) Serco, (b) Clearsprings and (c) Mears since 2019 for contracts to provide housing for asylum seekers. (13170)

- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of reported retail thefts have resulted in a charge in each of the last five years. (13342)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many irregular migrants are in hotel accommodation. (13353)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many citizenship applications were granted in each of the last 20 years by original nationality. (13369)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve access to mental health services for police officers in rural constituencies. (13295)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that rural fire services are adequately resourced to respond to emergencies in isolated areas. (13296)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding her Department has provided to rural fire services to help (a) reduce response times and (b) cover greater distances in the 2024-25 financial year. (13297)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will (a) commission and (b) publish research into domestic abuse against men. (13188)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle domestic abuse against men. (13218)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many women were (a) prosecuted and (b) convicted for domestic abuse against men in the period 2022-2023. (13219)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to improve reporting of domestic abuse against men. (13220)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce familial abuse. (13221)
- Pete Wishart (Perth and Kinross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of increasing the immigration detention estate by 290 places. (13184)
- Pete Wishart (Perth and Kinross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the cost to the public purse of immigration detention (a) in total, (b) per person detained and (c) by detention centre in the 2024-25 financial year. (13185)

- 137 **Pete Wishart** (Perth and Kinross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of implementing the recommendations of the 14th Report of Session 2017-19 of the Home Affairs Select Committee, Immigration detention, HC 913, published on 21 March 2019. (13186)
- Pete Wishart (Perth and Kinross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, if she will take steps to repeal Part II of the Nationality, Immigration and

 Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024. (13187)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to support military veterans in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (13171)
- 140 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans her Department has to increase the availability of affordable housing in Ashfield and Mansfield constituency. (13236)
- 141 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 on recent trends in the cost of service charges for leaseholders. (13347)
- 142 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of short-term letting websites on recent trends in private rental prices in Cities of London and Westminster constituency. (13348)
- 143 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of student homelessness. (13257)
- Liam Conlon (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to end rental bidding
 wars by landlords and letting agents (a) nationally and (b) in Beckenham and Penge
 constituency. (13280)
- 145 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for a decision on planning permission for the proposed Whitehaven coal mine. (13217)
- 146 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to make an announcement on the status of applications to the Community Ownership Fund Round 4. (13168)
- 147 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to protect the Tara

 Park Traveller site in Liverpool; if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the

- consultation with the residents of that site on the potential impact of the Ten Streets development; and whether she plans to redevelop that site in line with the surrounding redevelopment proposals. (13244)
- 148 Uma Kumaran (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of
 the regulatory standards for housing associations. (13290)
- 149 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to take steps to improve the

 regulation of under-performing housing associations. (13291)
- 150 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of introducing a legal right for (a) tenants and (b) residents to trigger an audit of service charges where bills are disputed. (13292)
- 151 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she has made a recent assessment of the
 potential merits of establishing an independent body to regulate service charges for
 residents of all tenures. (13293)
- 152 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support shared owners affected by (a) building remediation works and (b) increasing service charges. (13294)
- David Williams (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help support
 social housing providers to meet their duties under section 42 of the Social Housing
 (Regulation) Act 2023 in relation to (a) damp and (b) mould.

 (13248)
- David Williams (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support
 local authorities to ensure that young people's home to school transport needs are met.

 (13330)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many individuals per (a) nationality and (b) ethnicity were convicted of grooming offences since 2004.
- Dan Norris (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many unprocessed probate applications there are in (a) North east Somerset and Hanham constituency and (b) England. (13163)

- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of unprocessed probate applications that include legacies to charities. (13164)
- Dan Norris (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the total cash amount of legacy income due to charities in unprocessed probate applications. (13165)
- **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when he plans to publish the terms of reference for Intertrade UK. (13240)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, with reference to page 90 of the Kings Speech 2024 background briefing notes, published on 17 July 2024, what recent progress he has made on his plans to replace the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 in a way that complies with human rights standards; and what steps he is taking to help ensure the effective conduct of investigations by the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery.
- Adam Dance (Yeovil): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to point 22 of Table 5.1 at page 117 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the application of the standard VAT rate to services provided by private schools on small private schools. (13329)
- **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will exempt nurseries in England from business rates. (13387)
- **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to provide additional investment for the pharmacy network. (13331)
- Adam Dance (Yeovil): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, if she will provide additional financial support to pharmacies for (a) employer National Insurance contributions, (b) the national minimum wage and (c) business rates. (13332)
- **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many estates were subject to inheritance tax in Monmouthshire constituency in each tax year between 2019-20 and 2022-23. (13288)
- **Richard Fuller** (North Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Summary of reforms to agricultural property relief and business property relief, published on 30 October 2024, whether the £1 million threshold for the two reliefs will be uprated over this Parliament by inflation. (13207)

- Richard Fuller (North Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Summary of reforms to agricultural property relief and business property relief, published on 30 October 2024, what equivalent figures HMRC hold on claims for the two reliefs for years after the 2021-22 tax year.
- Richard Fuller (North Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Summary of reforms to agricultural property relief and business property relief published on 30 October 2024, how many estates she expects to be affected from the combined reforms to the two reliefs on which the £495 million estimate in revenue is derived in 2027-28.
- 169 Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of eligible households in Belfast South and Mid Down constituency are availing of the Tax Free Childcare scheme. (13281)
- 170 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential financial impact of uprating the pensions of British pensioners overseas whose state pensions are currently frozen. (13364)
- 171 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increases to the lower national insurance threshold for employer contributions on small seasonal businesses. (13344)
- 172 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024, whether compensation proposals will form part of a future fiscal event.(13356)
- Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.94 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, HC 295, how much she plans to spend over what time period on an extension of the Innovation Accelerators programme to continue to bolster high-potential innovation clusters in the Glasgow City Region, Greater Manchester and the West Midlands; and whether the programme will be extended to other places. (13202)
- 174 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.94 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, HC 295, by what process the support for the commercialisation of university research will be allocated; and what the expected return is. (13203)

- Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.94 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, HC 295, by what process the figure of £37 million for the Made Smarter programme was arrived at; how many firms that figure is planned to cover; and what the expected return is. (13204)
- Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.99 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, HC 295, over what period will £80 million be invested in corporate services across Government; and whether this investment will be in (a) IT, (b) human resources and (c) training.
- 177 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to support young trans people impacted by hate crime. (13368)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 13 November

- IN **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to section 1.3 2. of the UK-US Atlantic Declaration, what discussions his Department has had with US counterparts on the coordination of UK and US outbound investment controls. (13167)
- 2N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of US Executive Order 14105, entitled Executive Order on Addressing United States Investments in Certain National Security Technologies and Products in Countries of Concern, implemented on 9 August 2023, on UK businesses. (13175)
- 3N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the US Inflation Reduction Act on UK businesses. (13177)
- 4N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent progress his Department has made on assessing the export application for Ukraine with ECO reference SIE2024/004708 and SPIRE document reference 4388747, submitted on 14 May 2024; and whether any further steps are required to bring this application to conclusion. (13191)
- 5N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to ensure the upcoming charter review of the BBC considers the transparency around the deployment of staff to cover overseas events including future US Presidential elections. (13181)

- 6N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when her Department plans to re-establish the Tourism Industry Council; and whether she plans to include representatives from the cruise industry within its membership.

 (13317)
- 7N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to release an Early Years strategy. (13172)
- 8N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, what estimate she has made of the potential impact of the increase in the rate of employer National Insurance Contributions on (a) direct and (b) indirect departmental costs. (13231)
- 9N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, what estimate she has made of the potential impact of the increase in the rate of employer National Insurance Contributions on the costs of (a) schools, (b) colleges, (c) higher education institutions and (d) early years settings in each year to 2030.
- 10N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the increase in the rate of employer National Insurance Contributions on the number of apprenticeship starts in each year to 2030. (13233)
- 11N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education on a Level 7 apprenticeship qualification for teachers of sensory impairment; and when the apprenticeship is expected to start. (13160)
- 12N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of GB Energy providing temporary back-up sources of power for homes impacted by long power cuts. (13251)
- 13N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to produce a Chalk Streams Action Pack for the (a) protection and (b) enhancement of chalk streams. (13337)
- 14N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the social value of the use of (a) outdoor areas and (b) waterways for (i) the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and (ii) other youth services. (13270)

- 15N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions he has had with the Environment Agency on the impact of lithium-ion battery explosions. (13282)
- 16N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent steps he has taken to regulate the safe disposal of lithium-ion batteries. (13283)
- 17N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle digital exclusion among Arab women in the UK. (13284)
- 18N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding he plans to allocate for brain tumour research in the 2025-26 financial year. (13182)
- 19N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) GPs and (b) hospital staff receive adequate training to support those suffering from alcohol dependence. (13335)
- 20N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce levels of alcohol consumption in the context of alcohol mortality rates. (13336)
- 21N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, what estimate he has made of the potential impact of the increase in the rate of employer National Insurance Contributions on the New Hospitals Programme. (13190)
- 22N **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to restore development spending
 to 0.7% of national income. (13267)
- 23N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his new US counterpart in January 2025 on potential steps to help implement the arrest warrant for President Putin of Russia issued by International Criminal Court judges in March 2023. (13174)
- 24N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to prevent
 the destruction of Ahmadiyya Muslim places of worship in the Punjab region of Pakistan.

 (13247)
- 25N **Steve Yemm** (Mansfield): To ask the Minister for Development at the Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Office, what plans he has to show climate leadership

 for children at COP29. (13373)

- 26N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken for applications for indefinite leave to remain to be processed following a successful asylum claim on the mental health of applicants. (13266)
- 27N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions her Department has had with local authorities on their legal duties under section 208 of the Housing Act 1996. (13192)
- 28N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to bring empty homes back into use.

 (13268)
- 29N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential
 merits of requiring the installation and retrofitting of sprinklers in (a) all buildings
 regularly used by vulnerable people and (b) warehouses. (13271)
- 30N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of naming parties involved in employment tribunal cases on those people; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits granting anonymity to parties involved in employment tribunal cases by default.

 (13245)
- 31N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what his policy is on notifying an hon. Member before visiting their constituency. (13304)
- 32N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the the amount of increased taxation generated by the increase in the National Living Wage in 2025-26. (13178)
- 33N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the cost of employer National Insurance Contributions was for (a) central Government, (b) local government and (c) the whole of government in each of the last five financial years; what estimate she has made of those costs for the (i) 2025-26 financial year and (ii) subsequent four financial years; and what proportion of the total public sector pay bill Employer National Insurance accounted for in each of last five financial years.
- 34N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.94 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 August 2024, HC 295, whether this applies to all UK universities; and what metric she will use to assess whether a university is world leading. (13200)

- 35N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.94 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 August 2024, HC 295, whether she has made an estimate of the return on investment in Horizon (a) this year and (b) in the future. (13201)
- 36N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.96 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, HC 295, by what process the figure of £500 million to invest in Project Gigabit and the Shared Rural Network was arrived at; and what that funding is expected to achieve.

Questions for Answer on Thursday 14 November

- 1N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the written statement of 18 April 2024 on Economic Security, HCWS415, when he plans to consult on updates to (a) the mandatory areas and (b) how these are defined under the National Security and Investment Act 2021. (13189)
- 2N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to section 1.3 2. of the UK-US Atlantic Declaration, what progress his Department has made on engaging with (a) business and (b) financial stakeholders to develop an evidence base to (i) assess and (ii) inform the Government's response to the risks associated with outbound investment. (13166)
- 3N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, on the potential impact of moving the Kew herbarium to Thames Valley Science Park on the study of (a) biodiversity and (b) extinction. (13334)
- 4N **Pete Wishart** (Perth and Kinross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to withdraw Georgia from the list of safe states as defined in immigration legislation. (13183)
- 5N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of offenders sentenced to a term of imprisonment were foreign born in (a) 2022, (b) 2023 and (c) 2024. (13320)

Questions for Answer on Monday 18 November

- 1N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what methodology his Department will use to allocate the £1 billion of funding for community energy to each of the nations in the UK. (13275)
- 2N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Government programmes supporting homeowners with reducing levels of carbon emissions. (13261)
- 3N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to use remote court hearings to ease the burden on the courts system. (13277)