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Questions tabled on Monday 11 November 2024

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 12 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the policy paper entitled The Atlantic Declaration, updated on 21 June 2023, what progress he has made on (a) a shared workplan on critical and emerging technologies, (b) collaborative Research and Development in (i) advanced semiconductor and (ii) other priority technologies, (c) a Critical Minerals Agreement, (d) establishing a US-UK Strategic Technologies Investor Council, (e) establishing a US-UK Data Bridge, (f) a Joint Clean Energy Supply Chain Action Plan and (g) a Civil Nuclear Partnership. [Transferred] (12919)
- 2N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the policy paper entitled The Atlantic Declaration, updated on 21 June 2023, who is the lead (a) minister and (b) official for (i) a shared workplan on critical and emerging technologies, (ii) collaborative Research and Development in (A) advanced semiconductor and (B) other priority technologies, (iii) a Critical Minerals Agreement, (iv) establishing a US-UK Strategic Technologies Investor Council, (v) establishing a US-UK Data Bridge, (vi) a Joint Clean Energy Supply Chain Action Plan and (vii) a Civil Nuclear Partnership. [Transferred] (12920)
- 3 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many excess deaths there have been in each month of the last ten years. [Transferred] (13339)
- 4 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to paragraph 5.141 of the Autumn Budget 2024, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of increasing the National Living Wage on the economy. [Transferred] (13225)

- 5 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities to ensure that young people's home to school transport needs are met. [Transferred] (13330)
- 6 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, 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. [Transferred] (13371)
- 7 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help promote rural innovation in green technologies in West Dorset constituency. [Transferred] (13303)
- 8 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to paragraph 4.94 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, HC 295, how much he 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. [Transferred] (13202)
- 9 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (13203)
- 10 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (13204)
- 11 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (13206)
- 12 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department holds on the number of road traffic incidents which involved bicycles operated by (a) Lime and (b) Forest in 2023. [Transferred] (13349)

- 13 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (13364)
- 14 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (13356)
- 15 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support young trans people impacted by hate crime. [Transferred] (13368)
- 16 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, 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. [Transferred] (13180)
- 17 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many women were (a) prosecuted and (b) convicted for domestic abuse against men in the period 2022-2023. [Transferred] (13219)
- 18N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to tackle violence against women and girls in North Warwickshire and Bedworth constituency; and if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the rate of prosecutions brought against perpetrators of domestic abuse in North Warwickshire. [Transferred] (13064)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 13 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of issuing guidance to all Departments to require them to use alternative social media sites to X. (13665)
- 2 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister has had discussions with His Majesty's household on potential steps to support His Majesty in maintaining the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law. (13430)
- 3 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to fill vacancies on the Honours committees. (13431)

- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of processes for providing access to the civil service prior to the 2024 general election; if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of those processes on the efficiency of Government since the general election; and if he will take steps to publish guidance on best practice for access talks between the civil service and official opposition at the next general election. (13434)
- 5 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 1248 on Military Aircraft: Helicopters, whether the Prime Minister's Office plans to use insourced armed forces' helicopters for official travel after December 2024. (13435)
- 6 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether diversity content has been standardised in civil service job adverts. (13438)
- 7 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Cabinet Office: Government Procurement Card spend over £500, August 2024, (a) who and (b) what the payment to the Chief of Staff Association was for. (13441)
- 8 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many cyber security breaches there have been in each Department in each of the last ten years. (13560)
- 9 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what hardware was lost by each Department in each of the last ten years; and what the value was of that hardware. (13561)
- 10 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what proportion of civil servants work from home on each day of the week. (13565)
- 11 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff working in 10 Downing Street have diversity in their job title by pay band. (13566)
- 12 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of staff turnover on the cost to the public purse of (a) recruitment, (b) training and (c) reduced productivity in each Department in the previous year. (13610)
- 13 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what the (a) charitable object and (b) nominal current value is of each (i) trust and (ii) other fund held by the Church Commissioners; and what document defines each such charitable object. (13531)
- 14 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help support people who work in the night time economy. (13618)

- 15 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to ensure an effective housing insurance market. (13672)
- 16 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if his Department will take steps to prevent third-party sellers from selling dangerous goods to consumers. (13389)
- 17 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will (a) list the product regulations that will be reviewed under the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill and (b) make an assessment of the effectiveness of current legislation in protecting consumers from the sale of dangerous toys sold on online marketplaces. (13391)
- 18 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to ensure that the Office for Product Safety and Standards is adequately resourced to enforce the provisions of the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill. (13392)
- 19 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to ensure that market surveillance authorities are adequately resourced to manage new requirements for online marketplaces. (13393)
- 20 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions his Department has had with major food delivery companies on steps to tackle the employment of illegal workers. (13703)
- 21 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to develop the electrification of ports. (13494)
- 22 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of UK SHORE funding; and what is the status of the future of that funding. (13495)
- 23 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) his Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to his Department; how many (i) staff and (ii) contractors are involved in each dispute; what the form of industrial action is in each dispute; which recognised trade union is involved in each dispute; what the substantive matter is that is being disputed in each case; and what steps he plans to take to end each dispute. (13630)
- 24N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she 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.

[Transferred] (13270)

- 25 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to improve the provision of youth services in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (13390)
- 26 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the participation of transgender athletes in women's sport on women; and if she will meet with women impacted by transgender participation in sport. (13602)
- 27 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of gambling sponsorship in football on (a) under-18 football players that have gambling sponsorship on their kits and (b) young fans. (13515)
- 28 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the potential merits of introducing listed building consent orders to help support the decarbonisation of listed buildings. (13466)
- 29 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she plans to hold with stakeholders in the heritage sector; and how often she plans to hold such discussions. (13467)
- 30 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what progress the Creator Remuneration Group has made; and what steps her Department plans to take to help ensure creators are fairly remunerated for their work. (13614)
- 31 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of the role of generative AI in apprenticeship provision. (13572)
- 32 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions her Department has had with training providers on the potential adoption of generative AI in education settings. (13573)
- 33 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will commission research into the potential merits of the use of generative AI in apprenticeship provision. (13574)
- 34 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will ensure that the output of the Curriculum and Assessment Review includes a focus on schools adopting (a) inclusive and (b) nurturing approaches to education. (13635)

- 35 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that children with SEND have access to the necessary support at schools. (13422)
- 36 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support parents of children with SEND to access transport to school in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (13396)
- 37 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to continue funding the Staying Close programme after April 2025. (13470)
- 38 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of Staying Close funding scheme on prospects of children leaving the care system. (13471)
- 39 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to (a) continue and (b) expand the Staying Close programme. (13472)
- 40 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to improve the electricity grid to substation level to support the renewable energy transition. (13723)
- 41 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the vulnerabilities that children experience in relation to climate change are (a) acknowledged and (b) addressed in Nationally Determined Contributions. (13569)
- 42 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing support for landlords with increasing the energy efficiency of properties that are difficult to retrofit. (13680)
- 43 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential cost to (a) landlords and (b) housing providers of ensuring that (i) private and (ii) social rented homes achieve a minimum energy performance certificate rating of C by 2030. (13681)
- 44 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to support (a) households, (b) businesses and (c) public sector organisations with the cost of installing heat pumps. (13682)
- 45 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support (a) local authorities and (b) housing associations with the costs of increasing the energy efficiency of social housing. (13684)

- 46 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to take steps to update energy performance certificates to ensure they accurately reflect the actual energy performance of homes. (13685)
- 47 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the number of households in Bournemouth East constituency who are in fuel poverty. (13686)
- 48 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to require landlords to achieve an Energy Performance Certificate rating of C by 2030. (13688)
- 49 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support local authorities to accelerate delivery of the Government's warm homes programme. (13689)
- 50 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of GB Energy supporting grid connection. (13496)
- 51 **Oliver Ryan** (Burnley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of support available to businesses developing technologies to reduce carbon emissions. (13606)
- 52 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it is his Department's policy to allow wind turbines manufactured by Chinese companies to be used on new wind farms. (13607)
- 53 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) his Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to his Department; how many (i) staff and (ii) contractors are involved in each dispute; what the form of industrial action is in each dispute; which recognised trade union is involved in each dispute; what the substantive matter is that is being disputed in each case; and what steps he plans to take to end each dispute. (13626)
- 54 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure a just transition to a renewable energy based economy. (13586)
- 55 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps the Government is taking to secure further International Climate Finance commitments from member states at COP29. (13588)
- 56 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the quality of water in river ways in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (13486)

- 57 **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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 assessment he has made of the impact of this change on tenant farmers. (13623)
- 58 **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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 he has made an assessment of the number of farmers that will exit the sector as a result of this change. (13631)
- 59 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his policy is on the recycling of glass fibre boats. (13663)
- 60 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has commissioned recent research into the potential impact of glass fibre boats on ecology. (13664)
- 61 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will introduce a national capability for flood rescue (a) led by Fire and Rescue Authorities and (b) underpinned by a statutory duty. (13705)
- 62 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his Department's timetable is for (a) introducing and (b) implementing a ban on wet wipes that contain plastic. (13524)
- 63 **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce sewage discharges into (a) the River Mole and (b) other rivers. (13669)
- 64 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, will he make an assessment of the potential impact of the import of (a) soy, (b) palm oil, (c) cocoa and (d) other products on the UK's contribution to tropical deforestation. (13547)
- 65 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help support the conservation of endemic tree species. (13548)
- 66 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to publish an Access to Nature White Paper. (13418)
- 67 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to Agricultural Property Relief on tenants' access to (a) land and (b) secure tenancy agreements. (13649)

- 68 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of recent trends in the level of butterfly numbers, in the context of the results from the recent Big Butterfly Count 2024. (13457)
- 69 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to help ensure safe dining in restaurants for people with food allergies. (13593)
- 70N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Environment Agency on the impact of lithium-ion battery explosions. [Transferred] (13282)
- 71N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to regulate the safe disposal of lithium-ion batteries. [Transferred] (13283)
- 72 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the International Council of the Exploration of the Sea's publication entitled Advice on fishing opportunities, catch, and effort, Celtic Seas and Greater North Sea ecoregions, published on 28 June 2024. (13673)
- 73 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential socio-economic impact of proposed quota adjustments on the (a) South West fishing industry and (b) English Channel fisheries. (13674)
- 74 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will review the proposed reduction in the sole fishery in the Western Channel. (13675)
- 75 **Steve Yemm** (Mansfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to outlaw the consumption of dog meat. (13591)
- 76 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of crime perpetrated by fraudsters posing as legitimate food wholesalers in the last 12 months. (13544)
- 77 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to incentivise private sector investment into research for (a) brain tumours and (b) other rare diseases. (13697)

- 78N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (13200)
- 79N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to paragraph 4.94 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 August 2024, HC 295, whether he has made an estimate of the return on investment in Horizon (a) this year and (b) in the future. [Transferred] (13201)
- 80N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (13205)
- 81 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Assuring a Responsible Future for AI, published on 6 November 2024, what assessment he has made of the role of legislation in driving the AI assurance market. (13477)
- 82 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to prioritise research funding for myalgic encephalomyelitis. (13583)
- 83 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will prioritise funding for research on the impact of myalgic encephalomyelitis on women. (13585)
- 84 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to take steps through Great British Railways, once the network is nationalised, to reduce the role of commission-charging railway ticketing websites. (13592)
- 85 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many apprentices her Department has employed each year since 2010. (13395)
- 86 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of pot holes that were reported in each of the last 25 years. (13564)
- 87 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which wildlife protection projects relate to HS2 works; and what the cost is of each. (13582)
- 88 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with rail companies to help support the safety of (a) passengers and (b) rail staff during heatwaves. (13545)

- 89 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with bus operators to help protect the safety of (a) passengers and (b) bus staff during heatwaves. (13546)
- 90 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to tackle cash-for-crash moped scams. (13704)
- 91 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to abolish all Child Maintenance Service for parents with care who are victim-survivors of domestic abuse. (13633)
- 92 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many individuals have had personal independence payments withdrawn after entering hospital care for more than 28 days in the last four years. (13503)
- 93 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of financial support available to individuals in hospital whose personal independence payments are paused. (13504)
- 94 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the level of PIP to support disabled people with the extra cost of disability. (13636)
- 95 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much was paid by her Department to Serco in each of the last 10 years. (13559)
- 96 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many National Insurance numbers were issued to (a) Bulgarian and (b) Romanian nationals resident in Great Yarmouth constituency in each year since 2016. (13611)
- 97 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many National Insurance numbers were issued to foreign nationals in each year since 2010. (13612)
- 98 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average length of time is for a PIP assessment to be completed; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of these waiting times on applications for the carers allowance. (13508)
- 99 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the PIP application system; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) simplifying the application process and (b) introducing measures to reduce waiting times for decisions. (13509)

- 100 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people used shared parental leave in the last year. (13608)
- 101 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department can publish a sectoral breakdown of shared parental leave take up in the last 12 months. (13609)
- 102 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications her Department received from pensioners living in countries where the UK State Pension is not uprating yearly requesting that their pension be temporarily uprated because they are visiting (a) the UK or (b) travelling to a country where the State Pension is uprated in each year since 2021; and what the cost to the public purse was of maintaining a team in her Department to administer such requests in the same period. (13402)
- 103 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will hold discussions with Anne Puckridge on the exclusion of certain countries from the annual uplift to the UK State Pension during her visit to the UK in December 2024. (13403)
- 104 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of trends in the update of apprentices in the civil servants in the last 12 months. (13451)
- 105 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of pension credit claims received between January and November (a) 2024 and (b) 2023. (13456)
- 106 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): 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 Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (13487)
- 107 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve palliative and end of life care in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (13488)
- 108 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the consultation entitled Updating labelling guidance for no and low-alcohol alternatives, published on 28 September 2023, whether his Department plans to take steps to update labelling guidance for no and low-alcohol alternatives. (13468)
- 109 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to standardise the term alcohol-free at 0.5% ABV for no and low-alcohol alternatives. (13469)

- 110 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of increasing access to long-acting reversible contraception for heavy menstrual bleeding in primary care on (a) waiting times and (b) demand for secondary care gynaecology services. (13528)
- 111 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the recommendations of the report by the Getting It Right First Time programme entitled Maternity and Gynaecology, published in September 2021, what steps his Department is taking to provide primary care practitioners with (a) training and (b) other resources to deliver long-acting reversible contraception as part of treatment options for women with heavy menstrual bleeding. (13529)
- 112 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a cancer strategy which includes measures on tackling (a) pancreatic and (b) other less survivable cancers. (13580)
- 113 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve dementia care and support for (a) patients and (b) families post-diagnosis in (i) England and (ii) Beckenham and Penge constituency. (13601)
- 114 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to take steps to help reduce the cost of IVF for female same-sex couples. (13597)
- 115 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plans to publish updated (a) life expectancy and (b) healthy life expectancy statistics for (i) electoral wards and (ii) middle layer super output areas. (13726)
- 116 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many outpatients from Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin integrated care system (ICS) have been treated out of area by (a) other ICSs and (b) private providers in each year for which data is available. (13550)
- 117 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on reducing waiting times for patients with (a) cancer and (b) respiratory conditions. (13619)
- 118 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve mental health support for young people in (a) Northern Ireland and (b) the United Kingdom; and whether he is allocating additional resources to ensure (i) timely and (ii) accessible mental health services for young people. (13683)
- 119 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) increase funding for epilepsy research and (b) improve treatment options for patients with epilepsy. (13728)

- 120 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to end the use of pagers in the NHS. (13429)
- 121 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle gambling-related suicide in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme and (b) Staffordshire. (13540)
- 122 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of support for (a) children and (b) adults with cystic fibrosis in (i) Newcastle-under-Lyme and (ii) Staffordshire. (13556)
- 123 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will issue an official apology to social care workers that were dismissed during the pandemic for not being vaccinated. (13598)
- 124 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 1 November 2024 to Question 9445 on Department of Health and Social Care: Public Appointments, what interests Alan Milburn has declared since being appointed as a Lead Non-Executive Board Member. (13483)
- 125 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a comparative assessment of funding allocated to (a) brain tumours and (b) other cancers in the last five years; and if he will take steps to increase funding available for brain tumours. (13698)
- 126 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, whether he has made an estimate of the overall cost to GP practices of the proposed increase to employer National Insurance contributions. (13709)
- 127 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of dental practices that accept new NHS patients. (13719)
- 128 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to provide support for people with (a) long Covid, (b) chronic fatigue syndrome and (c) ME. (13720)
- 129 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to work with relevant organisations to increase blood donations in (a) England and (b) Romford constituency. (13444)
- 130 **Mark Sowards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of making tuition free for dental students; and what steps he is taking to ensure that dentists receive adequate funding to treat NHS patients. (13627)

- 131 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of dementia diagnosis times; and what steps his Department is taking to improve diagnosis rates. (13453)
- 132 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle shortages of epilepsy medication. (13699)
- 133 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 6 November 2024 to Question 10930 on Audiology: Paediatrics, how many children have been (a) recalled for reassessment and (b) needed onward referral to clinical services following the review by the NHS England National Paediatric Hearing Improvement Programme. (13644)
- 134 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 31 October 2024 to Question 10931 on Audiology: Paediatrics, what recent assessment his Department has made of whether all providers of audiology services for children will meet the UK Accreditation Services Improving Quality in Physiological Services Accreditation standards; and whether his Department has set a date by which they must do so. (13645)
- 135 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) his Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to his Department; how many (i) staff and (ii) contractors are involved in each dispute; what the form of industrial action is in each dispute; which recognised trade union is involved in each dispute; what the substantive matter is that is being disputed in each case; and what steps he plans to take to end each dispute. (13629)
- 136 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on research into lobular breast cancer. (13708)
- 137 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 19 September 2024 to Question HL704 on Afghanistan: Chevening Scholarships Programme, when a final decision will be taken on the Afghanistan Chevening programme for academic year 2025-26. (13727)
- 138 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, Commonwealth and Development affairs, what steps he is taking to help promote the rights of religious minorities in Eritrea. (13713)
- 139 **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to make representations on (a) a right of return for Armenians and (b) the release of detained Armenians during the COP29 summit. (13576)

- 140 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what information his Department holds on the number of British citizens killed during the terrorist attack on Israel by Hamas on 7 October 2023. (13447)
- 141 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): 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 outcomes of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa. (13542)
- 142 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): 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 humanitarian situation in Tigray. (13543)
- 143 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with CAFOD. (13557)
- 144 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the report by Policy Exchange entitled One Family: Harnessing the Strategic Potential of the Commonwealth, published on 17 October 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a Commonwealth security and defence co-operation forum to (a) conduct joint military and naval exercises and (b) pool resources for cybersecurity. (13404)
- 145 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the conclusions of the report entitled One Family: Harnessing the Strategic Potential of the Commonwealth, published by Policy Exchange on 17 October 2024. (13405)
- 146 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with (a) US President-elect Trump and (b) his representatives on the (i) Good Friday Agreement and (ii) Northern Ireland Protocol in the last six months. (13445)
- 147 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): 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 Aid to the Church in Need's report entitled Persecuted and Forgotten?, published on 22 October 2024; and whether he plans to implement the recommendations on helping tackle the persecution of religious minorities worldwide. (13484)
- 148 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Nigerian counterpart for the release of Mubarak Bala. (13485)

- 149 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of utilising (a) High Commissions and (b) Consulates to facilitate British Overseas Voters ability to vote. (13707)
- 150 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle (a) financial scams and (b) fraud nationally. (13599)
- 151 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to protect (a) people with dementia and Alzheimer's and (b) other vulnerable people from (i) financial abuse, (ii) fraud and (iii) scammers. (13600)
- 152 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of individual appeals to (a) introducing and (b) executing deportation orders on people convicted of criminal offences. (13532)
- 153 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many offenders who have been ordered to be deported following their prison sentence remain in the country by (a) offence and (b) country of birth. (13555)
- 154 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of how many illegal cigarettes were smuggled into the UK in 2023. (13397)
- 155 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the value of the counterfeit cigarette market. (13398)
- 156 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign nationals have been refused visas because of criminal convictions in their home countries in each of the last five years. (13400)
- 157 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much was paid by her Department to Serco in each of the last 10 years. (13558)
- 158 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the transparency data published by her Department entitled Small boat arrivals: last 7 days, if she will make it her policy to include information on the sex of migrants in this data. (13563)
- 159 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of collecting data on the nationality at birth of people on the sex offenders register. (13613)

- 160 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department places limits on the movements of irregular migrants housed in (a) hotels and (b) other accommodation. (13616)
- 161 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to reduce the number of people waiting for enhanced DBS checks to be processed by Sussex Police Force. (13725)
- 162 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the numbers of delivery drivers working illegally in the UK. (13701)
- 163 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to stop illegal delivery drivers working for food delivery companies. (13702)
- 164 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of restricting the use of live facial recognition software. (13646)
- 165 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of Government's fire safety in the workplace guidance; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of updating this guidance. (13458)
- 166 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, what steps the Commission is taking to reduce the use of IT hardware manufactured in China on the parliamentary estate. (13423)
- 167 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the review of the eligibility criteria for the Nuclear Test Medal was completed in time for Nuclear Test Veterans to receive their medal before Remembrance Day. (13450)
- 168 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve recruitment and retention in the Armed Forces. (13676)
- 169 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many British nuclear test veterans who served on Christmas Island have (a) applied for and (b) received compensation in each of the last five years. (13419)
- 170 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff in his Department are employed to assess compensation claims from British nuclear test veterans who served on Christmas Island. (13420)

- 171 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average waiting time was for nuclear test veterans who applied for no-fault compensation under the War Pension Scheme to receive compensation in the latest period for which data is available. (13421)
- 172 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that the defence industrial base is prepared to support military readiness. [R] (13654)
- 173 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to promote collaboration with the private sector to boost domestic production capabilities in critical defence technologies. [R] (13655)
- 174 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that the Army has one fully deployable division; and if he will increase that capability to two divisions. [R] (13658)
- 175 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the F-35 programme on (a) the economy, (b) jobs, (c) technological advancement and (d) growth in the (i) aerospace and (ii) defence sectors. [R] (13659)
- 176 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the F-35 programme on the UK's (a) military capability and (b) international influence. [R] (13660)
- 177 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps he will take to tackle reductions in hull numbers within the Royal Fleet Auxiliary since 2003. (13406)
- 178 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department has taken with the Royal Navy to support the mental health of officers in the Royal Navy. (13407)
- 179 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much the average meal costs on a Royal Navy warship; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of fully funding food provision on Royal Navy warships. (13408)
- 180 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what percentage of the Armed Forces' budget was spent on diversity initiatives in 2023. (13409)
- 181 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when Runcorn receive the initial allocation of funding from the Long Term Plan for Towns scheme. (13491)

- 182 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to increase the (a) affordability and (b) availability of housing for young people. (13671)
- 183 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will bring forward legislation to prohibit the imposition of non-disclosure agreements on people who (a) successfully challenge (i) landlords and (ii) managing agents over (A) service charges and (B) major works bills and (b) agree an out of court settlements. (13710)
- 184 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislation to (a) standardise service charge (i) item descriptions and (ii) terminology used and (b) include references to (A) Schedule of Rates codes and (B) regulatory standards where applicable. (13711)
- 185 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much funding has been provided via the Disabled Facilities Grant in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire in the last three years. (13394)
- 186 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to give (a) local authorities and (b) Councils (i) powers, (ii) responsibility and (iii) resources to accelerate the delivery of the Government's Warm Homes programme. (13690)
- 187 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 12 of the UK Green Buildings Council report entitled 100 days into Government: How Labour can build a better future, published on 15 October 2024, if she will make it her policy to introduce retrofit officers in every council to (a) develop local plans, (b) attract wider investment, (c) engage with households and supply chains and (d) oversee local one-stop shop retrofit services. (13691)
- 188 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 13 of the UK Green Buildings Council report entitled 100 days into Government: How Labour can build a better future, published on 15 October 2024, what steps she is taking to support local authorities to (a) address regional disparities, (b) drive sustainable change and (c) safeguard quality. (13692)
- 189 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 13 December 2023 on Planning – Local Energy Efficiency Standards Update, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reversing the effects of that Statement. (13693)

- 190 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to improve the terms of employment as a local authority planning officer. (13694)
- 191 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to respond the consultation on Future Homes and Buildings Standard. (13695)
- 192 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to reform (a) planning policy and (b) permitted development rights to support the high quality retrofit of existing buildings. (13696)
- 193 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer of 16 October 2024 to Question HL1248, on Community Ownership Fund, what the status is of Community Ownership Fund grants which were applied for before the General Election. (13501)
- 194 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer of 16 October 2024 to Question HL1248, on Community Ownership Fund, what her Department's planned timetable is for determining whether the Community Ownership Fund will be open to future applications. (13502)
- 195 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the number and proportion of residential properties that were bought by non-UK nationals in each of the last 20 years. (13617)
- 196 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of revising the discount offered through the Right to Acquire scheme. (13579)
- 197 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make two weeks the maximum time between bin collections. (13722)
- 198 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to support the London Fire Brigade with fire prevention activities and operational training. (13410)
- 199 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to work with relevant authorities to improve social housing fire defences in Romford constituency. (13411)
- 200 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of reforming the local government funding formula. (13412)

- 201 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) her Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to her Department; how many (i) staff and (ii) contractors are involved in each dispute; what the form of industrial action is in each dispute; which recognised trade union is involved in each dispute; what the substantive matter is that is being disputed in each case; and what steps she plans to take to end each dispute. (13622)
- 202 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's policy is on the renaming of street signs to remove colonial or imperialist references; and what guidance her Department issues local authorities on the rights of local residents to approve or veto such changes. (13624)
- 203 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many justices of the peace served at Shropshire Magistrates Court in each of the last six years. (13551)
- 204 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will publish a breakdown of criminal offenders who were ordered to be deported at the end of their prison sentence by (a) shortest prison sentence imposed, (b) average prison sentence imposed, (c) longest prison sentence imposed and (d) criminal offence convicted in each of the last six years. (13554)
- 205 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to reform the law on super-injunctions; and whether she has had discussions with the Law Officers on super-injunctions. (13432)
- 206 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Probation Service in the East Midlands. (13399)
- 207 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12200 on Reoffenders: Foreign Nationals, if she will break down that data by crime category. (13567)
- 208 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the process will be for appointing members to the expert panel to the Independent Sentencing Review 2024 to 2025. (13516)
- 209 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when the expert panel to the Independent Sentencing Review 2024 to 2025 will be (a) appointed and (b) announced. (13517)
- 210 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has provided guidance to the Independent Sentencing Review 2024 to 2025 on (a) when and (b) how evidence should be collected from third parties. (13518)

- 211 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has provided guidance to the Independent Sentencing Review 2024 to 2025 on whether it should collect evidence on public opinion on sentencing. (13519)
- 212 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether (a) victims and (b) the (i) family and (ii) friends of victims of crime will be represented on the expert panel for the Independent Sentencing Review 2024 to 2025. (13520)
- 213 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has put in place a policy on (a) disclosure and (b) transparency between the Independent Sentencing Review 2024 to 2025 and (i) Ministers and (ii) other members of her Department. (13521)
- 214 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has provided guidance to the Independent Sentencing Review 2024 to 2025 on how members of the public should be able to participate in the Independent Sentencing Review 2024 to 2025. (13522)
- 215 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has provided guidance to the Independent Sentencing Review 2024 to 2025 on how hon. Members should be able to participate in the Independent Sentencing Review 2024 to 2025. (13523)
- 216 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will require the Chair of the Independent Sentencing Review to publish the evidence it receives on that review. (13525)
- 217 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has allocated funding for commissioning primary research to the Independent Sentencing Review. (13526)
- 218 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Number of working-age individuals with a record on the PNC, published on 28 October 2024, what proportion of these records relate to individuals that (a) are convicted, (b) facing pending prosecutions, (c) been issued cautions, (d) involved in cases where no further action was required (e) been arrested but not charged and (f) are deceased. (13530)
- 219 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the number of 15-21 year olds that have been prosecuted for violent crime involving a weapon in the last 12 months. (13452)
- 220 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been convicted of theft offences involving (a) cars and (b) motorcycles in the last 12 months. (13454)

- 221 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been convicted of attacks involving acid in the last 12 months. (13455)
- 222 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) her Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to her Department; how many (i) staff and (ii) contractors are involved in each dispute; what the form of industrial action is in each dispute; which recognised trade union is involved in each dispute; what the substantive matter is that is being disputed in each case; and what steps she plans to take to end each dispute. (13628)
- 223 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when she plans to publish the 2023-24 report on the state of prison estate. (13490)
- 224 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether machinery of Government changes have been made to the AI and data science capability functions in the Prime Minister's Office since 4 July 2024. (13433)
- 225 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will publish the (a) terms of reference and (b) rules of procedure for the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations, and Medals. (13436)
- 226 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, how many receptions have taken place in Downing Street since the general election which were (a) funded by the taxpayer and (b) funded through political donations. (13437)
- 227 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he is taking with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to increase the value of exports of Scotch whisky per year. (13462)
- 228 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he is taking to support Brand Scotland. (13463)
- 229N **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she plans to restore development spending to 0.7% of national income. [Transferred] (13267)
- 230 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to (a) employer national insurance contributions and (b) the level of the minimum wage on the number of (i) apprenticeship starts for young people and (ii) apprenticeship providers. (13670)
- 231 **Lewis Cocking** (Bromsbourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department plans to take to support the establishment of Banking Hubs in town centres that no longer have any bank branches. (13514)

- 232 **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to page 41 of her Department's document entitled Autumn Budget 2024, Policy Costings, published on 30 October 2024, what the evidential basis is for the Exchequer impact of changes to agricultural property relief and business property relief being £495 million in 2027-28; and what the split is between the two reliefs. (13620)
- 233 **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.51 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, whether (a) non-residential agricultural buildings, (b) farm vehicles, (c) farm tools, (d) livestock and (e) chemicals and fertiliser stock are included in the valuation of an estate and its assets. (13621)
- 234 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to allow improvements made to increase the energy performance rating of rental properties to be tax deductible against rental income. (13679)
- 235 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to amend Stamp Duty so that rates of duty depend on the energy performance of the property. (13687)
- 236 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent steps she has taken to support pensioners with the lowest incomes in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (13541)
- 237 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will take steps to review the reporting methodology for in-donor refugee costs. (13492)
- 238 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to allocate funding to support (a) refugees and (b) asylum seekers from budgets other than Official Development Assistance. (13498)
- 239 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she take steps to increase Official Development Assistance above 0.5% of gross national income. (13499)
- 240 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the policy paper entitled Capital Gains Tax—rates of tax, published by HMRC on 6 November 2024, if she will publish a breakdown of the £600,000 required to make changes to IT systems. (13581)
- 241 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the reasons for which GDP per capita has fallen since 2022. (13562)
- 242 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what businesses have made representations to her about the Autumn Budget 2024. (13424)

- 243 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to agricultural property relief on the sustainability of domestic food production. (13648)
- 244 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, whether she has made an assessment of the long-term impact of national insurance increases on the ability of SMEs to invest in (a) growth, (b) innovation and (c) job creation. (13652)
- 245 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking to encourage (a) innovation and (b) entrepreneurship among SMEs. (13653)
- 246 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her policy is on (a) access to cash, (b) businesses being required to use cash and (c) helping vulnerable people reliant on cash infrastructure adapt to a cashless society. (13721)
- 247 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to page 3 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, what her definition is of working people. (13425)
- 248 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to page 3 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, whether self-employed people are classed as working. (13426)
- 249 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) her Department, (b) HMRC, (c) the Valuation Office Agency and (d) each of the other arm's length bodies connected to her Department; how many (i) staff and (ii) contractors are involved in each dispute; what the form of industrial action is in each dispute; which recognised trade union is involved in each dispute; what the substantive matter is that is being disputed in each case; and what steps she plans to take to end each dispute. (13625)
- 250 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what progress her Department has made on establishing a Jewish History Month. (13712)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 14 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to review the export control licensing process for vessel based armouries. (13413)
- 2N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make it his policy that vessel based armouries export licence applications should include an assessment of available alternative licensed storage facilities in the event that a licence is (a) suspended and (b) revoked. (13414)
- 3N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make it his policy that vessel based armouries export licence applications should include an undertaking to return the licensed (a) goods and (b) items to the UK if an approved licence is (i) suspended and (ii) revoked. (13415)
- 4N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department has taken to ensure that the weapons stored in Vessel Based Armouries operated by MNG Maritime were returned to the UK following his Department's revocation in July 2023 of six export licences. (13416)
- 5N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings he has had with representatives from UK Hospitality since 30 October 2024 on the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on the hospitality industry. (13637)
- 6N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings he has had with representatives of the Federation of Small Businesses since 30 October 2024 on the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on small businesses. (13638)
- 7N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will set out the (a) terms of reference and (b) duration of the appointment of Crawford Falconer KCMG to his Department as Second Permanent Secretary and Chief Trade Negotiation Adviser. (13639)
- 8N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to paragraph 5.70 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the planned reduction of the Retail, Hospitality, and Leisure relief scheme from 75% to 40% on (a) pubs, (b) other hospitality businesses and (c) small retail businesses. (13640)
- 9N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions his Department has had with representatives from President-Elect Trump's transition team on UK-US trade. (13641)

- 10N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what representations she has made to (a) FIFA and (b) the government of the Kingdom of Morocco on the report entitled *Cleansing the streets of Morocco for a football tournament*, published by the International Animal Coalition.(13642)
- 11N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of children with cerebral palsy attend mainstream schools. (13715)
- 12N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to take steps to require schools to make an assessment of the social, emotional and behavioural needs of pupils. (13634)
- 13N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of support arrangements for the installation of domestic heat pumps. (13577)
- 14N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many offshore wind turbines were installed at locations within (a) UK territorial waters and (b) the UK Exclusive Economic Zone in each year between 2017 and 2023. (13440)
- 15N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to take steps to (a) protect consumers who receive inaccurate bills from utility companies and (b) prevent utility companies from enforcing high usage bills without case investigation. (13527)
- 16N **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on implementing a deposit return scheme. (13535)
- 17N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with his EU counterparts on ending restrictions on the import of poultry products from avian influenza disease control zones in EU countries. (13643)
- 18N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much funding there was for the frequently flooded fund for Telford in each year for which data is available; and what the size of the fund will be in each of the next three years. (13533)
- 19N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much sewage sludge was used in the agricultural sector in each of the last 10 years. (13534)
- 20N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress his Department has made on tackling cases of bluetongue virus. (13570)

- 21N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on tackling cases of avian influenza in Yorkshire. (13571)
- 22N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that the British Society of Plant Breeders correctly applies the small producer exemption from royalty fees applied to grain crops with diverse genetic makeup. (13590)
- 23N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the number of farmers affected by the withdrawal of Agricultural Property Relief in (a) East Devon and (b) Exmouth and Exeter East constituency. (13647)
- 24N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Assuring a Responsible Future for AI, published on 6 November 2024, what assessment he has made of the role that Government procurement can have in driving demand for AI assurance. (13475)
- 25N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the (a) annual and (b) consolidated take up is of cyber essentials by small and medium sized businesses. (13476)
- 26N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to increase the amount spent on research outside the Greater South East by 40%. (13478)
- 27N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the quality of wifi on London North Eastern Railway services; and if she will have discussions with that company on improving that wifi. (13473)
- 28N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of DVLA's programme of education of updates to the Highway Code for licence holders. (13604)
- 29N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve the understanding of first-line healthcare professionals of atypical motor development in children. (13714)
- 30N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of access to (a) sporting and (b) physical activities for (i) children and (ii) young people with cerebral palsy. (13716)

- 31N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was between referral for and receipt of a colonoscopy in each trust in each year between 2020 and 2024. (13536)
- 32N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average overall cost for bowel cancer patients was in each of the last five years. (13537)
- 33N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to support the implementation of Artificial Intelligence in the diagnosis of bowel cancer; and whether he has made an assessment of the barriers to effective adoption of that implementation. (13538)
- 34N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of colonoscopy procedures in each of the next five years. (13539)
- 35N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve accident and emergency services at Torbay Hospital. (13568)
- 36N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) children and (b) adults are waiting for outpatient appointments by (i) their average wait time and (ii) the appointment required in the NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board. (13549)
- 37N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of making retrospective payments to student nurses that were incorrectly labelled as being ineligible for the £5,000 annual training grant via the NHS Learning Support Fund since 2019. (13700)
- 38N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average time was between referral and first contact for mental health services for people aged 17 years and under in Birmingham in each of the last five years. (13706)
- 39N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall and Bloxwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the level of robotics capability for cancer operations at Walsall Manor Hospital. (13448)
- 40N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall and Bloxwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the two year survival rate for patients with bowel cancer in Walsall; and what assessment he has made of the impact of levels of availability of robotics for cancer operations on that figure. (13449)

- 41N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): 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 Famine Review Committee's alert entitled, Gaza Strip, Published on 8 November 2024. (13575)
- 42N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent progress he has made on providing support to the Hazara Muslim community in Afghanistan. (13500)
- 43N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that the UN implements the recommendations of the Final Report of the Independent Review of Mechanisms and Procedures to Ensure Adherence by UNRWA to the Humanitarian Principle of Neutrality, published on 20 April 2024. (13388)
- 44N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 20 March 2023 to Question 165277 on Diplomatic Service: British Nationals Abroad, how many UK nationals were provided with consular assistance after reporting that they had been a victim of (a) domestic violence or abuse and (b) rape or other sexual assault in calendar year 2023. (13427)
- 45N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 20 March 2023 to Question 165278 on Diplomatic Service: British Nationals Abroad, how many UK nationals were provided with consular assistance after reporting that they had been a victim of (a) assault and (b) theft in calendar year 2023. (13428)
- 46N **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent progress her Department has made on increasing its capacity to clear the backlog of asylum applications. (13632)
- 47N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to section 80AA(1) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing Georgia from the list of safe states for the purposes of section 80A. (13460)
- 48N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support LGBT people seeking asylum. (13461)
- 49N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding levels for Kent Police. (13717)
- 50N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to create a statutory duty on fire and rescue services to respond to major flooding events. (13446)

- 51N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 7745 on Migrant Workers: Wind Power, if she will contact employers that utilised the concession to obtain data on the number of workers brought to work in UK waters between 2017 and 2023. (13439)
- 52N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he expects all F-35 aircraft to be delivered by the end of 2025. (13417)
- 53N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 5.52 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to inheritance tax on Death in Service awards for surviving spouses of military personnel. (13505)
- 54N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, on what date he agreed his Department's contribution to the Chagos Island settlement. (13506)
- 55N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department will receive additional funding to cover any additional costs arising from the Chagos Island settlement. (13507)
- 56N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his answer to Urgent Question on 11 November 2024 from the Hon. Member for South Suffolk, when he first became aware of the costs to be borne by his Department arising from the agreement with Mauritius on sovereignty of the Chagos Islands. (13510)
- 57N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how he determined the level of funding to be provided to the Reducing Veterans Homelessness Programme in 2026. (13594)
- 58N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to his Department was of the Continuity of Education Allowance in the latest period for which data is available; and what recent estimate his Department has made of the impact of making independent school fees subject to VAT on the cost to his Department of the Continuity of Education Allowance in the next financial year. (13595)
- 59N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to (a) strengthen the UK's role within NATO and (b) ensure that the UK leads in (i) European and (ii) transatlantic security. (13656)
- 60N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that the technological capabilities of combat brigades are effectively improved. [R] (13657)
- 61N **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to extend the flexible use of capital receipts to include (a) pensions and (b) voluntary redundancies. (13584)

- 62N **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of (a) reinstating and (b) replacing the New Homes Bonus and (c) increasing the S31 grant. (13587)
- 63N **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to introduce three year funding settlements for local authorities. (13589)
- 64N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will take steps to (a) improve the transparency of estate charges for freeholders, (b) give freeholders the power to challenge estate charges and (c) give freeholders more powers to take over estate management through a Right to Manage company. (13718)
- 65N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of removing the local connection test for care leavers seeking to access temporary accommodation. (13596)
- 66N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many permanent resident Crown Court judges there were at Shropshire Crown Court in each of the last six years. (13552)
- 67N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders were (a) ordered to be deported at the end of their prison sentence and (b) deported at the end of that sentence in each of the last six years. (13553)
- 68N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department is taking steps to utilise supported accommodation rather than custody to reduce the impact of prison. (13442)
- 69N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of supported accommodation rather than custody for (a) women and (b) their families. (13443)
- 70N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the time taken to appoint commissioners under the Identity and Language (Northern Ireland) Act 2022. (13578)
- 71N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to his Answer of 17 October 2024 to Question 8846 on Further Education: VAT, if she will set out the reasons why further education colleges are unable to recover the VAT they have incurred on their expenditure. (13459)

- 72N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of using the StatsWales definition of public sector workers for determining exemptions. (13479)
- 73N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an estimate of the value of increased national insurance contributions from public sector organisations included within the StatsWales definition of public sector but omitted from the definition used by the Office of National Statistics. (13480)
- 74N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the value of increased national insurance contributions from (a) GP surgeries, (b) higher education institutions and (c) care facilities (i) in Wales and (ii) nationally. (13481)
- 75N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November 2024 to Question 11940 on Employers' Contributions: Wales, whether the referenced support will be provided annually; and over what duration that support will be provided. (13497)
- 76N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the official statistics entitled Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses 2024, CP 1131, published on 30 July 2024, if she will publish by Department the data provided in Table 6.5. (13493)
- 77N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 8 November 2024 to Question 12054 on Department for Business and Trade: Finance, whether the figures referenced are included in the £20.4 billion mentioned on page 65 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October. (13474)
- 78N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to (a) encourage (i) investment in infrastructure and (ii) economic growth and (b) support local businesses in Exmouth and Exeter East constituency. (13650)
- 79N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support SMEs in the (a) technology and (b) research and development sectors, in the context of the Autumn Budget 2024. (13651)
- 80N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the average time taken to investigate alleged fraudulent research and development tax relief claims on small businesses. (13464)
- 81N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the time taken to investigate alleged fraudulent research and development tax relief claims. (13465)

- 82N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what discussions has she had with the Welsh Government on the impact of the measures announced in the Autumn Budget 2024 on the Welsh Government's Welsh language strategy Cymraeg 2050. (13615)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 18 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2024 to Question 8936 on Religion: Education and with reference to her Department's Guidance for local authorities about membership of Standing Advisory Councils for Religious Education, published in September 2023, whether membership of (a) Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education and (b) Agreed Syllabus Conferences must also be drawn from non-religious worldviews analogous to a religious belief. (13677)
- 2N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2024 to Question 8936 on Religion: Education, whether locally agreed syllabuses on religious education must also take into account the teaching and practices of (a) humanism and (b) other principal non-religious worldviews. (13678)
- 3N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of proposed increases to water bills on (a) household disposable income and (b) levels of poverty in Surrey. (13666)
- 4N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of increases to Thames Water bills since 2019 on (a) household disposable income and (b) levels of poverty in Surrey. (13667)
- 5N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of flood prevention plans for communities along the River Thames in Surrey between Weybridge and Long Ditton. (13668)
- 6N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that animals are declared correctly as rescued at UK borders; and how many animals have been (a) accepted and (b) rejected at the border in the last five years. (13603)

- 7N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the policy paper entitled Stopping the start: our new plan to create a smokefree generation, last updated on 8 November 2023, reflects his Department's current policy. (13511)
- 8N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many coroners inquests have been held in (a) England and (b) Wales for the death of a UK national abroad in the last five years. (13482)
- 9N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to Bereavement abroad through homicide or culpable homicide - support: memorandum of understanding" between his Department and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, published on 30th September 2024, whether his Department has taken recent steps to amend its processes on the deaths of UK nationals abroad who were resident in Scotland. (13489)
- 10N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on embedding circular design principles in the construction of 1.5million homes. (13401)
- 11N **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will amend planning regulations in situations where a tree is found to be endangering the foundations of an adjacent building so that local authorities may recommend options other than felling. (13724)
- 12N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to regulate estate management providers to ensure that homeowners are not subject to (a) hidden fees, (b) unclear information and (c) unsatisfactory maintenance. (13605)
- 13N **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had discussions on the reintroduction of a (a) passenger and (b) freight service from Rosyth to mainland Europe. (13661)
- 14N **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had recent discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the reintroduction of a (a) passenger and (b) freight service from Rosyth to mainland Europe. (13662)
- 15N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the answer of 6 November 2024, to Question 12294, on Employer's Contributions: Ministry of Defence, and with reference to Item 26 on page 118, Table 5.1, of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC295, on the allowance for impact of the National Insurance Contributions on public sector organisations, whether this will include funding to mitigate the NI

insurance rise for (a) GPs, (b) NHS dentists, (c) NHS-funded hospices, (d) privately-funded hospices, (e) universities, (f) further education colleges, (g) children's care homes, (h) care homes for the elderly which have residents funded by local authorities. (13512)

16N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Item 26 on page 118, Table 5.1, of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC295, published on 30 October 2024, if she will set out the methodological difference with the monetary figures listed for RDEL compensation to public sector employers and adult social care, in Table 3.2 in the Office for Budget Responsibility's Economic and Fiscal Outlook, October 2024, CP1169. (13513)