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Questions tabled on Thursday 14 November 2024

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Questions for Answer on Monday 18 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what role the Office for Equality and Opportunity has in informing Government policy on marriage. (14346)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether former civil servants are required to make a business appointment rules application to undertake (a) temporary and (b) one-off items of work during the regulated period after their departure from Crown employment. (14347)
- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent guidance his Department has provided on when Departments should publish a regulatory impact assessment when bringing forward a Bill to Parliament. (14348)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any ministerial directions have been issued since 6 July 2024. (14351)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on paying for advertising on X. (14352)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an estimate of the potential cost to the Civil Service of proposed changes to (a) statutory rights for trade union equality representatives and (b) facility time and associated office facilities via the Employment Rights Bill. (14353)

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- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost was of civil service pay (a) including and (b) excluding National Insurance employer contributions in the most recent 12 months for which data is available. (14354)
- 8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department issues guidance to Department's on the publication of meetings attended by (a) Ministers and (b) special advisers. (14355)
- 9 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much was spent on bottled water by each Department in the last financial year. (14361)
- 10 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants were dismissed for poor performance by Department in each of the last five years. (14369)
- Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes in the Autumn Budget 2024 to the level of funding for cultural regeneration through levelling up projects on (a) local economic regeneration and (b) the maintenance of cultural assets. (14286)
- 12N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions, as announced in the Autumn Budget 2024, on the ability of school meals providers to provide those meals within the existing fixed price cost of £2.53.

[Transferred] (14003)

- 13 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the impact of removing the abatement law on teacher's pensions on (a) retaining teachers and (b) allowing retired teachers to return to the profession. (14330)
- 14 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will amend regulations on school meals so that there is no obligation to serve animal-derived foods.

 (14411)
- 15 **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of qualified teacher status on the quality of teaching. (14356)
- Sally Jameson (Doncaster Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much was spent from the public purse on private sector provision of children's social care in each year since 2010. (14414)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made a comparative assessment of financial support available to (a) kinship and (b) foster carers.

 [Transferred] (14259)

- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of children in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency do not have English as their first language. (14415)
- 19 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure equal access to funding for special educational needs and disabilities services in Essex. (14417)
- 20 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mandatory autism training for (a) teachers and (b) teaching assistants. (14309)
- 21 **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent guidance her Department has issued on whether parents may make enquiries in respect of the availability of state school places for their children to more than one (a) local authority and (b) academy trust. (14430)
- 22 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help protect school pupils who are known to have allergies. (14385)
- 23 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the smart meter network in North East Scotland. (14432)
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the new RdSAP10 Energy Performance Certificate methodology on EPC ratings. [Transferred] (14194)
- 25 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will ensure that all policies which potentially impact on fisheries are assessed by his Department in a holistic manner, considering their potential interactions with related policies, before implementation. (14402)
- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many animals are held by Government (a) Departments and (b) agencies for research; and what type of animals are held.

 (14428)
- 27 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what happens to dogs held for research purposes by Government (a) Departments and (b) agencies once research has been completed. (14429)
- 28 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, What steps he is taking to support farmers with the phase-out of the direct payments under the Basic Payment Scheme. (14281)

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- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, what recent estimate he has made of changes in levels of
 subsidies for farmers since 5 July 2024. (14283)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to paragraph 5.81 of the Autumn Budget 2024,
 published on 30 October, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the
 carbon border adjustment mechanism on the cost of imported fertiliser. (14287)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to paragraph 5.81 of the Autumn Budget 2024,
 published on 30 October, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the
 carbon border adjustment mechanism on the fertiliser supply chain. (14288)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to paragraph 5.81 of the Autumn Budget 2024,
 published on 30 October, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the
 carbon border adjustment mechanism on food prices. (14289)
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to (a) publish a response to and (b) implement the policies set out in the consultation on statutory litter enforcement guidance that closed in April 2024. (14343)
- Caroline Voaden (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that all cases of suspected wildlife crimes against birds are fully investigated, in the context of the prevalence of highly pathogenic avian influenza. (14427)
- 36 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to reduce the number of rural areas with no wifi access. (14319)
- 37 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to strengthen protections for freedom of speech online. (14358)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to prevent false accusations being made about people online. (14431)

- 39 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to provide (a) residents and (b) workers with access to spaces for (i) shared bike schemes and (ii) other bike storage facilities. (14390)
- 40 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to implement the policies in her Department's policy paper entitled The plan for drivers, published on 2 October 2023. (14381)
- 41 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish a breakdown of the preferred (a) written and (b) spoken language of people claiming Universal Credit. (14388)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of changes to Civil Procedure Rules on alternative dispute resolution; and if she will have discussions with CEDAWinLAW on mediation.

 [Transferred] (14001)
- Pensions, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of women born in the 1950s affected by State Pension age changes in (a) North Northumberland constituency and (b) Northumberland.
- David Smith (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had discussions with the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman on the contents of it's report entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024. (14421)
- 45N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 3 September 2024 to Question 4038 on Pension Credit: Expenditure, what estimate she has made of the additional cost to the public purse of the associated allowances for Pension Credit if all people eligible for claiming it did. (14310)
- Max Wilkinson (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions,
 whether she has had recent discussions with representatives of the West Midlands Pension
 Fund on (a) delays in payments and (b) planned resolutions. (14380)
- 47 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of radiologists in London. (14320)
- 48 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of cancer in teenagers and young adults. (14280)

- 49 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that young people with cancer have equity of access to (a) age-appropriate and (b) specialist psychological support. (14284)
- 50 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the national prostate cancer screening programme. (14422)
- 51 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve early diagnosis for prostate cancer. (14424)
- 52 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of NHS beds were occupied by chargeable overseas visitors in the last financial year. (14365)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department has on the number of (a) GP and (b) outpatient appointments conducted in a language other than English and British Sign Language, broken down by total number of appointments conducted per language. (14376)
- 54 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will list all the languages excluding English and British Sign Language that are translated in the NHS. (14378)
- Rebecca Paul (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what short-term steps his Department is taking to help support hospices to maintain levels of service; and whether his Department is taking long-term steps to reform funding for hospices.

 (14406)
- Steve Race (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of cycle commuting on (a) mental health and (b) healthy behaviours. (14389)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has had discussions with the Department for Education on (a) the impact of university debt on nursing degree graduates and (b) a student loan forgiveness model for those graduates. (14426)
- Luke Taylor (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to publish a 2024 progress report for the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme; and what steps he is taking to ensure that the programme continues to support (a) (i) perinatal and (ii) infant mental health and (b) parent-infant relationships.

 (14360)
- 59 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to undertake a national audit of care needs. (14386)

- 60N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many potential cyber attacks from other
 states were intercepted by the National Cyber Security Centre in the six weeks before 4
 July 2024.

 [Transferred] (13999)
- 61 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential
 implications for his policies of the matters raised in the Human Rights Watch report
 entitled Hopeless, Starving and Besieged: Israel's Forced Displacement of Palestinians in
 Gaza, published on 14 November 2024. (14322)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish a breakdown of Overseas Development Assistance funding his Department plans to allocate per country for 2025. (14305)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, If he will publish a breakdown of multilateral funding his Department plans to provide via Overseas Development Assistance per organisation in 2025. (14306)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his planned timetable is for signing the agreement with Mauritius on sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (14307)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the (a) current and (b) incoming United States Administration on the timetable for signing the treaty with Mauritius on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (14308)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his planned timetable is to publish the details of the treaty with Mauritius on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (14331)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, If he will publish an (a) timeline and (b) list of all (i) meetings and (ii) discussions his Department has had with the Government of Mauritius on the sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory since 5 July 2024. (14332)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many full-time equivalent employees are currently employed by (a) his Department and (b) non-departmental public bodies sponsored by his Department; and how many he expects to be employed next year. (14334)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the total staffing costs for (a) his Department; and (b) non-departmental public bodies sponsored by his Department for (a) the current financial year and (b) the 2025-26 financial year. (14335)

- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the employer National Insurance contribution costs for (a) his Department and (b) non-departmental public bodies sponsored by his Department (i) in direct staffing costs and (ii) on third party and contract spend for the (A) current and (B) 2025-26 financial year; and whether he has made provision for the impact of the additional costs announced in paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024.
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer (a) prior to and (b) since 30 October 2024 on the resourcing impact for (i) his Department and (ii) non-departmental public bodies sponsored by his Department of changes to employer National Insurance contributions. (14337)
- 72 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the RDEL allocation provided to his Department in the Autumn Budget 2024 includes resourcing provisions for the additional costs due to changes to employers National Insurance contributions. (14338)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many staff were appointed to roles within his Department between 5 July and 5 November 2024, broken down by pay grade. (14339)
- 74 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many staff have left his Department between 5 July and 5 November 2024, broken down by pay grade. (14340)
- 75 Luke Taylor (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what humanitarian steps he is taking to (a) support peace and (b) protect vulnerable communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (14359)
- 76 Luke Taylor (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Convenor of the Executive Council of Hong Kong on human rights violations in that region.
 (14362)
- 77 **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what criteria she used to close the Bibby Stockholm; and whether she will apply those criteria to the Asylum Reception Centre at former RAF Wethersfield. (14328)
- 78 **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many incidents of disorder there were at the Asylum Reception Centre at the former RAF Wethersfield between 1 July and 1 October 2024. (14329)

- 79 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November to Question 12585 on Undocumented Migrants, if she will make an estimate of the number of asylum seekers for which her Department doesn't have an address listed. (14345)
- 80 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many migrants have entered the UK and given birth within three months by visa type.

 (14366)
- 81 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) 17 and (b) 18 year old irregular migrants there are in each local authority area. (14372)
- 82 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many 17 year old irregular migrants there are in schools, broken down by local authority. (14373)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many enforcement visits have taken place in each local authority in each of the last ten years; and what the total cost to the public purse was of these visits. (14400)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much was spent by police forces in Essex on celebrating Pride Month in June 2024. (14416)
- 85 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to ensure that asylum seekers are not deported prior to a final judgement on their case. (14382)
- Max Wilkinson (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to require insurance companies to set industry-wide definitions for claims classifications. (14383)
- Claire Young (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Police Constable
 Degree Apprenticeship. (14371)
- 88 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of
 social housing with disability access. (14318)
- Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with
 stakeholders on levelling up funding decisions for previously announced (a) culture and
 (b) regeneration projects, in the context of the Autumn Budget 2024. (14285)

- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help strengthen communities after the riots in August 2024. (14410)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to require landlords and managing agents to pay automatic compensation to tenants when overcharging occurs.

 (14433)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to pay automatic compensation to all tenants when landlords and managing agents are slow to reimburse tenants after overcharging. (14434)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to cap service charge rises annually at the rate of CPI inflation. (14435)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to extend to ten years the time limits for tenants and residents to request invoices and receipts in relation to service charges. (14436)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to require (a) all service charge accounts to be audited every year by independent accountants and (b) that the cost of this audit cannot be passed onto residents through service charges. (14437)
- David Smith (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she is taking steps to ensure her
 Department's policies are trauma-informed; and what guidance her Department issues
 women fleeing domestic abuse. (14423)
- **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to bring forward legislative proposals to allow local authorities to make (a) empty and (b) abandoned houses available to people on housing waiting lists. (14379)
- 98N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information her Department holds on the number of education, health and care plan tribunals that were lost by Surrey County Council in each year from 2019 to 2024 to date.

[Transferred] (14277)

Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the Crown Prosecution Guidance on the definition of online hate speech in the context of protecting freedom of speech. (14344)

- 100 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many police visits by each police force for non-crime hate incidents there were in each of the last ten years.

 (14357)
- 101 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much each police force spent on monitoring social media in each of the last ten years. (14363)
- 102 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many personnel were assigned to monitoring social media by the police in of the last ten years.

 (14364)
- 103 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many noncrime hate incidents were reported on the grounds of (a) race, (b) religion, (c) sexual orientation, (d) disability and (e) transgender identity in each of the last ten years by police force.
- 104 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of Acquisitive Crime GPS tagging programme. (14396)
- 105 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential barriers to successful prosecution using information from the Acquisitive Crime GPS tagging programme. (14397)
- 106 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) arrests, (b) charges and (c) convictions have been made using data from the Acquisitive Crime GPS tagging programme in each year since its introduction. (14398)
- 107 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of offenders with convictions related to alcohol use have been subject to an alcohol monitoring tag (a) on release from prison and (b) as part of a community sentence in each year since its introduction. (14399)
- Joani Reid (East Kilbride and Strathaven): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent discussions she has had with the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs in Scotland on conviction rates for commercial sexual exploitation in East Kilbride and Strathaven. (14391)
- 109 **Chris Vince** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that victims of (a) violence against women and girls and (b) rape (i) receive adequate access to justice and (ii) do not have long waits for court dates. (14425)
- 110 Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that businesses in Northern Ireland receive the same rate relief support as their counterparts in other regions of the United Kingdom, including the recent 40% rate relief scheme announced for high street businesses in England. (14438)

- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.81 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, what discussions she has had with stakeholders in the farming sector on the introduction of a carbon border adjustment mechanism. (14290)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.81 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of a phased introduction of the carbon border adjustment mechanism on the cost of imported fertiliser. (14291)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her policy is on (a) the level of the pension annual allowance and (b) the application of a lifetime allowance to pensions. (14293)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her planned timetable is for publishing tax information and impact notes for tax measures announced in the Autumn Budget 2024. (14294)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 1 November 2024 to Question 10443 on Civil Servants, what data her Department holds on the estimated financial impact of previously planned reductions in the size of the civil service in (a) 2024-25, (b) 2025-26 and (c) 2026-27. (14295)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent estimate she has made of the total revenue from (a) central government and (b) local government taxation in each year from 2023-24 for which projections are available. (14296)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what is the latest estimate by HM Treasury of the total revenue from business rates in England in each year from 2023-24 for which projections are available. (14297)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.52 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, whether the application of inheritance tax to unused pension funds and death benefits will apply to the pension scheme established under The Pensions Increase (Pension Scheme for Keir Starmer QC) Regulations 2013.
 (14298)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.52 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, whether the application of inheritance tax to unused pension funds and death benefits will apply to the (a) BBC and (b) Channel 4 defined benefit pension scheme.
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.51 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, whether an (a) equality impact assessment, (b) family test assessment, (c) regulatory impact assessment, (d) rural impact assessment, and (e) environmental principles assessment were produced for the changes to Agricultural Property Relief on family farms. (14300)

- 121 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to replace the business rates system. (14301)
- 122 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish her

 Department's contingent liability database. (14302)
- Mary Glindon (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the financial impact of Adult Gaming Centres on the high street economy. (14325)
- 124 **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of Adult Gaming Centres on (a) the jobs market and (b) the exchequer. (14326)
- 125 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made a comparative assessment of the potential impact of the proposed increase in employers National Insurance contributions on (a) small and medium businesses and (b) large businesses.

 [Transferred] (14219)
- 126 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the cost of the proposed lease of the military base at Diego Garcia following the UK and Mauritius joint statement, 3 October 2024; and what provisions she has made in the Budget and Spending Review for these costs. (14333)
- 127 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she plans to commission an equality impact assessment on the proposed commencement of the socio-economic duty in the Equality Act 2010. [Transferred] (14110)
- 128 **Joani Reid** (East Kilbride and Strathaven): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent discussions she has had with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice on support for victims of commercial sexual exploitation in East Kilbride and Strathaven. (14392)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 19 November

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the paragraph 36 of the policy paper entitled Next steps to make work pay, published on 8 November 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Government's proposals to change the statutory probation period to 9 months on Section 6a of the Model contract for special advisers, last updated on 6 November 2024. (14311)

- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 7 October 2024 to to Question 5121 on Employment, what requirements will private firms bidding for public sector contracts have to ensure (a) trade union access, (b) collective bargaining arrangements and (c) trade union recognition in order to win such contracts.
- 3N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent estimate his Department has made of the potential impact of trade deals negotiated since 2020 on economic growth in (a) England, (b) Wales, (c) Scotland and (d) Northern Ireland. (14407)
- 4N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2024 to Question 13172 on Pre-school Education, what reforms to the early years system her Department plans; and whether she plans to publish a consultation on these reforms. (14279)
- 5N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on enhancing (a) diet and (b) nutrition education in the school curriculum. (14401)
- 6N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of levels of international funding
 needed to support new financial mechanisms that would be required under the Global
 Plastics Treaty.

 [Transferred] (14244)
- 7N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on negotiations on the Global Plastics Treaty in South Korea.

[Transferred] (14245)

- 8N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help accelerate the rollout of (a) 4G and (b) 5G in (i) central Winchester and (ii) other urban areas with limited mobile data availability. (14408)
- 9N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department is taking steps to support people with the cost of full fibre to premises connections in commercially viable areas where providers (a) do not connect premises and (b) require substantial fees. (14409)
- 10N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department holds information on the number of objections made to Traffic Regulation Orders. (14413)

- 11N Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 4 September 2024 to Question 3558 on Access to Work Programme, whether applicants who have been assigned a Case Manager can correspond with that Case Manager in writing. (14412)
- 12N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will support the implementation of the Optimal Care Pathway for pancreatic cancer.

 (14403)
- 13N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) pancreatic cancer and (b) other cancers with lower survival rates will have a focused section in the new cancer strategy. (14440)
- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to fulfil its
 (a) duty to prevent and (b) other obligations under the Genocide Convention with respect
 to Gaza, with reference to (i) the International Court of Justice's order of provisional
 measures in South Africa v Israel (2023), (ii) paragraph 431 of the International Court of
 Justice's judgment in Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Serbia and Montenegro (2007) and (iii)
 the Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts (2001). (14341)
- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with international
 counterparts on the collective measures available to ensure the implementation of treaty
 obligations to prevent genocide and other atrocity crimes in the occupied Palestinian
 territories. (14342)
- 16N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to work towards a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Southern Cameroon. (14439)
- 17N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will review the funding formula for police forces to ensure that it is proportionate to (a) population and (b) demand. (14368)
- 18N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking with the Ministry of Justice to (a) reduce court delays and (b) ensure timely hearings. (14370)
- 19N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if it is government policy to cover overspends from the Defence Nuclear Enterprise budget from the wider Defence budget or from the Treasury reserve. (14405)
- 20N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of exposure to (a) Sea King (b) Westland Wessex (c) Puma and (d) CH-47 Chinook helicopter (i) fuel and (ii) exhaust fumes on aircrew's (A) health and (B) risk of developing cancer. (14375)

- 21N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many legal claims made against his Department in relation to the impact of aircrew's exposure to helicopter fuel and exhaust fumes were outstanding on 14 November 2024. (14377)
- 22N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his Department first became aware of the potential link between long exposure to exhaust fumes from helicopters used by the Armed Forces and the risk of cancer. (14384)
- 23N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many compensation payments have been made by his Department for health issues relating to Armed Forces helicopters since 23 April 2023; and what was the total value of those payments.

 (14387)
- 24N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to employer national insurance contributions on the financial sustainability of the prison and probation service. (14316)
- 25N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12741 on Business: Inheritance Tax, how many and what proportion of the estates that claimed both agricultural property relief and business property relief (a) were family farms and (b) would have paid inheritance tax under the changes made at the Autumn Budget 2024. (14313)
- 26N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12741 on Business: Inheritance Tax, what the combined value of assets qualifying for relief was in the estates that claimed both agricultural property relief and business property relief. (14314)
- 27N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12741 on Business: Inheritance Tax, how many and what proportion of the estates that claimed both agricultural property relief and business property relief were (a) working farms and (b) other claimants. (14315)
- 28N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of exempting charities from the increase to employer National Insurance contributions. (14321)
- 29N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the total value of increased employer national insurance contributions from outsourced private suppliers within the prison and probation service for the next 12 months. (14317)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 20 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) direct ministerial appointments and (b) public appointments are required to declare interests. (14349)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether declarations of interest by (a) special advisers, (b) direct ministerial appointments, (c) non-executive directors and (d) other public appointments are published on a public Register of Interests. (14350)
- 3N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make it his policy to strengthen employee rights for those who were employed by an employer that has become insolvent. (14404)
- 4N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of the judicial review of her decision to pause the implementation of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act. (14323)
- 5N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the impact of increasing employers National Insurance contributions on childcare costs for working parents. (14324)
- 6N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for publishing the recommendations of the Curriculum and Assessment review. (14393)
- 7N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the increase in employer National Insurance contributions on universities. (14394)
- 8N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of how much the increase to employers National Insurance contributions will cost universities. (14395)
- 9N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will take steps to ensure that households that do not have driveways can access (a) on-street and (b) domestic EV charging infrastructure. (14374)
- 10N **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 increasing the NHS Bursary living allowance to match the Student Finance England maintenance loan. (14418)

- 11N **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 allowing medical students in all years of the course to access the Learning Support Fund. (14419)
- 12N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12397 on Prisoners Escort, how many penalties for late delivery of a prisoner to the Crown Court were issued in (a) 2024 and (b) 2023.
- 13N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12397 on Prisoners Escort, how many penalties for late delivery of a prisoner to the Magistrates Court were issued in (a) 2024 and (b) 2023. (14303)
- 14N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12397 on Prisoners Escort, what the average time for a late delivery of a prisoner is to (a) Crown Court and (b) Magistrates Court.

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

- 1 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): Whether he is taking steps to accelerate the roll-out of the Shared Rural Network. (901333)
- 2 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): What steps he is taking to improve digital connectivity in rural areas. (901334)
- 3 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): Whether he has had discussions with rights holders and the creative industries on the potential impact of artificial intelligence on copyright. (901335)
- 4 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of using Project Gigabit funding in urban areas on download speeds in rural areas. (901336)
- 5 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): What steps his Department is taking to help increase levels of innovation in the Black Country. (901337)
- 6 **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): If he will take steps to support the creation of a global network of scientific research on frontier AI safety. (901338)
- 7 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): What comparative assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the roll-out of 5G in (a) the UK and (b) other countries. (901339)
- 8 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): What progress his Department has made on the roll-out of Project Gigabit. (901340)

9	Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): What discussions he has had with the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency on how to accelerate the acceptance of data	1
	generated in non-animal methods for drug safety decision making.	(901341)
10	Becky Gittins (Clwyd East): What steps he is taking to tackle intimate image abuse o	nline. (901342)
11	Steve Race (Exeter): What progress he has made on the roll-out of gigabit-capable broadband in urban areas.	(901343)
12	Alan Gemmell (Central Ayrshire): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support the growth of the life sciences manufacturing sector.	(901344)
13	Steve Darling (Torbay): What steps his Department is taking to help tackle digital exclusion.	(901345)
14	Louise Jones (North East Derbyshire): What progress he has made on the roll-out of gigabit-capable broadband in rural areas.	(901346)
15	Mr Alex Barros-Curtis (Cardiff West): What steps his Department is taking to help increase levels of innovation in Cardiff West constituency.	(901347)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

T1	Dr Beccy Cooper (Worthing West): If he will make a statement on his department responsibilities.	cal (901348)
T2	Bob Blackman (Harrow East):	(901349)
T3	Ruth Jones (Newport West and Islwyn):	(901350)
T4	David Davis (Goole and Pocklington):	(901351)
T5	James Asser (West Ham and Beckton):	(901352)
T6	Ian Lavery (Blyth and Ashington):	(901353)
T7	Rebecca Smith (South West Devon):	(901354)
T8	Harpreet Uppal (Huddersfield):	(901355)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Clapham and Brixton Hill): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 20 November. (901318)

2 Saqib Bhatti (Meriden and Solihull East): (901319)

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3	Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):	(901320)
4	Lewis Cocking (Broxbourne):	(901321)
5	Dr Andrew Murrison (South West Wiltshire):	(901322)
6	Sir Edward Leigh (Gainsborough):	(901323)
7	Lincoln Jopp (Spelthorne):	(901324)
8	Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East):	(901325)
9	Alex Baker (Aldershot):	(901326)
10	Graham Stringer (Blackley and Middleton South):	(901327)
11	Dr Simon Opher (Stroud):	(901328)
12	Graham Stuart (Beverley and Holderness):	(901329)
13	Fred Thomas (Plymouth Moor View):	(901330)
14	Helen Morgan (North Shropshire):	(901331)
15	Jonathan Hinder (Pendle and Clitheroe):	(901332)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 21 November

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- Bob Blackman (Harrow East): What recent discussions she has had with the Mayor of London on financial support for Transport for London. (901356)
- 2 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): What steps she is taking to improve the accessibility of aviation for disabled people. (901357)
- 3 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): What recent estimate she has made of when electrification of the midland mainline will be complete. (901358)
- 4 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): Whether she is taking steps to support the participation of small and medium-sized local bus operators in bus franchising schemes.

 (901359)
- 5 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): If she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of local bus services in enabling children's travel to school. (901360)
- 6 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): What steps she is taking to improve transport infrastructure. (901361)
- 7 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): What steps she is taking to simplify railway ticketing. (901362)

- **Matt Rodda** (Reading Central): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of local roads. (901363)
- **Mark Sewards** (Leeds South West and Morley): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of local roads. (901364)
- **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): What steps she is taking to improve transport infrastructure. (901365)
- **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of bus services in rural areas. (901366)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): What steps she is taking to improve the accessibility of railway stations for disabled people. (901367)
- **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of local roads. (901368)
- **Lee Pitcher** (Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme): What steps she is taking to support the use and production of sustainable aviation fuels. [R] (901369)
- **Kevin Bonavia** (Stevenage): What steps she is taking to help improve local bus services. (901370)
- **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): If she will take steps to help reduce overcrowding on Chiltern Railways services. (901371)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): If she will take steps to help ensure that the Tyne Bridge is restored in time for its centenary in 2028. (901372)
- **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): What steps she is taking to improve transport infrastructure. (901373)
- **Dr Jeevun Sandher** (Loughborough): What steps she is taking to decarbonise the transport sector. (901374)
- **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): What financial support she is providing to local transport authorities and mayors. (901375)
- **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): What steps she is taking to help improve local bus services. (901376)
- 22 Mrs Lorraine Beavers (Blackpool North and Fleetwood): What steps she is taking to improve rail connectivity. (901377)
- 23 Dr Marie Tidball (Penistone and Stocksbridge): What steps she is taking to help improve local bus services. (901378)
- **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): What steps she is taking to improve transport infrastructure. (901379)

25 **Jonathan Hinder** (Pendle and Clitheroe): What steps she is taking to improve passenger rail performance. (901380)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

T1	Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): If she will make a statement on her departmental	
	responsibilities.	(901381)
T2	Ashley Dalton (West Lancashire):	(901382)
T3	Ian Lavery (Blyth and Ashington):	(901383)
T4	Phil Brickell (Bolton West):	(901384)
T5	Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon):	(901385)
T6	Patrick Hurley (Southport):	(901386)
T7	Ben Goldsborough (South Norfolk):	(901387)
T8	Joe Morris (Hexham):	(901388)
Т9	Clive Jones (Wokingham):	(901389)
T10	Jacob Collier (Burton and Uttoxeter):	(901390)

Questions for Answer on Monday 25 November

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made changes to the Special Development Order on the Asylum Reception Centre at former RAF Wethersfield since 1 July 2024. (14327)