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Questions tabled on Friday 15 November 2024

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Questions for Answer on Monday 18 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Solicitor General, 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. [Transferred] (14344)
- 2 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff are in the parliamentary branch of 10 Downing Street. [Transferred] (14092)
- 3 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to update guidance for special advisers on the acceptance of gifts and hospitality, further to the special advisers' code of conduct, in the context of updated guidance for Ministers. [Transferred] (14093)
- 4 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the financial impact of Adult Gaming Centres on the high street economy. [Transferred] (14325)
- 5 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on taking steps to help prevent people being sexually exploited on websites advertising prostitution in Gower. [Transferred] (14076)

- 6 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Online Safety Act 2023 in tackling instances of (a) online deception and (b) coercive and controlling behaviour by impersonations on (i) social media and (ii) dating apps. [Transferred] (14082)
- 7 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many animals are held by Government (a) Departments and (b) agencies for research; and what type of animals are held. [Transferred] (14428)
- 8 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what happens to dogs held for research purposes by Government (a) Departments and (b) agencies once research has been completed. [Transferred] (14429)
- 9 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police visits by each police force for non-crime hate incidents there were in each of the last ten years. [Transferred] (14357)
- 10 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many non-crime 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. [Transferred] (14367)
- 11 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had recent discussions with representatives of the West Midlands Pension Fund on (a) delays in payments and (b) planned resolutions. [Transferred] (14380)
- 12 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether any ministerial directions have been issued since 6 July 2024. [Transferred] (14351)
- 13 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will amend the Debt Relief (Developing Countries) Act 2010 to make private sector loans to Global South countries (a) lawful and (b) transparent. [Transferred] (14217)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 19 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department has issued to other departments on the circumstances in which consultant lobbying firms attending (a) meetings and (b) hospitality must be declared on ministerial transparency returns. (14482)

- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has issued guidance to other departments on using AI to (a) read and (b) analyse responses to government consultations. (14483)
- 3 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many public contracts were awarded without competitive tendering by each Department in the last financial year; and for what reason each contract was awarded without competitive tendering. (14545)
- 4 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of making locksmithing a regulated profession to tackle rogue traders. (14572)
- 5 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with the Post Office on proposed closures. (14509)
- 6 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) Liskeard and (b) other rural communities to maintain access to (i) banking and (ii) other essential services after the closure of local post offices. (14565)
- 7 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what his planned timetable is for bringing forward secondary legislation under the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill once enacted. (14441)
- 8 **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 support charities in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (14443)
- 9 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to reduce administrative requirements for school groups visiting the UK from Europe. (14542)
- 10 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help support students to study in the EU. (14544)
- 11 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of trends in the standard of writing in (a) primary schools, (b) secondary schools and (c) universities since 2015. (14575)
- 12 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve access to (a) university and (b) other further education and training opportunities for people living in coastal resorts in (i) the South West and (ii) the rest of the country; and what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of educational attainment in those areas. (14503)

- 13 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Sutton Trust's Inequality in early years education report, published on 24 January 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of establishing a national strategy for the reinvigoration of children's centres. (14495)
- 14 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the report entitled Social Selection on the Map, published by the Sutton Trust on 3 September 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of (a) reviewing existing admissions code policies and (b) making Pupil Premium eligibility a required part of schools' oversubscription criteria. (14496)
- 15 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Sutton Trust's Closing the Attainment Gap report, published on 22 February 2024, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of expanding free school meal eligibility to all children on Universal Credit. (14497)
- 16 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that apprenticeship opportunities are made more widely available for those from disadvantaged backgrounds. (14498)
- 17 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the pupil premium to post-16 institutions. (14499)
- 18 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the parental income thresholds used to determine the level of support for maintenance loans. (14500)
- 19 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will set out a timeline for the publication of guidance on Relationship, Sex and Health Education. (14569)
- 20 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of children in the care of a local authority since 1 January 2024 had previously been unaccompanied irregular migrants, broken down by local authority. (14490)
- 21 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Sixth Form Pay Award settlement to Non-Academized Sixth Form Colleges in addition to Academized Sixth Form Colleges. (14467)
- 22 **Chris Vince** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of trends in the standard of writing in (a) primary schools, (b) secondary schools and (c) universities since 2015. (14518)

- 23 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support rural households off the gas supply network with the cost of energy. (14445)
- 24 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent steps he has taken to ensure that people in Newcastle-under-Lyme can access the Warm Homes Plan. (14536)
- 25 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, (a) how many and (b) what value of grants were awarded to farmers for net zero projects in the last 12 months. (14570)
- 26 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress he has made on UK-EU veterinary agreement negotiations. (14549)
- 27 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support zoos in maintaining effective breeding programs with partners in Europe. (14550)
- 28 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with (a) farmers and (b) landowners on the proposed changes to Agricultural Property Relief. (14454)
- 29 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to replace the Galileo scheme. (14547)
- 30 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to maximise the benefits of rejoining the (a) Horizon and (b) Copernicus programmes. (14548)
- 31 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his policy is on the future of the Digital Growth Grant after April 2025. (14571)
- 32 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential causes of poor 5G connectivity. (14453)
- 33 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help improve the (a) reliability and (b) longevity of back-up Voice over Internet Protocol phone batteries for vulnerable people; how many (i) telephone exchanges and (ii) mobile telephone masts have back-up generators; and if he will take steps to ensure that (A) the 999 service and (B) other critical infrastructure in Cornwall remains telecommunication operational at all times. (14567)

- 34 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on UK R&D. (14526)
- 35 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of vision zero approaches to road safety in other countries. (14492)
- 36 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of people affected by train delays in each of the last ten years. (14505)
- 37 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2024 to Question 13503 on Personal Independence Payment: Patients, how many individuals have had personal independence payments withdrawn after entering (a) hospital, (b) hospice and (c) residential care for more than 28 days in the last four years. (14464)
- 38 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the State Pension. (14519)
- 39 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to increase the number of eligible older people claiming (a) Pension Credit and (b) other pension-aged benefits. (14521)
- 40 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Government is taking to provide financial support for carers who look after their partners. (14468)
- 41 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's transparency data entitled DWP and CMG: spending over £500, July 2024, published on 3 September 2024, for what reason her Department spent (a) £533 at Back Market, (b) £580 at Bright Horizons, (c) £1259 at Cheltenham Mowers, (d) £699 and £599 at Currys, (e) £520 at Elya Catering, (f) £1,167 at Happy Days South West, (g) £555 at Moss Brows, (h) £527 at Argos, (i) £970 at Fitness Superstore and (j) multiple amounts with Trainline. (14479)
- 42 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's transparency data entitled DWP and CMG: spending over £500, August 2024, published on 24 October 2024, for what reason her Department spent (a) £1,249 at John Lewis, (b) £868 and £579 at Sam Turner Sons, (c) £679, £899 and £1,139 at Screwfix, (d) £1,436 at Next Day Catering, (e) £589 and £534 at Halfords, (f) £1,099 at Laurastar SA, (g) £629 on Singer Outlet, (h) 11 amounts with SE Online and (i) £999, £619, £619, £557 and £504 at Argos. (14480)

- 43 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment NHS England has made of the potential impact of the Royal Marsden Man Van project on prostate cancer testing in areas with high rates of late diagnosis. (14516)
- 44 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of Getting It Right First Time's guidance entitled Heavy Menstrual Bleeding, published in October 2021; and whether he plans to implement their recommendations. (14504)
- 45 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to raise public awareness of the potential health risks of open (a) coal and (b) wood fires for cooking and heating in the home. (14533)
- 46 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential risks associated with aggregating NHS performance data; and what steps he is taking to provide transparent data on an individual hospital level for emergency departments. (14568)
- 47 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with (a) SeeAbility and (b) other charities that deliver public sector contracts on the potential impact of increases in levels of employers' national insurance contributions on those charities. (14451)
- 48 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of an increase in employers national insurance contributions on charity and not for profit providers of adult social care; and if he will publish this information. (14452)
- 49 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the impact of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions on hospices. (14444)
- 50 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of men who live in areas without (a) universally accessible and (b) fully NHS funded vasectomy services. (14513)
- 51 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of full-time translation and interpretation staff working in the NHS; what externally-provided translation and interpretation services are available in the NHS; and if he will publish (a) a list of the providers and (b) the cost to the public purse for those services. (14506)
- 52 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of providing funding for research into the early detection of sepsis. (14554)

- 53 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of autism support services for adults in West Dorset constituency. (14555)
- 54 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that support for minimal to intensive assistance are tailored to each adult with autism. (14556)
- 55 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the availability of autism support services for adults in rural areas. (14557)
- 56 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support for people during their transition from child to adult autism services. (14559)
- 57 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will undertake a review of the funding model for hospices serving (a) rural and (b) other isolated communities. (14560)
- 58 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Department is taking to support hospice funding to ensure (a) sustainability and (b) quality care in regions with limited alternatives. (14561)
- 59 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide additional funding for hospices in (a) West Dorset constituency and (b) other rural areas. (14562)
- 60 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has plans to provide additional support to ensure primary healthcare remains accessible in isolated regions. (14563)
- 61 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to tackle primary healthcare staffing shortages in rural areas with limited local resources. (14564)
- 62 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to primary healthcare services in (a) West Dorset constituency and (b) other rural constituencies. (14573)
- 63 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what treatments are (a) available and (b) due to become available in the next 12 months on the NHS for people who have experienced adverse side effects to Covid-19 vaccines. (14477)

- 64 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to review the funding model for hospices for children and young people as part of the 10-Year Health Plan for the NHS. (14466)
- 65 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to roll out further Clinical Diagnostic Centres. (14525)
- 66 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): 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 Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, A/79/363, published on 20 September 2024. (14456)
- 67 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle the (a) supply and (b) use of sodium nitrite. (14566)
- 68 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many children have been investigated for non-crime hate crimes in the last five years. (14446)
- 69 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for gangmaster licences have been refused in the last five years. (14448)
- 70 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what funds her Department has provided to the French government to help prevent irregular migrant crossings of the English Channel. (14507)
- 71 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) people and (b) boats have been prevented from crossing the English Channel by the French authorities since the start of UK payments for this purpose. (14508)
- 72 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November to Question 12319 on Terrorism, if she will publish (a) a breakdown by ideological motivation of those late stage attacks that would not affect either on-going investigations and (b) the most common ideological motivation of the 43 late stage attacks. (14534)
- 73 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2024 to Question 11414 on Undocumented Migrants: Crimes of Violence, whether her Department collects data on incidents of assault by irregular migrants against Departmental staff. (14539)
- 74 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the total number of nights spent in hotels by irregular migrants is by constituency. (14540)

- 75 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance is available to immigration staff for dealing with irregular migrants found to have given false information about their age; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of deporting those migrants. (14541)
- 76 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what support her Department provides to UK residents threatened by agents of authoritarian regimes overseas. (14510)
- 77 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what support her Department has provided to British citizens from Hong Kong living in the UK who have had bounties placed on their heads by the Chinese government. (14511)
- 78 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were detained in health-based places of safety under the Mental Health Act 1983 in each year between 2017 and 2023; and what section of that Act they were held under. (14520)
- 79 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 November 2024 to Question 12181 on Typhoon Aircraft: Procurement, what steps he is taking to ensure that skilled workers in the defence sector are retained. (14529)
- 80 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential of the Autumn Budget 2024 on the defence supply chain. (14524)
- 81 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of removing the exemption of care homes from the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015 on public health. (14532)
- 82 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that local planning authorities use the Environment Agency's forthcoming NaFRA2 data. (14527)
- 83 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will require local authorities to refer planning decisions where the Environment Agency objects for a call in. (14528)
- 84 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's timetable is for the implementation of the Leasehold and Freehold Rights Act 2024; and when she plans to bring forward legislative proposals on leasehold and commonhold reform. (14472)

- 85 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to prevent (a) residents in retirement properties from being over-charged and (b) charging relatives for a property once the resident has passed away. (14473)
- 86 **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, how many (a) non-violent and (b) violent foreign national reoffences there were in each of the last five years. (14537)
- 87 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12201 on Stalking: Convictions, whether her Department collects data on foreign national offenders found guilty of stalking involving fear of violence. (14538)
- 88 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many suspect interviews were conducted broken down by the language used in the interview in each police force in the last 12 months. (14546)
- 89 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many under-18's were investigated for non-crime hate incidents in each of the last five years. (14558)
- 90 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of employment tribunal processes on litigants without legal representation. (14574)
- 91 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the (a) Windsor Framework and (b) Northern Ireland Protocol on businesses in North Down constituency; and what steps his Department is taking to help support those businesses. (14551)
- 92 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much has been spent by HMRC on (a) translation and (b) interpretation in each of the last 10 years. (14531)
- 93 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many companies were (a) registered and (b) liquidated on each day in 2024. (14543)
- 94 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of IR35 regulations for UK businesses working together in foreign markets. (14474)

- 95 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what the Government's policy is on the scope of the public sector equality duty in relation to private sector organisations that provide goods and services to the public sector. (14455)
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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, pursuant to the Answer of 31 October 2024 to Question 11029 on Government Departments: Procurement, what the criteria will be for including a foreign company on the debarment list. (14484)
- 2N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of ethical standards in business practice at (a) Capita, (b) Serco, (c) G4S and (d) Clearsprings when undertaking outsourced UK Government contracts. (14469)
- 3N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to publish the UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2023. (14447)
- 4N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of cutting VAT for grassroots music venues. (14512)
- 5N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the policy paper titled Applying VAT to private school fees, published on 30 October 2024, what discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential impact of the expected increase in the number of pupils with SEND at state schools in each (a) age group and (b) region. (14465)
- 6N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the policy paper entitled Applying VAT to private school fees, published on 30 October 2024, what assessment she has made of the number of pupils with SEND that will move from the private education sector to the state education sector as a result of the introduction of VAT on private school fees. (14486)
- 7N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the policy paper entitled Applying VAT to private school fees, published on 30 October 2024, what the direct cost of pupils with SEND moving from private schools to state schools as a result of introducing VAT on private school fees will be to the state education sector. (14487)

- 8N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support state schools as pupils transfer from their independent school to a state school as a result of the Government's introduction of VAT on private school fees. (14488)
- 9N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the speech made by the Minister for Food Security and Rural Affairs at the Vegetarian Society event on 13 November 2024. (14476)
- 10N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2024 to Question 13473 on London North Eastern Railway: WiFi, what period the most recent report covers; and whether that report is publicly available. (14457)
- 11N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications for Access to Work assessments have been outstanding for more than two months; what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for such applications; and if she will make it her policy to prioritise applications from people who are about to start a job. (14442)
- 12N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has statutory powers to prevent the (a) merger and (b) closure of GP services. (14471)
- 13N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on what date his Department received notice of the report of the United Nations General Assembly Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/79/363); and whether he had made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of this report prior to his statement to the House on the Middle East of 28 October 2024. (14462)
- 14N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): 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 Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/79/363, 20 September 2024). (14463)
- 15N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if his Department will request from the Serbian authorities the results of any (a) investigation into the death and (b) autopsy of Alexei Zimin. (14475)
- 16N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he made representations to his Azeri counterpart on the case of Gubad Ibadoghlu during his recent visit to Baku. (14481)

- 17N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to prevent the sale of dangerous knives online. (14485)
- 18N **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that those who exploit immigration marriage fraud to gain entry to the UK are (a) identified and (b) removed from the country. (14530)
- 19N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether (a) Ministers and (b) officials from her Department have had recent discussions with Hertfordshire County Council on the two-tier system of local government in that county. (14489)
- 20N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2024 to Question 13192 on Homelessness, if she will publish her letter of 11 November 2024 addressed to all local authority Chief Executives in England about out-of-area accommodation placements. (14450)
- 21N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many magistrates courts closed in each year since 2010. (14449)
- 22N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he made representations to his Azeri counterpart on the case of Gubad Ibadoghlu during his recent visit to Baku. (14478)
- 23N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the number of closures of (a) bank branches and (b) free-to-use ATMs in (i) Mid Cheshire constituency, (ii) Cheshire, (iii) and England in each of the last five years. (14514)
- 24N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the value for money of outsourced contracted services provided by (a) Capita, (b) Serco, (c) G4S and (d) Clearsprings. (14470)
- 25N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to item 26 on page 118 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, how she defines public sector organisations. (14522)
- 26N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the memo to item 26 on page 118 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, what methodology she used to calculate the public sector compensation amount for the increase to employer National Insurance contributions. (14523)
- 27N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what her planned timetable is for the publication of the response to the call for evidence on single-sex spaces; and how many responses to the call for evidence have been received. (14501)

- 28N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what guidance the Office for Equality and Opportunities has produced on whether positive discrimination on the basis of gender identity is permitted under the Equality Act 2010.(14502)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 21 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support carbon capture and storage technology. (14517)
- 2N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a fund which is financed through a charge on the sale or transfer of benefiting properties to support (a) coastal protection and (b) flood prevention. (14535)
- 3N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reduce child poverty in rural areas. (14515)
- 4N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the UK leaving the EU on the number of seasonal agricultural workers in each of the countries of the UK. (14553)
- 5N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2024 to Question 11656 on Tax Avoidance, what her timescales are for (a) commissioning and (b) receiving the review. (14458)
- 6N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much her Department expects to raise from the introduction of a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism in (a) 2027, (b) 2028, (c) 2029 and (d) 2030. (14552)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 25 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on improving flood resilience and response in England. (14491)

- 2N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the capacity of fire and rescue services in England to respond to flooding. (14493)
- 3N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a statutory duty on fire and rescue services in England to respond to major flooding events. (14494)
- 4N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral statement of 2 September 2024 on Middle East Update, Official Report, column 37, if he will publish a list of items covered by the Strategic Export Licensing Criteria that continue to be exported to Israel. (14459)
- 5N **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to maintain the cap on the number of asylum seekers at the Asylum Reception Centre at the former RAF Wethersfield. (14460)
- 6N **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to consult with the local community before any changes to the cap on the number of asylum seekers at the Asylum Reception Centre at the former RAF Wethersfield are made. (14461)