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Questions tabled on Wednesday 20 November 2024

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 21 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2004 to Question 4680 on Civil Service, how many staff in the Cabinet Office have no post. (15236)
- 2 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Child Poverty Taskforce plans to (a) assess the (i) extent and (ii) potential impact on children of and (b) make recommendations on tackling hygiene poverty. [Transferred] (15068)
- 3 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what weight is given to the Prime Minister's views through his Principal Private Secretary on the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals. [Transferred] (14966)
- 4 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 6077 on Public Appointments, if the Prime Minister will list each individual Direct Ministerial Appointment which was signed off by 10 Downing Street according to records held by the No. 10 public appointments team since 5 July 2024. [Transferred] (14969)
- 5 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support food producers from Lincolnshire to increase exports. [Transferred] (14906)

- 6 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of reports of incidents involving (a) e-bike batteries and (b) conversion kits on consumer trust in e-bike technology. [Transferred] (14944)
- 7 **Katie White** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to strengthen firework regulations to (a) ensure responsible use and (b) limit their impact on (i) pets and (ii) wildlife. [Transferred] (15088)
- 8 **Cat Eccles** (Stourbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the causes of backlogs in Teachers' Pensions; and what steps she is taking to reduce such backlogs. [Transferred] (15142)
- 9 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking with the devolved administrations to help increase awareness among pensioners of benefits they may be entitled to. [Transferred] (14934)
- 10 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the School and Public Health Nurses Association on the number of school nurses in schools in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency, (b) Staffordshire and (c) England. [Transferred] (15030)
- 11 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if the Government plans to appoint a Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief. [Transferred] (15028)
- 12N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether criminal charges (a) have been made and (b) convictions have been secured against Sri Lankan nationals on Diego Garcia by BIOT authorities. [Transferred] (14747)
- 13 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a statutory duty for firefighters in England to respond to flooding. [Transferred] (15069)
- 14 **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Pension megafunds could unlock £80 billion of investment as Chancellor takes radical action to drive economic growth, published on 13 November 2024, whether the assets and liabilities of amalgamated local authority pension funds will remain with councils or become part of the Government's accounts. [Transferred] (14912)
- 15 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of additional funding for homelessness services. [Transferred] (14990)

- 16 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to promote cross-departmental collaboration to strengthen rural communities in the aftermath of recent riots. [Transferred] (15041)
- 17 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, how many full time equivalent staff are employed by the Office for Equality and Opportunity. [Transferred] (14905)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 22 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will issue updated guidance on household recycling collections. (15244)
- 2 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her plans for a retail, hospitality and leisure multiplier in 2026-27 and the associated increase in the multiplier for hereditaments over £500,000, whether it is her policy that (a) the two policies will be revenue neutral and net off and (b) there will be a (i) positive or (ii) negative change in net receipts. (15243)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 25 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department made an assessment of the value for money of its contract with Fujitsu Services Ltd for the GDS Digital Service Platforms One Login project prior to agreeing that contract in July 2024. (15227)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has issued guidance on the minimum length of time since leaving government a previous (a) Minister and (b) senior official can be appointed as (i) an Independent Panel Member and (ii) a Senior Independent Panel Member on a public appointments Advisory Assessment Panel. (15228)

- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what (a) internal and (b) external guidance his Department has produced for Departments on whether Freedom of Information Act requests requesting information on senior civil servants should be disclosed. (15229)
- 4N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 October 2024 to Question 8943 on 10 Downing Street: Government Art Collection, what works from the Government Art Collection with what reference numbers have been (a) added to and (b) removed from Downing Street since 5 July 2024. (15230)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 7 October 2024 to Question HL1058 on Civil Service: Equality, whether the exemptions process applies to arm's length bodies. (15239)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 8 October 2024 to Question 5742 on Civil Servants, whether his Department has a policy on recruitment to the civil service in advance of the spending review. (15240)
- 7N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the potential cost to the public purse was of (a) alcohol and (b) meat-based food at the recent Diwali reception in No 10 Downing Street. (15186)
- 8N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to section 6b of the Special Adviser Model Contract, last updated on 29 July 2024, how many special advisers have had their contracts terminated during their probationary period because they did not pass security vetting since 5 July 2024. (15190)
- 9N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what changes have been made to the (a) numbers and (b) job types of staff employed in his Department's trade and investment hub in Northern Ireland in the last 12 months. (15168)
- 10N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an estimate of the number of jobs created via foreign direct investment in Slough constituency in the last 12 months. (15231)
- 11N **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase trade and business support to Moroccan-British entrepreneurs in local communities; and whether he has plans to help promote UK-Morocco small business exchange programs. (15277)
- 12 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many Crown post offices make a profit. (15306)

- 13 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many Security Industry Authority licence applications were made at a Crown Post Office last year. (15307)
- 14 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many DVLA photocard renewals were made at a Crown Post Office last year. (15308)
- 15 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many Paper Check and Send for (a) new and (b) renewal Passports appointments were made at Crown Post offices in the last year for which figures are available. (15309)
- 16 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of post office closures on high streets. (15372)
- 17 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of post office closures on (a) high-streets and (b) consumers in Essex. (15373)
- 18N **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has had discussions with the Post Office on the potential closure of the post office in Victoria Street, Grimsby; and if he will take steps to prohibit the closure of this and other high-street branches. (15224)
- 19 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to support Welsh National Opera. (15171)
- 20 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to invite representatives from the cruise industry to sit on the Tourism Industry Council when it is re-established. (15279)
- 21 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the funding her Department provides Visit Britain. (15344)
- 22 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help children with Down's syndrome attend mainstream schools. (15281)
- 23 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support teachers of pupils with Down's syndrome in mainstream schools. (15287)

- 24 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure that the introduction of VAT on private school fees does not negatively impact the academic progress of children with special educational needs and disabilities. (15247)
- 25 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the guidance issued to local education authorities on funding schools for in-year (a) transfers of pupils and (b) growth in pupils on roll. (15381)
- 26 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the commissioning of local children services to ensure that every young person with SEND has access to (a) timely and (b) quality transition support. (15357)
- 27 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the national standards underpinning transitional support provided to young people with SEND. (15358)
- 28 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure young people with SEND develop real skills for life. (15359)
- 29 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that breakfast clubs in primary schools are accessible for children with special educational needs and disabilities. (15339)
- 30 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that breakfast clubs in primary schools are accessible for children with special educational needs and disabilities who receive school transport. (15340)
- 31 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that primary level special schools receive funding for breakfast clubs. (15341)
- 32 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to improve collaboration between local authorities and multi-academy trusts in the delivery of SEND education in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole council area. (15342)
- 33 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the impact of the increases to employers national insurance contributions on the cost to parents of pre-school childcare. (15270)
- 34 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the minimum wage announced in the Autumn Budget 2024 on the cost of childcare. (15271)

- 35 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what consultations her Department is holding with public schools in relation to the removal of VAT exemptions. (15395)
- 36 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of reports that Springer Nature has restricted access to academic articles in China on (a) human rights, (b) democracy and (c) other politically sensitive topics. (15379)
- 37N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to increase the number of places for looked after children. (15283)
- 38 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the report entitled Kind of Blue, published by the Carbon Tracker Initiative in June 2024, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of upstream emissions of carbon capture schemes on the government's net zero targets. (15269)
- 39 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent estimate he has made of the number of households in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire in fuel poverty. (15166)
- 40 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to improve the energy efficiency of homes for winter 2024-25. (15324)
- 41 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to provide vulnerable households with emergency home insulation in winter 2024-25. (15325)
- 42 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with energy suppliers on providing additional support for households with energy bills in winter 2024-25. (15326)
- 43 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support business advisory services such as (a) Business Information Point West Devon and (b) the Future Farming Resilience Program. (15178)
- 44 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesei** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to hold water companies to account for non-compliance with sewage management rules. (15282)
- 45 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to require imported pork to meet the UK's animal welfare standards. (15408)

- 46 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2024 to Question 13929 on Water Abstraction: Licensing, what the regional breakdown of these water abstraction licences was in each of the last 10 financial years. (15389)
- 47 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress he has made on decreasing the killing of birds of prey (a) generally and (b) by the (i) incorrect and (ii) illegal use of rodenticides. (15384)
- 48N **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle hare coursing. [Transferred] (901407)
- 49N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he first discussed changes to (a) agricultural and (b) business property relief with the Chancellor of the Exchequer. (15296)
- 50 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to tackle dog attacks; and whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of reintroducing dog licences, in the context of recent increases in the number of dog attacks. (15364)
- 51N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to charge Extended Producer Responsibility fees retrospectively for obligated packaging producers. (15182)
- 52N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether obligated packaging producers will be required to pay Extended Producer Responsibility fees for packaging data submitted to his Department for 2024. (15183)
- 53 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to encourage the public to buy British produce. (15338)
- 54 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he intends to meet with the Advertising Standards Authority to discuss the advertising of part-copper broadband as fibre. (15196)
- 55 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of research and development on the Government's growth agenda. (15329)
- 56 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of science and innovation on regional inequalities. (15330)

- 57 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of science and innovation on job creation in Newcastle-under-Lyme. (15331)
- 58 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of an international strategy for science and innovation. (15332)
- 59 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the role of science and innovation in the defence sector. (15333)
- 60 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the devolved Administrations on (a) science and innovation and (b) research and development. (15334)
- 61 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to paragraph 4.94 of of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC295, published on 30 October 2024, what steps his Department is taking to support the development of human-specific technologies such as organ-on-a-chip. (15311)
- 62 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to paragraph 4.94 of of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC295, published on 30 October 2024, whether any of the core research funding will be used for projects that involve experimenting on animals. (15312)
- 63 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help protect the integrity of global research from authoritarian regimes. (15378)
- 64 **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to ensure adequate funding for (a) innovation and (b) development in technology in Warwickshire. (15336)
- 65 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with (a) local authorities and (b) organisations that represent local authorities on the use of dockless e-bikes. (15321)
- 66 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will introduce advanced disclosure and barring service checks for pedicab drivers. (15322)
- 67N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help improve safety for (a) children and (b) other vulnerable road users. (15300)

- 68 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that care leavers aged between 18 and 25 can access affordable public transport; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the English National Travel Concession Scheme to care leavers. (15220)
- 69 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the letters of 29 July and 8 November 2024 from the hon. member for Sleaford and North Hykeham, what progress she has made on billing the North Hykeham Relief Road. (15268)
- 70 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of night-time flight noise on the health of residents living in Gatwick airport's flight path. (15348)
- 71 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the Civil Aviation Authority on steps to ensure that airspace modernisation around Gatwick airport leads to a reduction in noise levels for residents. (15350)
- 72 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of revising the permitted weight limits on volumetric concrete mixers. (15302)
- 73 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with TFL on the location of the bus station at Euston station. (15303)
- 74 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many buses funded through the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas scheme are UK-manufactured. (15304)
- 75 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment the Department has made of the level of passenger brand awareness of franchised rail operators. (15305)
- 76 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reintroducing electric vehicle purchase grants for private owners. (15310)
- 77 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of permitted weight limits on volumetric concrete mixers on the financial sustainability of the haulage industry. (15313)
- 78 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of permitted weight limits on volumetric concrete mixers on trends in the levels of carbon emissions. (15314)

- 79 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Prime Minister's National Statement at COP29 on 12 November 2024, whether she plans to revise her Department's emission target following the Government's announcement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 81% on 1990 levels by 2035. (15315)
- 80 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to support multi-modal interchanges at (a) HS2 Euston Station and (b) all other new stations. (15316)
- 81 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many buses funded through the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas scheme (a) have been ordered and (b) are on the road. (15317)
- 82 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will publish the formula used to determine the final allocations for bus service improvement plan funding for local transport authorities for 2025-26. (15318)
- 83 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the increased bus fare cap on public transport use in Lancashire. (15345)
- 84 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help increase the number of prosecutions for people found to be driving under the influence of drugs. (15346)
- 85 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to improve employment rates for adults with Down's syndrome. (15288)
- 86N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in each region are experiencing delays in processing their applications for Access to Work grants. (15295)
- 87 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of making people with less than 12 months to live to automatically eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment. (15290)
- 88 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2024 to Question 12735 on Personal Independence Payments, if he will take steps to reduce the median wait for award review decisions. (15184)
- 89 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure problems arising from menstrual health conditions, such as endometriosis, are accepted by employers as justified workplace absences. (15388)

- 90N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to provide targeted employment support for unemployed care leavers. (15223)
- 91N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 4 October 2024 to Question 4699 on Civil Servants: Political Impartiality, whether there have been disciplinary investigations of potential breaches of political impartiality restrictions by campaigning in elections by officials in her Department in the last 18 months. (15237)
- 92 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of pensioners per constituency in (a) relative and (b) absolute poverty. (15365)
- 93 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what is the total amount deducted from benefit payments to pay for claimants' court imposed fines each year for the ten previous years. (15366)
- 94 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to support NHS services in West Hertfordshire, in the context of his Department's review of the New Hospital Programme. (15262)
- 95N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a comparative assessment of the adequacy of NHS care at (a) weekends and (b) weekdays. (15301)
- 96 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution by the Minister for Secondary Care of 19 November 2024, Official Report, column 146, whether she has sought commitments from the suppliers of medicines; and what the remaining issues are. (15361)
- 97N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of patients at (a) Upton Hospital and (b) Wexham Park Hospital have been discharged into social care in each of the last 12 months. (15232)
- 98N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of patients referred to mental health services were seen within the target waiting time in Slough constituency in the last 12 months. (15233)
- 99N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to increase uptake of cervical screenings. (15257)
- 100 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the total value of unused NHS estate per region. (15380)

- 101 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support individuals with epilepsy whose condition is not well-controlled by existing therapies; and what funding his Department has allocated to support research in this area. (15352)
- 102 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of levels of carers pay. (15360)
- 103N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the affordability of NHS prescriptions for care leavers aged between 18 and 25. (15221)
- 104 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) people and (b) children are living with long covid. (15214)
- 105 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of NHS preparedness for a pandemic. (15215)
- 106 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the uptake of routine childhood immunisations. (15216)
- 107 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the (a) quality and (b) quantity of medical research in the NHS. (15217)
- 108 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure there is an adequate supply of (a) donated blood and (b) blood products. (15218)
- 109 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is to bring forward legislation to regulate NHS managers. (15219)
- 110 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average ambulance response time was for each category in each of the last 24 months. (15263)
- 111N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) fetuses, (b) infants and (c) children have been diagnosed with trisomy 21 in each of the last five years. (15264)
- 112 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of elderly people have received their (a) influenza, (b) RSV and (c) covid-19 vaccination in the last six months. (15265)

- 113 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the availability of medical radioisotopes. (15266)
- 114 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce perineal injury during vaginal deliveries. (15267)
- 115 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of people with a nursing qualification working in the NHS are not in patient-facing roles. (15272)
- 116 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of rates of tuberculosis in (a) adults and (b) children in each of the last ten years. (15273)
- 117 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the uptake of Bacillus Calmette-Guérin vaccine among eligible infants. (15274)
- 118 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of a dental school in Lincolnshire. (15275)
- 119 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to improve access to gluten-free staple foods for patients with coeliac disease by (a) improving the availability of those foods on prescription and (b) providing financial support to assist patients on obligatory gluten-free diets. (15343)
- 120 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Haller index threshold for pectus excavatum surgery provided on the NHS. (15347)
- 121 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of implementing the recommendations of the briefing paper by Healthwatch Leeds entitled Communicating change, published in September 2024. (15405)
- 122 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that people with additional communication needs are able to access (a) online appointment bookings and (b) other digital healthcare services. (15406)
- 123 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will hold discussions with Healthwatch Leeds on the potential merits of implementing their policy on communication, coordination and compassion in other parts of the country. (15407)

- 124 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of proposals to end funding of IsaPD. (15180)
- 125 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women have been newly prescribed hormone replacement therapy in the last 12 months. (15181)
- 126 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will exclude (a) BGI Group, (b) MGI Tech and (c) other state-linked genomics companies blacklisted by the United States from public sector health bodies. (15376)
- 127 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues, (b) Genomics England, (c) UK Biobank and (d) NIHR BioResource on (i) BGI Group, (ii) MGI Tech and (iii) other state-linked genomics companies blacklisted by the USA. (15377)
- 128 **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the effectiveness of (a) maternal mental health services launched in 2019 and (b) maternal mental health services pregnancy and baby loss pathways in supporting bereaved mothers. (15246)
- 129N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to encourage the release of (a) Taj Muhammad Sarparah and (b) other Baloch citizens detained in Pakistan. (15165)
- 130 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of suspending all arms sales to Israel. (15385)
- 131 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has taken recent steps to meet the duties set out in the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion entitled Legal Consequences Arising From The Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Including East Jerusalem, published on 19 July 2024. (15386)
- 132N **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help promote (a) cultural exchange and (b) community engagement initiatives between the UK and Moroccan diaspora communities. (15276)
- 133 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on Hezbollah's non-compliance with UN Resolution 1701. (15255)

- 134 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the suspension of firearm certificate grants by Gloucestershire Constabulary. (151362)
- 135N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with agricultural machinery manufacturers on the potential impact of enhanced security measures on agricultural vehicles on the level of rural crime. [Transferred] (15143)
- 136N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce levels of drug offences in Slough constituency. (15234)
- 137N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle antisocial behaviour in (a) Bolton North East constituency and (b) the UK. (15349)
- 138N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle firework misuse in Bolton North East constituency. (15351)
- 139N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle speeding on residential streets in Bolton North East constituency. (15353)
- 140 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with (a) industry, (b) civil society and (c) other relevant stakeholders on facilitating the end of animal testing. (15177)
- 141 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the potential cost to the public purse is of hotels that have opened since July 2024 for contingency accommodation for those seeking asylum. (15169)
- 142 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has commissioned public opinion polling on irregular migration in the last five years. (15294)
- 143 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether there is an official process to inform local residents when a hotel is used to house irregular migrants. (15391)
- 144 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels have been used to house irregular migrants since 2018. (15392)
- 145 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost of providing security services to hotels used for housing irregular migrants was in each year since 2018. (15393)

- 146 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services entitled PEEL 2021/22 – An inspection of Essex Police, published on 14 October 2022, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the performance of Essex Police. (15374)
- 147 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services entitled PEEL 2021/22 – An inspection of Essex Police, published on 14 October 2022, what steps her Department plans to take to help improve Essex constabulary's response time to calls from the public. (15375)
- 148 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of allowing asylum seekers to undertake paid work. (15337)
- 149N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Written Statement of 19 November 2024 on Police Reform, HCWS232, how the increase in the core grant for police forces will be divided up. (15297)
- 150N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Written Statement of 19 November 2024 on Police Reform, HCWS232, what her definition of a community is. (15298)
- 151N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress she has made on recruitment of (a) warranted police officers, (b) Police Community Support Officers and (c) Special Constables. (15299)
- 152 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Independent Social Workers are recognised by the Tribunal system as qualified to provide independent reports in immigration cases. (15249)
- 153 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost to the asylum and immigration tribunal system was of commissioning reports from Independent Social Workers in each of the last five years. (15250)
- 154 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many reports were produced by Independent Social Workers for the immigration and asylum tribunals in the last year for which data is available. (15251)
- 155 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many reports were produced by Independent Social Workers for the immigration and asylum tribunals which recommended that a person liable to be removed from the UK should be allowed to stay in the last year for which data is available. (15252)

- 156 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many non-crime hate incidents were recorded by each police force in each year since 2014. (15256)
- 157 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with his counterparts in Scotland on (a) the potential impact of armed forces' training activities on (i) nature conservation and (ii) public access to the countryside in Dumfries and Galloway and (b) the proposed national park in Galloway. (15293)
- 158 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 30 October 2024 to Question 10637 on the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, whether he plans to (a) extend the scheme and (b) offer an alternative scheme to veterans who served before May 1987. (15323)
- 159 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support UK defence manufacturing jobs through government procurement. (15172)
- 160 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans his Department has to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. (15173)
- 161 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of veterans are over retirement age. (15241)
- 162N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason was Kosovo not mentioned as a contributory nation to Operation Interflex on a social media post made by his Department on 20 November 2024. (15259)
- 163N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department has made on the procurement for the Royal Air Force's future fast-jet trainer for the Global Combat Air Programme. (15292)
- 164N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the amalgamation of local government pension funds will be compulsory; whether pension funds will be able to choose which new fund to join; and whether she has had recent discussions with (a) the Local Government Association and (b) pension funds on her proposed changes. [R] [Transferred] (14909)
- 165N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Pension megafunds could unlock £80 billion of investment as Chancellor takes radical action to drive economic growth, published on 13 November 2024, whether she plans to appoint a body that will be legally accountable for (a) investment decisions, (b) paying pensions and (c) acquiring contributions from councils for proposed amalgamated local authority pension funds. [Transferred] (14910)

- 166N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Pension megafunds could unlock £80 billion of investment as Chancellor takes radical action to drive economic growth, published on 13 November 2024, who will be responsible for appointing trustees for new amalgamated pension funds. [Transferred] (14911)
- 167 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13348 on Private Rented Housing: Rents, what her planned timetable is for introducing a registration scheme for short-term lets; and whether planning permission and licensing will have to have been secured for properties to be listed on the scheme. (15319)
- 168 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to consult on the draft of the Leasehold and Commonhold Reform Bill. (15320)
- 169 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring students that are studying for a royal town planning institute course to complete a 12-month placement within a local planning authority as part of their accreditation. (15383)
- 170 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when her Department plans to introduce a short-term let registration scheme. (15387)
- 171 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of buildings have registered for the Cladding Safety Scheme in Slough constituency. (15235)
- 172 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's definition of a working person is for the purposes of policy development. (15202)
- 173 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the report entitled Summary of responses and government's response to the consultation on proposals to exempt categories of dwellings from the council tax premiums in England, published on 11 March 2024, whether the exclusions for properties that are actively marketed for sale and let, apply for up to (a) 12 and (b) 24 months after the property first became unoccupied; and whether the sale and let exclusion can be applied and stack after the probate exemption expires if a home that has exited probate is then marketed for sale or rent. (15203)

- 174 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to allow for an above-inflation rise in the council tax referendum threshold for 2025-26 for the Greater London Authority to increase revenue for Transport for London. (15204)
- 175 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the number of hereditaments that will qualify for retail, hospitality and leisure business rates relief in financial year 2024-25. (15205)
- 176 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to reform the leasehold law on forfeiture. (15206)
- 177 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2024 to Question 11179 on Local Government: Equality, whether her Department holds copies of the Local Government Association's Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion learning resources and tools. (15207)
- 178 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 1 November 2024 to Question 10847 on Leisure Centres: Government Assistance, whether she plans to hold further rounds of the Swimming Pool Support Fund. (15208)
- 179 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to allow local authorities to impose local taxes on (a) hotel and (b) short-term let stays. (15209)
- 180 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, in which local authority areas combined authority mayoral elections will take place in 2025. (15210)
- 181 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to create an elected mayor in Cheshire. (15211)
- 182 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to postpone local government elections due to be held in 2025. (15212)
- 183 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of levels of Housing Benefit subsidy on the capacity of local authorities to meet their statutory homelessness duties. (15404)

- 184 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to make public a full register of beneficial ownership of land. (15253)
- 185N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to prohibit a landlord from (a) demanding and (b) accepting more than one month's rent in advance in respect of a (i) tenancy and (ii) licence of residential accommodation tenancy. (15245)
- 186 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of ground rent costs on the ability of long-term leaseholders to sell their leased properties. (15399)
- 187N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what changes have been implemented in the Probation Service following HM Chief Inspector of Probation's thematic review on Probation Recall, published on 14 December 2023. (15167)
- 188N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to review the impact of the 2019 HMPPS Strategy for Care-Experienced People. (15222)
- 189 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of court cases have required a translator for each of the last 10 years. (15368)
- 190 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the total amount of outstanding court fines are. (15369)
- 191 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the total amount written off in court fine accounts for each of the last 10 years. (15370)
- 192 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of payments of court fines were made by benefit payment deductions in each of the last ten years. (15371)
- 193 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the (a) number and (b) total cost to the public purse of courses available to inmates at (i) HMP Maidstone, (ii) HMP Huntercombe and (iii) HMP Morton Hall for the last financial year. (15390)
- 194 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people smugglers have been sentenced in relation to irregular migration across the English Channel since 2018. (15394)

- 195 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing residence-based voting rights in Northern Ireland. (151367)
- 196 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, what assessment he has made of the compliance of the announcement of the new debt rules first to the media with section 9.1 of the Ministerial code. (151238)
- 197 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, whether special advisers in 10 Downing Street have met representatives of Anacta since the general election. (151191)
- 198 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the new Ministerial Code, published in November 2024, for what reason a duty on ministers to comply with international law is included. (151192)
- 199 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the new Ministerial Code, published in November 2024, what assessment he had made of the potential impact of the duty for ministers to comply with international law on (a) protections for UK steel, (b) prisoner voting and (c) rulings of the International Criminal Court. (151193)
- 200 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the Speaker's Statement of 28 October 2024, Official Report, column 531, whether he has made an assessment of the compatibility of those fiscal policy announcements with paragraph 9.1 of the Ministerial Code. (151194)
- 201 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether his Department has had recent discussions with the Scottish Government on ensuring that bereaved families in Scotland are provided with a key worker to support them after the loss of a child. (151363)
- 202 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the merits of the application of the Barnett formula in Wales, in the context of HS2 spending. (151258)
- 203 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of mortgage providers being required to reflect the EPC rating of properties in their mortgage rate offers to consumers. (151382)
- 204 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including financial inclusion in the terms of reference of the Child Poverty Taskforce. (151291)

- 205 **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13623 on Agriculture: Inheritance Tax, what data her Department holds on the impact of reforms to (a) agricultural property relief and (b) business property relief on tenant farmers. (15254)
- 206 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of the financial support available to kinship carers. (15280)
- 207 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to support the UN Tax Convention. (15401)
- 208 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if the Government will propose that the principles of (a) human rights, (b) workers' rights and (c) climate justice are contained within the UN Tax Convention. (15402)
- 209 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to the level of employer's National Insurance contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024 on the average cost of a pint of beer in a pub. (15197)
- 210 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of revenues to the Exchequer from business rates in England in each of the next five financial years. (15198)
- 211 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether value significant codes are used by the Valuation Office Agency in the Automated Valuation Model for Wales. (15199)
- 212 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 16 October 2024 to Question 7829 on Council Tax: Wales, what information the Valuation Office Agency plans to publish before April 2025. (15200)
- 213 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many hereditaments in England have a rateable value over £500,000 broken down by Special Category Code. (15201)
- 214 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the additional revenue generated following the reduction of business rate relief from 75% to 40% for the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors in the 2025-26 financial year. (15242)
- 215 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of a cross-government strategy to close the gender pay gap. (15327)

- 216 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact on women who (a) live, (b) learn and (c) work in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency of closing the gender pay gap. (15328)
- 217N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the Government's financial liability for public sector defined benefit pensions in each of the next ten years. (15278)
- 218 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the outputs from the Transformed Labour Force Survey will be published. (15248)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 26 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the (a) effectiveness of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme and (b) its potential impact on local cultural heritage in areas of low economic activity. (15289)
- 2N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how the funding for the warm homes policy will be targeted; and what steps he plans to take to ensure the funding is distributed to those most in need. (15170)
- 3N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many officials in his Department work full-time on COP summits. (15174)
- 4N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many gifts were received by Ministers in his Department for travel to COP conferences in the last 12 months. (15175)
- 5N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the data on Departmental spending over £500 with an electronic purchasing card solution, when he plans to publish this data for (a) October and (b) November 2024. (15176)
- 6N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many purchases with a value of less than £500 were made by his Department using an electronic purchasing card solution in October 2024, what the value was of those purchases; and if he will take steps to publish this information for (a) November 2024 and (b) subsequent months. (15179)

- 7N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the accessibility of the assessment process for (a) Personal Independence Payments and (b) other disability benefits for people with (i) brain injury and (ii) neurological conditions. (15225)
- 8N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the equality of the consideration given in the assessment process for (a) Personal Independence Payments and (b) other disability benefits to (i) neurological, (ii) physical and (iii) psychological conditions. (15226)
- 9N **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason his Department withdrew the NHS contract from the Waltham Dentist Practice; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of that withdrawal on the provision of NHS dental appointments. (15213)
- 10N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued on the end of (a) biometric residence permits, (b) biometric residence cards and (c) e-visas. (15187)
- 11N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the number of people whose (a) biometric residence permit and (b) biometric residence card are scheduled to end on 31 December 2024 but haven't yet accessed an e-visa. (15188)
- 12N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the number of people that need to register for an e-visa before 1 January 2025. (15189)
- 13N **Yuan Yang** (Earley and Woodley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November 2024 to Question 11774 on Labour Force Survey, when her Department plans to use Office for National Statistics Transformed Labour Force Survey data to inform its policies. (15396)
- 14N **Yuan Yang** (Earley and Woodley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November 2024 to Question 11774 on Labour Force Survey, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the designation of Labour Force Survey data as official statistics in development on her Department's policy-making. (15397)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- 1 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): What steps he is taking to help increase the UK's soft power. (901441)
- 2 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): What assessment he has made of the potential merits of sanctioning violent illegal Israeli settlers. (901442)

- 3 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): If he will increase the amount and proportion of official development assistance allocated to humanitarian projects. (901443)
- 4 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): What recent progress he has made on helping to secure the release of Alaa Abd El-Fattah. (901444)
- 5 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): What diplomatic steps he is taking with his international counterparts to help secure the release of hostages held by Hamas in Gaza. (901445)
- 6 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): What recent discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on security and defence cooperation. (901446)
- 7 **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in the Middle East. (901447)
- 8 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): What recent steps his Department has taken to deliver the ECHO2 Programme. (901448)
- 9 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in the Middle East. (901449)
- 10 **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): Whether he plans to extend existing sanctions in response to settler violence in the West Bank to Israeli ministers. (901450)
- 11 **Chris Curtis** (Milton Keynes North): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to demonstrate leadership on climate change. (901451)
- 12 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): Whether he has made representations to his counterpart in Georgia on reported irregularities in parliamentary elections held in that country on 26 October 2024. (901452)
- 13 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): What steps he plans to take to help strengthen relations with the US. (901453)
- 14 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to demonstrate UK leadership on climate change. (901454)
- 15 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): What steps he is taking to support Ukraine. (901455)
- 16 **Dr Jeevun Sandher** (Loughborough): What steps he is taking to support Ukraine. (901456)
- 17 **Alan Strickland** (Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor): What steps he is taking to support Ukraine. (901457)
- 18 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): What steps he is taking to help tackle global hunger. (901458)
- 19 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): What diplomatic steps he is taking with international partners to help tackle irregular migration to the UK. (901459)

- 20 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): What diplomatic steps he is taking with international partners to help tackle irregular migration to the UK. (901460)
- 21 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): When he last discussed women's rights with the Iranian ambassador to the UK. (901461)
- 22 **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): What recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 0.7% official development assistance target. (901462)
- 23 **Baggy Shanker** (Derby South): What diplomatic steps he is taking with international partners to help tackle irregular migration to the UK. (901463)
- 24 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): What diplomatic steps he is taking to help secure the release of Jimmy Lai. (901464)
- 25 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): What steps he is taking to encourage the Israeli authorities to help protect rescue workers in the Middle East. (901465)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- T1 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (901466)
- T2 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): (901467)
- T3 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): (901468)
- T4 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): (901469)
- T5 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): (901470)
- T6 **Jack Abbott** (Ipswich): (901471)
- T7 **Mike Tapp** (Dover and Deal): (901472)
- T8 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): (901473)
- T9 **Katrina Murray** (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch): (901474)
- T10 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): (901475)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 27 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Pam Cox** (Colchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the prohibition of two-tier workforce regulations will be applied to all NHS- funded outsourced contracts since 4 July 2024; and whether he has asked NHS England to provide guidance to NHS organisations.. (15261)
- 2N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure councils have appropriate funding for (a) grassroots sports and (b) leisure facilities; and if she will take steps to support the renovation of Atherstone Leisure Centre. (15355)
- 3N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her statement of 18 November 2024 on Children's Social Care, Official Report columns 23 to 25, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the changes announced on the number of places available for looked after children. (15284)
- 4N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her statement of 18 November 2024 on Children's Social Care, Official Report column 25, at what level she plans to cap profit from children's social care placements. (15285)
- 5N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she will be taking steps to (a) improve the quality of children's homes and (b) increase the regularity of inspection of those homes. (15286)
- 6N **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of a reciprocal agreement between England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to accept pensioners' bus passes. (15398)
- 7N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to ensure that complaints about ongoing HS2 works are dealt with effectively. (15335)
- 8N **Pam Cox** (Colchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is satisfied that the decision by East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust to outsource staff at Colchester hospital meets the requirements that (a) social value is mandatory within contract design and that (b) public bodies carry out a public interest test when considering procurement options, in the context of the Make Work Pay programme. (15260)
- 9N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve rates of (a) prevention and (b) early diagnosis of liver disease. (15195)

- 10N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle serious organised freight crime. (15356)
- 11N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government is taking to increase access to EU markets for UK collective Investment in transferable securities schemes; and what steps her Department is taking to help promote UK funds given their classification as alternative investment funds under EU rules. (15185)
- 12N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had discussions with (a) banks and (b) building societies on steps to help keep high-street branches of banks and building societies open. (15354)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 28 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's timetable is for announcing a decision on the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway's application for the Community Ownership Fund. (15400)
- 2N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to provide an update on the status of Drenewydd Actif Newtown's application for the Community Ownership Fund. (15403)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 4 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister has had discussions with the Chinese government on the planning application for the Chinese Embassy in London. [Transferred] (14994)