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Questions tabled on Thursday 21 November 2024

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Monday 25 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Office for Equality and Opportunity formally recognises any (a) genders, (b) sexual orientations and (c) gender identities. (15471)
- 2 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of including financial inclusion in the terms of reference of the Child Poverty Taskforce. [Transferred] (15291)
- 3 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much was paid to DA Languages by all Departments in each of the last ten years. (15632)
- 4 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the outputs from the Transformed Labour Force Survey will be published. [Transferred] (15248)
- 5 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether special advisers in 10 Downing Street have met representatives of Anacta since the general election. [Transferred] (15191)
- 6 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (15192)

- 7 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (15193)
- 8 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, What recent discussions he has had with the Post Office about maintaining local post office services. (15500)
- 9 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of limiting the use of limonene in commercial aerosol products. (15633)
- 10 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much his Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15515)
- 11N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle firework misuse in Bolton North East constituency. [Transferred] (15351)
- 12 **Ben Goldsbrough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help support food producers from Norfolk to increase exports. (15554)
- 13 **Ben Goldsbrough** (South Norfolk): 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 South Norfolk constituency in the last 12 months. (15555)
- 14 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to improve access to Post Office services in (a) Gloucester and (b) the South West. (15585)
- 15 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to support business investment in (a) Gloucester constituency and (b) the South West. (15586)
- 16 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when his Department will launch the review of the parental leave system. (15574)
- 17 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the level of statutory paternity leave on new families. (15575)
- 18 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has plans to widen the scope of the Groceries Code Adjudicator. (15625)

- 19 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, 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. [Transferred] (15319)
- 20 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much her Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15523)
- 21 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when her Department plans to introduce a short-term let registration scheme. [Transferred] (15387)
- 22 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 6 November 2024 to Question 11698 on Sports: Children, what steps she is taking to help ensure the adequacy of access to grassroots sports facilities for children under 12. (15543)
- 23 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, 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. [Transferred] (15208)
- 24 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much her Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15520)
- 25 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of the financial support available to kinship carers. [Transferred] (15280)
- 26 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking steps to (a) investigate allegations of (i) bullying, (ii) physical violence, (iii) sexual violence and (iv) suicides in schools and (b) (i) protect children and (ii) uphold their rights under Articles 2 and 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights. (15614)
- 27 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the level of (a) demand and (b) supply for Year 7 places in the (i) Salford - South, (ii) Trafford - Sale, (iii) Manchester - South and (iv) Stockport - East & South Planning Areas in September 2025. (15415)
- 28 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the level of (a) demand and (b) supply for Year 7 places in each Planning Area in Coventry in September 2025. (15416)

- 29 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a stepped repayment structure for student loan repayment plans. (15559)
- 30 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of support available for students from low-income families. (15560)
- 31 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to (a) reintroduce maintenance grants and (b) another scheme to support students from low income families with the cost of living. (15561)
- 32 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the total amount of fines collected for taking children out of school during term time was in each of the last five years, broken down by local authority. (15537)
- 33 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support postgraduate students. (15577)
- 34 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to increase funding for postgraduate researchers. (15578)
- 35 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent progress she has made on establishing the School Support Staff Negotiating Body. [R] (15610)
- 36 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much his Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15521)
- 37 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring mortgage providers to reflect the EPC rating of properties in their mortgage rate offers to consumers. [Transferred] (15382)
- 38 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had discussions with energy suppliers on continuing the Voluntary Debt Commitment after winter 2023-24. (15544)
- 39 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent estimate he has made of the number of households that are in fuel poverty in (a) South Norfolk constituency and (b) Norfolk. (15556)
- 40 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) restoring a three-year window for solar photovoltaics and (b) allowing solar Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects to bid in future Contracts for Difference auctions. (15473)

- 41 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to allow large-scale development consent order solar projects to bid for future Contracts for Difference auctions. (15474)
- 42 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many civil servants in his Department are working on (a) demand flexibility, (b) Great British Energy, (c) hydrogen, (d) carbon capture and storage, (e) nuclear energy, (f) the review of electricity market arrangements, (g) heat electrification and (h) biomass. (15480)
- 43 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of developing a dedicated hydrogen pipeline across Great Britain. (15422)
- 44 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of hydrogen blending to (a) decrease hydrogen production costs, (b) decrease wind curtailment costs, (c) scale hydrogen production and (d) align with EU plans to blend hydrogen into gas transmission pipelines. (15431)
- 45 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Health and Safety Executive's evaluation of the safety case for blending hydrogen in the transmission network. (15433)
- 46 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to publish his decision on whether to allow hydrogen blending into the gas transmission network. (15434)
- 47 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it is his target to produce 10GW of green hydrogen by 2030; and if he will take steps to publish a roadmap for meeting this target. (15435)
- 48 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help mitigate the risk of thermal runaways in battery energy storage facilities. (15436)
- 49 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what data his Department holds on (a) the annual costs incurred to date in implementing Net Zero policies and (b) the measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions achieved as a direct result of these policies. (15609)
- 50 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much his Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15516)

- 51 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many Sustainable Farming Incentive payments were made (a) within and (b) after four months. (155562)
- 52 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of Wild Justice's report entitled Collateral Damage: The Rodenticide Stewardship Scheme - is it working?, published in November 2024. (155550)
- 53 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will (a) commission an independent assessment of the potential (i) environmental and (ii) health impact of using recycled waste water and (b) pause approval of water (A) transfer and (B) recycling projects until that assessment is published. (15417)
- 54 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question 11480, when he plans to make available further information on the charge and the operating costs at Sevington. (155563)
- 55 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Future Farm Resilience Fund beyond March 2025. (155590)
- 56 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the outcomes of the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP16); and what steps he is taking to help achieve those outcomes. (15409)
- 57 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will implement schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. (15584)
- 58 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 8075 on Floods: Government Assistance, for what reason her Department's Property Flood Resilience grant scheme was not activated in response to flooding in September. (15581)
- 59 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending the Fruit and Vegetable Aid Scheme beyond 31 December 2025. [R] (15461)
- 60 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to make a decision on the future of the Fruit and Vegetable Aid Scheme. [R] (15504)

- 61 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with producer organisations on the Fruit and Vegetable Aid Scheme. [R] (15506)
- 62 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much his Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15522)
- 63 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions he has had with (a) industry, (b) civil society and (c) other relevant stakeholders on facilitating the end of animal testing. [Transferred] (15177)
- 64 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to ensure that there is adequate funding for (a) innovation and (b) development in technology in South Norfolk constituency. (15557)
- 65 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (15227)
- 66 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with the DVSA on tackling the backlog of driving tests. (15495)
- 67 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with the DVSA on the adequacy of the rule that driving tests cannot be booked more than 24 weeks in advance. (15496)
- 68 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average waiting time is for a driving test at each driving test centre in Ashfield constituency. (15497)
- 69 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing approved driving instructors to conduct driving tests to help clear the current backlog. (15498)
- 70 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much her Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15514)
- 71 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the potential impact of the bus fare cap on the average annual reduction in bus fares for people in South Norfolk constituency in each of the next three financial years. (15558)
- 72 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of (a) employees working in the private school bus services sector and (b) privately contracted buses used by local authorities for school bus services. (15528)

- 73 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve road safety for cyclists in Gloucester. (15588)
- 74 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of wifi available across the rail network. (15472)
- 75 **Andrew Ranger** (Wrexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the performance of Avanti West Coast trains from stations in north Wales. (15491)
- 76 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (15404)
- 77 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what financial support is available from her Department for women who have given birth to twins or other multiples. (15567)
- 78 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to tackle delays in the Access to Work scheme. (15579)
- 79 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will increase funding for the Access to Work scheme. (15580)
- 80 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in the Health and Safety Executive are evaluating the safety case for blending hydrogen in the transmission network; and what deadline the Health and Safety Executive's planned timetable is for a decision. (15432)
- 81 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will ensure that (a) chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and (b) other lung health issues feature in the 10-year NHS plan. (15529)
- 82 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the sustainability of the funding model for the hospice sector. (15536)
- 83 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support the nursing workforce. (15538)
- 84 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the levels of applications to nursing university courses. (15539)
- 85 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is he taking to support student nurses. (15540)

- 86 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps with NHS England to involve sexual health stakeholders in the development of the 10 Year Health Plan for England. (15541)
- 87 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the 10 Year Health Plan for England development team plan to meet with sexual health stakeholders. (15542)
- 88 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children are in receipt of the NHS Special Schools Eye Care Service. (15564)
- 89 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children in receipt of the NHS Special Schools Eye Care Service have had (a) a need for glasses, (b) another sight problem, (c) no previous known history of eye care and (d) a history of hospital-based eye care since its commencement. (15565)
- 90 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what was the average (a) cost and (b) waiting time for an outpatient paediatric ophthalmology appointment in the 2023-24 financial year.. (15566)
- 91 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that patients in NHS Accident and Emergency waiting rooms are frequently monitored by clinicians. (15601)
- 92 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15512)
- 93 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that parents do not have to wait six months or more for post-mortem results following the death of a baby. (15419)
- 94 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total cost was for the covid-19 vaccine roll-out in each year since 2021. (15549)
- 95 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2024 to Question 13915 on Protective Clothing: Storage, which companies have contracts to store personal protective equipment unsuitable for National Health Service use. (15594)
- 96 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November to Question 14376 on Health Services: Translation Services, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of collecting data on the number of (a) GP and (b) outpatient appointments conducted in a language other than English and British Sign Language. (15619)

- 97 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2024 to Question 14365 on Hospital Beds: Foreign Nationals, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of collecting data on the occupation of hospital beds by chargeable overseas visitors. (15620)
- 98 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the answer of 14 November to Question 14378 on NHS Translation Services what the (a) cost for translation of and (b) percentage of communications in each language in e-RS communication letters was in each of the last five years. (15631)
- 99 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with public health stakeholders on ventilation in publicly provided spaces to assess (a) transmission of airborne diseases and (b) air quality; and if he will take steps to provide (i) funding and (ii) logistical support to ensure the safe ventilation of publicly provided spaces. (15595)
- 100 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question 901299 on Long Covid: Health Services, what strategies he recently discussed with stakeholders to stimulate further research into treatments for long covid. (15600)
- 101 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of people employed by private ambulance services. (15629)
- 102 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of people employed by private ambulance services that have provided services to the NHS in the last 12 months. (15630)
- 103 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress he has made on establishing the Adult Social Care Negotiating Body. [R] (15612)
- 104 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will review the (a) incentives and (b) funding for physician associates. (15552)
- 105 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help prevent illegal settlements in the West Bank. (15546)
- 106 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to encourage the possibility of a two-state solution in Israel and Palestine. (15547)

- 107 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much his Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15519)
- 108N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what records his Department holds on whether the Protectorate Treaty ceding Akwamu to the Gold Coast Colony, signed on 27 July 1886, was ratified. (15510)
- 109 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to promote (a) internet freedom and (b) access to information as part of its work to advocate freedom of religion internationally. (15530)
- 110 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the decision by the International Criminal Court of 21 November 2024 to issue arrest warrants for (a) Benjamin Netanyahu and (b) Yoav Gallant, if the Government will (i) impose sanctions on (A) Benjamin Netanyahu, (B) Yoav Gallant and (C) other senior Israeli officials, (ii) end arms transfers to Israel and (iii) suspend the trade deal with Israel. (15437)
- 111 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with international counterparts to help protect marine environments. (15573)
- 112 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recent Turkish airstrikes in Northeastern Syria on the humanitarian situation in the area. (15621)
- 113 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held discussions with the Syrian opposition. (15622)
- 114 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department is taking steps to prevent (a) undocumented and (b) illegal migrants in the UK workforce from accessing (i) NHS and (ii) welfare services. (15501)
- 115 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is doing to improve counter-terrorism measures. (15502)
- 116 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of time spent by police officers completing paperwork as part of the requirements set out in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. (15438)

- 117 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has had discussions with the Fire Brigades Union, in the context of the report entitled Dangerous cladding: the government's remediation portfolio, published by the National Audit Office on 4 November 2024. (15511)
- 118 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much her Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15513)
- 119 **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to (a) review and (b) raise the classification of pregabalin under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. (15532)
- 120 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 30 October 2024 to Question 10416 on Refugees, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing Ukrainian nationals who are temporarily living in the UK to bring over a spouse or minor children. (15418)
- 121 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many UK police were deployed in each Overseas Territory in November 2023. (15477)
- 122 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much was spent on food for irregular migrants housed in hotels in each year since 2018. (15593)
- 123 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many GP appointments were attended by irregular migrants in each year since 2018. (15596)
- 124 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many dentist appointments were attended by irregular migrants in each year since 2018. (15597)
- 125 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution by the Minister for Border Security and Asylum to the Urgent Question on Asylum Seekers: Hotel Accommodation of 20 November 2024, Official Report, column 277, in which constituencies the 220 hotels are; and what the star rating is of each hotel. (15598)
- 126 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will encourage local authorities with (a) hotels and (b) other accommodation housing irregular migrants to impose (i) Public Space Protection Orders and (ii) Community Protection Notices around (A) hotels, (B) schools and (C) other public spaces. (15603)

- 127 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Government is taking to use (a) section 24(1)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and (b) section 2 of the Asylum & Immigration Act 2004 to stop people entering the country via small boats. (15613)
- 128 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2024 to Question 14367 on Non-Crime Hate Incidents, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of collecting data on non-crime hate incidents. (15615)
- 129 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2024 to Question 14197 on General Practitioners: Translation Services, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of collecting data on the cost of translation and interpretation services incurred by GPs. (15618)
- 130 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals on penalties for theft of (a) livestock and (b) GPS farming equipment. (15548)
- 131 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support people with the roll-out of e-Visas. (15623)
- 132 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to issue any physical documents as part of the rollout of e-Visas. (15624)
- 133 **Mike Tapp** (Dover and Deal): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with her Turkish counterpart on a cooperation and security agreement; and whether she plans to hold such discussions before the end of the year. (15602)
- 134 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his policy is on the payment of military reservist pensions for pre-2015 service. (15499)
- 135 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15518)
- 136 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to equalise the pension age of Defence Fire and Rescue Service workers with their counterparts in (a) Local Authority and (b) Civil Aviation Authority Fire Services. (15412)
- 137 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure (a) occupational health support and (b) other the health and wellbeing measures for Defence Fire and Rescue Services are similar to those provided to (i) Local Authority and (ii) Civil Aviation Authority Fire Services. (15413)

- 138 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will provide Defence Fire and Rescue Service workers an early pension get out clause at 57. (15414)
- 139 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions her Department has had with (a) cladding and (b) insulation manufacturers on financial contributions to building safety remediation works. (15484)
- 140 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she expects building remediation works carried out through the Building Safety Fund to be completed. (15485)
- 141 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of high rise buildings have sprinklers installed. (15486)
- 142 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much (a) has been spent from and (b) remains in the Building Safety Fund as of 21 November 2024. (15487)
- 143 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to publish a private parking code of practice. (15481)
- 144 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will extend the exemption for the local connection test to survivors of modern slavery. (15535)
- 145 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to improve the enforcement of fireworks regulations. (15545)
- 146 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of cancellation of the Community Ownership Fund on the projects of applicants. (15628)
- 147 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much her Department has spent on consultancy fees in each year since 2021. (15517)
- 148 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's planned timetable is for publication of the English Devolution Bill; and how that Bill will impact Hertfordshire. (15462)
- 149 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what powers she plans to devolve to Hertfordshire. (15463)

- 150 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what criteria she uses to create regional authorities. (15464)
- 151 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the cost of further devolution in Hertfordshire. (15465)
- 152 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's consultation entitled Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system, updated 24 September 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the proposed reforms on Local Plans. (15466)
- 153 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's consultation entitled Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system, updated 24 September 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the proposed reforms on the timing of the (a) submission and (b) adoption of Local Plans. (15467)
- 154 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's consultation entitled Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system, updated 24 September 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the proposed reforms on housing targets in Hertsmere constituency. (15468)
- 155 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's consultation entitled Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system, updated 24 September 2024, what steps her Department is taking to protect the Green Belt in (a) England and (b) Hertsmere constituency. (15469)
- 156 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her speech at the Local Government Association Conference of 24 October 2024, whether she plans to end the allocation of funding to local government by bidding. (15439)
- 157 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 4 November 2024 to Question 11493 on Buildings and Housing: Solar Power, whether she is taking planning-related steps to facilitate the fitting of solar panels in conservation areas. (15440)

- 158 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her speech at the Local Government Association Conference of 24 October 2024, what the terms of reference of the Workforce Development Group are. (15441)
- 159 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her speech at the Local Government Association Conference of 24 October 2024, what deliverable plans councils will need to put in place. (15442)
- 160 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 30 October 2024 to Question 10435 on Government Departments: Trade Unions, what the check-off arrangements in her Department are. (15443)
- 161 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent estimate her Department has made of the (a) cost of preparing and (b) length of the environmental impact assessment for the Lower Thames Crossing development consent order application. (15444)
- 162 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, what the revenue effect will be of the combination from 2026-27 of the ending of 75% retail, hospitality and leisure (RHL) rate relief, the new RHL lower multiplier, and the higher £50,000+ multiplier. (15445)
- 163 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the level of selective licensing fees charged by each local authority with such a scheme; and what the average fee is in England. (15446)
- 164 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to footnote 2 of her Department's Guidance on the implementation of the council tax premiums on long-term empty homes and second homes, published on 1 November 2024, what steps she plans to take to prevent local authorities from disregarding the requirement to advertise in at least one newspaper circulating in its area. (15447)
- 165 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's Guidance on the implementation of the council tax premiums on long-term empty homes and second homes, published on 1 November 2024, which of the exclusions across Classes F to M can be applied cumulatively to other exclusions at the end of initial exclusion. (15448)

- 166 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if the new Property Portal requirements on the private rented sector will be in addition to selective licensing requirements, where such selective licensing requirement is in effect. [R] (15449)
- 167 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many premises applied for a pavement licence under the Business and Planning Act 2020. (15450)
- 168 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what reason an impact assessment for the Renters' Rights Bill was not published at (a) First Reading and (b) Second Reading; and if she will make it her policy to ensure impact assessments for all future Bills are published at First Reading. [R] (15451)
- 169 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled CCC advises 81% reduction in emissions by 2035, published by the Climate Change Committee on 26 October 2024 and the letter from the Committee of that date to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on the National Determined Contribution, what steps she is taking to remove planning barriers for (a) heat pumps and (b) electric vehicle chargers. (15452)
- 170 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment has her department made of the adequacy of the extent to which local authorities are meeting their obligations under the Local Government Transparency Code to publish up to date information. (15453)
- 171 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department issues to local authorities on whether councillors should declare ownership of property which is (a) rented out to their local authority at a commercial rate and (b) used by their local authority at a commercial rate via a third party. (15454)
- 172 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has received representations on the call for a boycott of Israel's book industry and Israeli cultural institutions. (15460)
- 173 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing impact risk zones around (a) sites of special scientific interest and (b) special areas of conservation to support appropriate development. (15604)

- 174 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to respond to the call for evidence entitled Jointly owned properties which closed on 7 April 2024. (15509)
- 175 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of temporarily housing acquitted remand prisoners who are homeless. (15423)
- 176 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisons were rated good for rehabilitation and release planning by inspectors from April 2023 to April 2024. (15424)
- 177 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of prison leavers are recalled to prison for (a) breach of licence conditions and (b) other behaviour. (15425)
- 178 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison leavers there were (a) in total and (b) in permanent homes in April (i) 2023 and (ii) 2024. (15426)
- 179 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many probation officers work in the justice system. (15427)
- 180 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many high risk prison leavers have no fixed address. (15428)
- 181 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to improve probation services. (15429)
- 182 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many registered sex offenders have no fixed accommodation. (15430)
- 183 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Prime Minister, how much he has spent on foreign travel since taking office. (15592)
- 184 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to revise the upper purchase price on help to buy ISAs in line with the housing market. (15503)
- 185 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her Department's definition of a working person is for the purposes of policy development. [Transferred] (15202)
- 186 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support economic growth in (a) Gloucester and (b) the South West. (15587)

- 187 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of developing an investment programme in cryptocurrency. (15527)
- 188 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that businesses comply with the Equality Act 2010 by allowing people with sight loss to enter their premises with an assistance dog. (15568)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 26 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the number of contracted employees in the public sector. (15531)
- 2N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure high quality water in bathing water designated areas inland. (15605)
- 3N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the powers of the Environmental Agency to (a) monitor and (b) maintain bathing water (i) status and (ii) quality. (15606)
- 4N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has (a) held recent discussions with local stakeholders on (i) when bathing water status applications will reopen and (ii) the consultation of bathing water status and (b) taken recent steps to review the cost of applying to the bathing water scheme. (15607)
- 5N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what guidance her Department issues on the powers available to (a) local authorities and (b) the police to (i) remove and (ii) seize a vehicle parked on a public highway that does not have a valid MOT. (15420)
- 6N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what guidance her Department issues on the powers available to (a) local authorities and (b) the police to (i) remove and (ii) seize a vehicle parked on a public highway that does not have valid insurance. (15421)

- 7N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will amend guidance on homelessness hostel exemption to recognise asylum accommodation as an exemption from the shared accommodation rate. (15526)
- 8N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support Start for Life services in Lambeth; and if he will extend the funding of such services beyond 1 April 2025. (15505)
- 9N **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will hold discussions with the NHS England Investment Committee on the time it has taken to review the business case for North Devon District Hospital. (15599)
- 10N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations his Department has made to Israel about compliance with the provisional measures issued by the International Court of Justice in the case of the Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip . (15470)
- 11N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North 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 reports of an extension of a ceasefire between the Colombian government and the Estado Mayor Central group. (15411)
- 12N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether (a) he and (b) other Ministers in his Department have held meetings with Taiwan's Representative in London in the last six months. (15533)
- 13N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2024 to Question 10864 on Israel: Palestinians, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of commissioning a delegation of (a) judges, (b) lawyers and (c) experts from the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative to (i) visit Israeli (A) detention facilities and (B) sites and (ii) produce a full investigatory report on their findings. (15569)
- 14N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2024 to Question 10864 on Israel: Palestinians, whether the planned support from the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative will include assistance in evidence-gathering in relation to (a) proceedings and (b) prosecutions being undertaken by (i) national and (ii) international courts. (15570)
- 15N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what financial support his Department has provided to (a) Palestinian and (b) Israeli human rights organisations in the last three years. (15571)

- 16N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) briefings, (b) reports and (c) representations he has received from (i) Palestinian and (ii) Israeli human rights organisations. (15572)
- 17N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost of repairing the structural damage to HMS Devonshire. (15455)
- 18N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 20 November 2024 on Defence Programmes Developments, Official Report, columns 287-289, whether retention bonuses for Army personnel will be made available to the (a) Royal Navy and (b) RAF. (15456)
- 19N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 20 November 2024 on Defence Programmes Developments, Official Report, columns 287-289, whether he plans to extend the retention bonuses for aircraft engineers to non-aircraft engineers. (15457)
- 20N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost of the commercial service to bridge the availability gap for rotary capability in (a) Brunei and (b) Cyprus. (15458)
- 21N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of his decision to retire HMS Bulwark and HMS Albion on the operational capability of the Royal Marines. (15459)
- 22N **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the ability of Defence Fire and Rescue Service workers aged over 60 to carry out their role. (15410)
- 23N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to promote cross-departmental work to strengthen community cohesion. (15488)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 27 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Pam Cox** (Colchester): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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.. [Transferred] (15261)

- 2N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for which local authorities her Department has provided (a) support and (b) intervention for safety valve agreements since 2019. (15583)
- 3N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what flood (a) prevention and (b) relief measures have been put in place to support communities along the Thames between Weybridge and Long Ditton in the event of flooding in winter 2024-25. (15576)
- 4N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much money has been allocated to be spent on motorway upgrades in the South West for financial year (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26; and if she will publish a list of all scheduled motorway upgrades for this period. (15626)
- 5N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to promote safe use of motorways. (15627)
- 6N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of (a) patient knowledge of the training physicians associates receive and (b) information available in general practice for patients on physician associates. (15551)
- 7N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the uptake of (a) digital innovation and (b) patient data systems within the NHS. (15553)
- 8N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to increase the proportion of Overseas Development Assistance spent on development and humanitarian work overseas. (15482)
- 9N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth 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 decision by the International Criminal Court to issue arrest warrants for (a) Benjamin Netanyahu, (b) Yoav Gallant and (c) Mohammed Deif. (15589)
- 10N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to publish the findings of the Shawcross report on compensation for victims of Libyan-sponsored IRA terrorism. [Transferred] (901427)
- 11N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support victims of serious and deliberate breaches of sexual harm prevention orders. (15616)

- 12N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much and what proportion of victim support funding from the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner is spent on support for victims of sexual offences; and on what services this funding is spent. (15617)
- 13N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution by the Minister for Border Security and Asylum to the Urgent Question on Asylum Seekers: Hotel Accommodation of 20 November 2024, Official Report, column 279, whether she plans to publish statistics that include reference to the 10,000 returns in the last period. (15608)
- 14N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which agencies are responsible for redress as a result of damage caused to buildings by defective building materials in Northern Ireland. (15534)
- 15N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress she is making on returning the level of the aid budget to 0.7% of gross national income. (15483)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 27 November. (901488)
- 2 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): (901489)
- 3 **Chris Curtis** (Milton Keynes North): (901490)
- 4 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): (901491)
- 5 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): (901492)
- 6 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): (901493)
- 7 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): (901494)
- 8 **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): (901495)
- 9 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): (901496)
- 10 **Lewis Atkinson** (Sunderland Central): (901497)
- 11 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): (901498)
- 12 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): (901499)
- 13 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham Hall Green and Moseley): (901500)
- 14 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): (901501)

15 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): (901502)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 28 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for arms export licences of the International Criminal Court arrest warrant for (a) Benjamin Netanyahu and (b) Yoav Gallant. (15507)
- 2N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of measures in the Autumn Budget 2024 affecting the physical activity sector on (a) health and wellbeing and (b) economic inactivity of people aged between 18 and 24. (15591)
- 3N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what formula her Department is using to calculate Special Educational Needs and Disability high needs funding allocations for local authorities next year. (15582)
- 4N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many families in Bolsover constituency have been affected by the two-child benefit cap in each year since 2017. (15489)
- 5N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many women in (a) Bolsover constituency, (b) Derbyshire and (c) England have a rape clause exemption from the two-child benefit cap. (15490)
- 6N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will reaffirm support for the International Criminal Court; and if he will publish an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the arrest warrants issued by that Court for (a) Benjamin Netanyahu and (b) Yoav Gallant. (15524)
- 7N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to help ensure the (a) arrest and (b) surrender to the International Criminal Court of (i) Benjamin Netanyahu and (ii) Yoav Gallant. (15525)
- 8N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): 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 International Criminal Court arrest warrants issued for (a) Benjamin Netanyahu, (b) Yoav Gallant and (c) Mohammed Deif. (15508)

- 9N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many UK police are deployed in each Overseas Territory. (15475)
- 10N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which Minister in her Department is responsible for relations with the Overseas Territories. (15479)
- 11N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many UK military personnel are deployed in each Overseas Territory. (15476)
- 12N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which Minister in his Department is responsible for defence policy on the Overseas Territories. (15478)
- 13N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people have had bailiff fees added to council tax arrears in each of the last three years for which data is available in (a) Bolsover, (b) Derbyshire and (c) England; and what the average cost of those fees was. (15492)
- 14N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people have been evicted due to section 21 notices in each of the last three years for which data is available in (a) Bolsover constituency and (b) Derbyshire. (15494)
- 15N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been prosecuted for non-payment of a television licence in each of the last three years for which data is available in Bolsover constituency; and what form that prosecution took. (15493)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

- 1 **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): What steps her Department is taking to help support the creative industries. (901503)
- 2 **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): What recent assessment she has made of the contribution of tourism to the local economies of coastal towns. (901504)
- 3 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): Whether she has had recent representations from society lotteries on the potential merits of zero-rating those organisations under any future statutory levy on gambling operators. (901505)
- 4 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure the National Wealth Fund supports communities in Dudley constituency. (901506)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What steps her Department is taking to help support grassroots music venues. (901507)

- 6 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): What plans she has to support the horse racing industry. (901508)
- 7 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): If she will make an assessment of the contribution of grassroots sport to communities. (901509)
- 8 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): What recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Education on creative education. (901510)
- 9 **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): What steps her Department is taking to incorporate information collected by youth sector organisations into the National Youth Strategy. (901511)
- 10 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): What steps she is taking to help improve the financial resilience of grassroots football clubs. (901512)
- 11 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): What steps her Department is taking to help support community groups to secure listed status for buildings. (901513)
- 12 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): What steps her Department is taking to help support the creative industries. (901514)
- 13 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): What steps she is taking to help support grassroots football. (901515)
- 14 **Jack Abbott** (Ipswich): What steps she is taking to help support young people to access the arts. (901516)
- 15 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): What steps her Department is taking to help support the creative industries. (901517)
- 16 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): What steps she is taking to help support grassroots music venues. (901518)
- 17 **Alan Strickland** (Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor): What recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the availability of grassroots sports facilities. (901519)
- 18 **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): What discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on the potential merits of banning social media use for children under the age of 16. (901520)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

- T1 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (901521)
- T2 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): (901522)
- T3 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): (901523)

- T4 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): (901524)
- T5 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): (901525)
- T6 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): (901526)
- T7 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): (901527)
- T8 **Gill German** (Clwyd North): (901528)

Oral Questions to the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners

- 1 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what assessment the Church has made of the potential impact of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on Church-owned hospices. (901476)
- 2 **Dame Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what recent discussions the Church has had with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on whether the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme will continue after March 2025. (901477)
- 3 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to preserve historic places of worship. (901478)
- 4 **Katie Lam** (Weald of Kent): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to mitigate the impact of the potential withdrawal of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme in March 2025. (901479)
- 5 **Rosie Wrighting** (Kettering): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what progress the Church Commissioners have made on reducing the backlog of works to restore parish churches and cathedrals. (901480)
- 6 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to support people that are housebound due to a disability. (901481)
- 7 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what recent discussions the Church has had with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on whether the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme will continue after March 2025. (901482)
- 8 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to support people that are housebound due to a disability. (901483)

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- 9 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to ensure the preservation of historic churches in Northumberland. (901484)
- 10 **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to support people that are housebound due to a disability. (901485)
- 11 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what assessment the Church has made of the effectiveness of the Anglican Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza. (901486)
- 12 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what assessment the Church has made of the potential impact of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on Church-owned hospices. (901487)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 2 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average staff to student ratio was in secondary schools in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme and (b) Staffordshire in each year since 2010. (15611)