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Questions tabled on Friday 22 November 2024

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Questions for Answer on Monday 25 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much the Prime Minister has spent on foreign travel since taking office. [Transferred] (15592)
- 2 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to improve the enforcement of fireworks regulations. [Transferred] (15545)
- 3 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of Wild Justice's report entitled Collateral Damage: The Rodenticide Stewardship Scheme - is it working?, published in November 2024. [Transferred] (15550)
- 4 **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 14197 on General Practitioners: Translation Services, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of collecting data on the cost of translation and interpretation services incurred by GPs. [Transferred] (15618)
- 5 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many registered sex offenders have no fixed accommodation. [Transferred] (15430)
- 6 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Independent Social Workers are recognised by the Tribunal system as qualified to provide independent reports in immigration cases. [Transferred] (15249)

- 7 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, 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. [Transferred] (15250)
- 8 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many reports were produced by Independent Social Workers for the immigration and asylum tribunals in the last year for which data is available. [Transferred] (15251)
- 9 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, 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. [Transferred] (15252)
- 10 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has been made of the compliance of the announcement of the new debt rules first to the media with section 9.1 of the Ministerial code. [Transferred] (15238)
- 11 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (15445)
- 12 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Speaker's Statement of 28 October 2024, Official Report, column 531, whether has been made an assessment of the compatibility of those fiscal policy announcements with paragraph 9.1 of the Ministerial Code. [Transferred] (15194)
- 13 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of a cross-government strategy to close the gender pay gap. [Transferred] (15327)
- 14 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, 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. [Transferred] (15328)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 26 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Office for Equality and Opportunity is taking steps to measure links between differences in pay and the socioeconomic background of employees. (15657)

- 2 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of lowering the turnover threshold to £500,000 for businesses that are required to fund the Groceries Code Adjudicator. (15668)
- 3 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department is taking steps to help reduce pay inequalities based on class in the private sector. (15656)
- 4 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to extend the temporary off-sales regulatory easement in the Business and Planning Act 2020 beyond 31 March 2025. (15651)
- 5 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the Licensing Act 2003 to include a legal definition of the term drunk. (15654)
- 6 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of waiting times for ADHD assessments in Halton. (15652)
- 7 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of delays in ADHD assessments on children. (15653)
- 8 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people started T-levels in South Holland and the Deepings constituency in each year since 2020. (15644)
- 9 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what representations she has received on the potential merits of transferring standards approval powers for technical and vocational qualifications from the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education to herself. (15641)
- 10 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what representations she has received on the potential merits of having employers set standards for (a) apprenticeships and (b) T Levels through (i) Trailblazers and (ii) T Level Panels. (15642)
- 11 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the number of farmers who will be affected by changes to business property relief in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (15637)
- 12 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding her Department has provided for the repair of potholes in Chichester constituency. (15701)

- 13 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of disabled access at Baldock station; and whether her Department plans to upgrade access to that station. (15697)
- 14 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many calls to her Department on (a) universal credit and (b) Jobcentre Plus were translated by language code in each of the last 10 years; and what the cost to her Department was for each type of call in the same period. (15704)
- 15 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of developing a dedicated National Brain Tumour Strategy within the Major Conditions Strategy framework to improve (a) early diagnosis rates, (b) research funding allocation, (c) access to Clinical Nurse Specialists and (d) treatment outcomes for patients with brain tumours. (15703)
- 16 **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to protect Start for Life services in Sheffield; and if he will make it his policy to extend funding beyond 1 April 2025. (15650)
- 17 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve (a) prevention, (b) diagnosis and (c) support for people affected by foetal alcohol spectrum disorder. (15645)
- 18 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support hospices in (a) rural and (b) remote areas. (15638)
- 19 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution of 20 November 2024 by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health and Prevention, Official Report, columns 347 and 348, what his timetable is for having a mental health professional in every school. (15640)
- 20 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of recovering costs from insurance providers when patients with private health insurance seek NHS-funded treatment which would be covered under their health insurance policy. (15712)
- 21 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many calls within the NHS were translated by each language code at what cost in each of the last ten years. (15705)
- 22 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost is of (a) the National Child Measurement Programme and (b) feedback letters relating to that Programme. (15707)

- 23 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that no foreign aid is spent on overseas farmers. (15698)
- 24 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish a breakdown of planned foreign aid by country for 2025. (15713)
- 25 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of conflict in (a) Gaza and (b) Lebanon on stability in Syria. (15667)
- 26 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking diplomatic steps to secure the release of Dr. Mohammed Hamouda in Israel. (15678)
- 27 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to his Israeli counterpart on the case of Dr. Mohammed Hamouda. (15679)
- 28 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the protection of healthcare workers in Gaza under international humanitarian law. (15680)
- 29 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Fire Brigades Union on the fire engine donated to Gaza. (15685)
- 30 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to the International Criminal Court condemning their decision to issue an arrest warrant for Benjamin Netanyahu. (15666)
- 31 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has for the Homes for Ukraine Scheme beyond April 2025. (15670)
- 32 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what criteria her Department plans to use to assess the effectiveness of its policy to tackle smuggling gangs involved in illegally trafficking people into the UK. (15636)
- 33 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help support victims of domestic abuse in (a) rural and (b) remote areas. (15647)
- 34 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether officials from her Department are responsible for collecting irregular migrants attending school at the end of each day. (15714)

- 35 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what contractors provide what services related to irregular migration at what cost to the public purse. (15699)
- 36 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with what companies for what services at what cost to the public purse her Department has contracts relating to (a) dispersal and (b) contingency accommodation for asylum seekers. (15700)
- 37 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number of irregular migrants in (a) contingency and (b) dispersal accommodation broken down into (i) single and (ii) multiple occupancy rooms, in the latest period for which data is available. (15702)
- 38 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to ensure that asylum seekers do not fraudulently use sexual orientation as part of the basis of their claim. (15709)
- 39 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people whose application for asylum was initially refused were subsequently granted asylum in the last 15 years. (15710)
- 40 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many flooding incidents the fire and rescue services have responded to in England in each year since 2010. (15664)
- 41 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what equality impact assessment has been made of the proposed changes to Border Force rosters at Manchester Airport from 1 April 2025. (15634)
- 42 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions her Department has held with the PCS union over proposed changes to Border Force rosters at Manchester Airport from 1 April 2025. (15635)
- 43 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what redeployment options are available to Border Force staff who are potentially unable to work new rosters at Manchester Airport from 1 April 2025. (15639)
- 44 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to enable Palestinians from Gaza to be reunited with their family members in the UK. (15673)
- 45 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to collect biometric data from Palestinians seeking to reunite with family members in the UK in the absence of a functioning visa application centre in Gaza. (15674)

- 46 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many entry clearance applications from Palestinians in Gaza have been approved since 7 October 2023. (15675)
- 47 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many requests for (a) predetermination and (b) biometric excusal have been granted to Palestinians in Gaza seeking to reunite with family members in the UK since 7 October 2023. (15676)
- 48 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Palestinians in Gaza seeking to reunite with family members in the UK have died while waiting for her Department to decide requests for (a) predetermination and (b) biometric excusal since 7 October 2023. (15677)
- 49 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing the recommendations of the 14th Report of Session 2017-19 of the Home Affairs Committee entitled Immigration Detention, HC 913, published on 12 March 2019, in the context of her Department's review of the Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention policy. (15681)
- 50 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has had discussions with (a) people that have experienced immigration detention and (b) charities and NGOs on the review of the Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention policy. (15682)
- 51 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish the terms of reference for the ongoing rapid review into extremism. (15694)
- 52 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of leasehold fees on the (a) mental health and (b) finances of leaseholders. (15658)
- 53 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish a timetable for (a) the consultation period and (b) the publication date for the cross-government strategy on homelessness; and what steps she will take to ensure it involves people with lived experience, (15663)
- 54 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of making the LGA's voluntary shared database on taxi driver licenses mandatory. (15646)
- 55 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to introduce votes at 16 before (a) elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly and (b) local elections take place. (15683)

- 56 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will legislate to cap annual service charge rises at consumer price index inflation rates. (15693)
- 57 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with local authorities on the level of funding for care homes. (15665)
- 58 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of (a) Magistrate Court, (b) Crown Court and (c) County Court trials that have collapsed due to (i) delay and (ii) error by the Crown Prosecution Service in each of the last five years. (15708)
- 59 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the introduction of votes at 16 in Northern Ireland. (15687)
- 60 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of removing VAT from defibrillator sales on (a) public access to defibrillators and (b) survival rates for cardiac arrest patients in areas where fewer than half of postcodes have access to a defibrillator within the recommended response time. (15706)
- 61 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to tackle tax avoidance in British Overseas Territories. (15672)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 27 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her oral statement on Children's Social Care of 18 November 2024, Official Report, column 23, what estimate her Department has made of the cost of her proposed reforms. (15648)
- 2N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an impact assessment of the decision for Ofsted to no longer produce single headline grades. (15662)
- 3N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an equalities impact assessment of the decision for Ofsted to no longer produce single headline grades. (15688)

- 4N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to publish an impact assessment of the decision for Ofsted to no longer produce single headline grades. (15689)
- 5N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to publish an equalities impact assessment of the decision for Ofsted to no longer produce single headline grades. (15690)
- 6N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will take steps to increase the use of Deprivation of Liberty orders. (15691)
- 7N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps with his international counterparts to negotiate a treaty on (a) ending fossil fuel (i) exploration and (ii) expansion, (b) phasing-out existing production of fossil fuels and (c) supporting a just transition to renewable energy. (15655)
- 8N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve breast cancer screening in (a) London and (b) Wimbledon constituency. (15711)
- 9N **Imogen Walker** (Hamilton and Clyde Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has received data from the Scottish Government on the average waiting time for a child autism assessment in (a) Hamilton and Clyde Valley constituency, (b) Lanarkshire and (c) Scotland in the last 12 months. (15692)
- 10N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether officials from his Department have met representatives of the Taipei representative office in London in the last six months. (15671)
- 11N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason his Department has removed the Chief of the Defence Staff from the Department's Finance and Economics pre-release access lists, other than the Departmental resources and Statistical Bulletin-MOD Regional Expenditure with UK Industry and Supported Employment releases. (15659)
- 12N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has revoked the Chief of Defence staff's pre-release access to his Department's Departmental resources and statistical bulletin-M. (15660)
- 13N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to equip infantry battalions with the Ares armoured personnel carrier. (15669)
- 14N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of a specified financial compensation scheme for (a) nuclear test veterans present during the nuclear testing programme from 1952 to 1967 and (b) their families. (15649)

- 15N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of legislating to enable local authorities in England to adjust council tax rates by increasing them for higher-band properties while limiting increases for lower-band properties. (15684)
- 16N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent estimate she has made of the prison maintenance backlog. (15643)
- 17N **Imogen Walker** (Hamilton and Clyde Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what plans he has to work with the Scottish Government to improve (a) rail and (b) bus routes in (i) Hamilton and Clyde Valley and (ii) Scotland. (15715)
- 18N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to review the (a) operation and (b) adequacy of the Barnett Formula. (15661)

Questions for Answer on Friday 29 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many employee settlement agreements there were within the civil service in each year since 2020; and what the total value of such agreements was. (15695)
- 2N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS employees' contracts of employment were terminated for underperformance in each year since 2020. (15696)
- 3N **Kim Leadbeater** (Spen Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of including people with learning disabilities in the spring Covid-19 booster vaccination programme. (15686)