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Questions tabled on Monday 25 November 2024

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 26 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of making the LGA's voluntary shared database on taxi driver licenses mandatory. [Transferred] (15646)
- 2 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of waiting times for ADHD assessments in Halton. [Transferred] (15652)
- 3 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of delays in ADHD assessments on children. [Transferred] (15653)
- 4 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department plans to extend the temporary off-sales regulatory easement in the Business and Planning Act 2020 beyond 31 March 2025. [Transferred] (15651)
- 5 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (15654)
- 6 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her 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. [Transferred] (15637)

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

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 27 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his planned timetable is for establishing the Ethics and Integrity Commission. (15852)
- 2 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support small businesses to recruit new employees. (15845)
- 3 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many employees in his Department are paid the National Minimum Wage. (16065)
- 4 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will initiate a review of UK treaties containing Investor-State Dispute Settlements. (15959)
- 5 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to take steps to help firms secure orders of Eurofighter Typhoon jets from international partners. (15904)
- 6 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what (a) capital and (b) revenue funding her Department provides for local authority leisure centres. (15818)
- 7 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of penalties for television licence evasion. (16062)
- 8 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to encourage more people to (a) enter the youth sector workforce and (b) become youth workers. (15859)
- 9 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase the availability of apprenticeships in (a) England, (b) London and (c) West Ham and Beckton constituency. (16022)

- 10 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking with (a) employers and (b) further education providers to help ensure the post-16 curriculum is aligned with the future needs of the UK workforce. (16023)
- 11 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking encourage the take-up of STEM subjects at further education level. (16024)
- 12 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has plans to publish the Stocktake report on Hertfordshire County Council's SEND improvement plan. (15834)
- 13 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for announcing what proportion of SEND funding from Autumn Budget 2024 will be allocated to Hertfordshire. (15835)
- 14 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the rate paid to nursery providers for free hours childcare will increase proportionately to cover the increase in employer national insurance. (15789)
- 15 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Child Poverty Strategy will include the Holiday Activities and Food Programme. (15790)
- 16 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the impact of graduate skills on the North West economy. (15953)
- 17 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the contribution of universities to economic growth through graduate outcomes. (15954)
- 18 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the retention of female teachers in male-dominated subjects in schools. (15968)
- 19 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of making all children from families that receive Universal Credit eligible for free school meals. (15735)
- 20 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of adjusting the eligibility criteria for free school meals so as to maintain the proportion of children who are eligible at the same level as in academic year 2023-24. (15736)

- 21 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2024 to Question 5982 on Breakfast Clubs: Disadvantaged, whether this data was used to assess eligibility for the national schools breakfast programme in the 2024-25 academic year. (15737)
- 22 **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what additional SEND funding will be allocated to Croydon. (15951)
- 23 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to help schools maintain the wellbeing of young people affected by bullying. (15919)
- 24 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will ensure that the requirements of children in migrant households are included in the child poverty strategy. (16004)
- 25 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with her counterpart in Northern Ireland on ensuring that businesses in Northern Ireland that pay into the Apprenticeship Levy receive direct funding from the levy. (15842)
- 26 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to allow local leaders to use Skills Bootcamp funding to support training for coach drivers. (15881)
- 27 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will meet with the hon. Member for South Basildon and East Thurrock to discuss academy schools in that constituency. (16028)
- 28 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is providing support for academy schools facing financial difficulties. (16030)
- 29 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with (a) Mossbourne Federation and (b) Ortu Federation on academy schools in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (16033)
- 30 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 3.46 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, how much of the additional funding for further education will be spent on adult learning. (15962)
- 31 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) primary and (b) secondary schools were (i) newly graded inadequate or (ii) received a second consecutive Requires Improvement by Ofsted in each year since 2010. (15823)
- 32 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on recruiting 6,500 teachers. (15837)

- 33 **Baggy Shanker** (Derby South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2024 to Question 12858 on Special Educational Needs: Teachers and Classroom Assistants, if she will make it her policy to add (a) specialist support teaching assistants and (b) teachers of sensory impairment to the staff roles collected in the annual census. (16032)
- 34 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department has taken to support (a) people diagnosed with pathological demand avoidance and (b) their carers. (15779)
- 35 **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to ensure all children with epilepsy receive an individual healthcare plan. (16090)
- 36 **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her policies on higher education reform will include employment rights protections for (a) permanent and (b) non-permanent lecturers. (16091)
- 37 **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure adequate access to education for children who are certified blind in Sherwood Forest constituency. (15973)
- 38 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to (a) encourage commercial property owners to improve energy efficiency and (b) reduce energy wastage, in the context of duties set out in Section 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008. (16069)
- 39 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of introducing (a) new incentives and (b) funding streams to support energy (i) audits and (ii) efficiency improvements in commercial properties. (16070)
- 40 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what enforcement mechanisms his Department plans to put in place under ESOS Phase 4 to help ensure that companies comply with required energy efficiency measures. (16071)
- 41 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of (a) reinstating and (b) expanding (i) local grant funding schemes previously funded through EU initiatives and (ii) other local grant funding schemes to support (A) energy efficiency and (B) renewable energy projects. (16072)
- 42 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to provide long-term funding for (a) local energy efficiency and (b) net zero initiatives. (16073)

- 43 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much funding he plans to provide to the voluntary, community, and social enterprise energy efficiency scheme in 2025. (16074)
- 44 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding to the voluntary, community, and social enterprise organisations for (a) reducing their energy consumption and (b) other costs. (16075)
- 45 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans he has to (a) support and (b) incentivise (i) small businesses and (ii) contractors to enter the renewable energy installation market. (16076)
- 46 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has plans to revise or increase incentives for (a) solar photovoltaics installations and (b) battery storage solutions to help encourage wider adoption by (i) homeowners and (ii) businesses. (16077)
- 47 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to review the (a) accreditation and (b) certification processes for renewable energy installers to ensure that they are accessible for small and medium enterprises. (16078)
- 48 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reforming the Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive scheme to help reduce the cost for installers. (16081)
- 49 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of adding carbon capture, utilisation and storage costs onto household bills. (15801)
- 50 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans he has for increased (a) funding for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme and (b) support for additional low-carbon heating technologies. (15802)
- 51 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the viability of carbon capture technologies. (15963)
- 52 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what progress he has made on the creation of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Taskforce; and whether his Department plans to bring forward reforms to landowner compensation for the delivery of new infrastructure. (15997)

- 53 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to respond to the call for evidence entitled Land rights and consents for electricity network infrastructure, which closed on 15 September 2022. (15998)
- 54 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of independent networks in delivering network investment. (15999)
- 55 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of taking steps to use the energy efficiency SME supply chain to deliver the Warm Homes Plan. (16013)
- 56 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has had discussions with the Scottish Government on (a) facilitating and (b) improving delivery of the Warm Homes Plan across Scotland. (16014)
- 57 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to help family-run farms with any increased costs associated with the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. (16059)
- 58 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is to ensure customers are compensated when water companies fail to meet Ofwat targets. (15850)
- 59 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for banning the import of dogs with cropped ears. (16006)
- 60 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 5849 on Hunting: National Parks, what was the outcome of the initial discussions held with officials from other Departments on trail hunting. (16007)
- 61 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will take steps to prevent (a) large corporations and (b) investment firms from acquiring agricultural land sold to meet inheritance tax liabilities. (15988)
- 62 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to agricultural property relief at the Autumn Budget 2024 on (a) patterns of agricultural land ownership, (b) rural employment, (c) agricultural supply chains and (d) food production. (15989)

- 63 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): 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 the findings of the report entitled An impact analysis of APR reforms on commercial family farms, published by the National Farmers Union on 21 November 2024 on the acreage of land relating to Agricultural Property Relief claims on assets of less than £250,000 in the 2021-22 financial year. (15990)
- 64 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the development of a UK-wide strategy on the circular economy. (15829)
- 65 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing (a) discounts, (b) vouchers, (c) other financial incentives and (d) deposit-return schemes to recycle small consumer electronics that no longer (i) work and (ii) are used. (15830)
- 66 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what sectors his Department has considered within scope for interventions in the context of his planned circular economy strategy. (15831)
- 67 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to strengthen restrictions on the use of rodenticides in order to reduce exposure to non-target wildlife. (15944)
- 68 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to enhance monitoring of wildlife exposure to (a) rodenticides and (b) other toxic substances; and whether he plans to allocate additional resources to improve (a) reporting and (b) response mechanisms in relation to wildlife affected by these substances. (15945)
- 69 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to promote (a) safer and (b) environmentally friendly pest control alternatives to rodenticide for (i) residential and (ii) commercial use. (15946)
- 70 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with Ofwat on the implementation of a national New Appointment and Variations licence for independent water networks. (16000)
- 71 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the cumulative regulatory time spent on the processing of New Appointment and Variations applications for independent water networks in 2023-4. (16001)

- 72 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish proposed measures for the Stage 3 offshore Marine Protected Areas. (16111)
- 73 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Government plans to incorporate harvest control rules into future fisheries management plans. (16112)
- 74 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 12061 on Agriculture: Land Use, if he will commission research into the potential impact of solar farms on soil (a) carbon storage, (b) structure and (c) biodiversity. (15744)
- 75 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Government's net zero policies on food supply from British producers. (15906)
- 76 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of multiple solar farms on the local environment; whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on the impact of solar farms on the rural (a) landscape and (b) communities; and if he will take steps to ensure that those farms are distributed over a wide area. (16046)
- 77 **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of re-joining the EU pet passport scheme. (16089)
- 78 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of banning sky lanterns. (15841)
- 79 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of IP theft on AI innovation. (16026)
- 80 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to reduce the use of (a) human-authored and (b) copyrighted content without license for generative AI models. (16027)
- 81 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the potential economic damage to the (a) media and (b) creative industries of the use of copyrighted content by generative AI developers without a licence. (16029)

- 82 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing Graduated Driving Licences for young people. (16005)
- 83 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether it is her Department's policy to support the Crossrail 2 project. (15846)
- 84 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people were hit by a train across the railway network in the last 12 months; and what steps she taking to prevent such incidents. (15851)
- 85 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve access to public transport in rural areas within (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (15728)
- 86 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with the (a) car insurance industry and (b) Financial Conduct Authority on the potential merits of bringing forward regulations to require car insurance providers to not disproportionately increase premiums for older drivers beyond what is justified by the specific risk. (15970)
- 87 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that households without driveways have access to (a) infrastructure that can be supplied from their property at a cheaper domestic electricity tariff and (b) other electric vehicle charging infrastructure. (16017)
- 88 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of an increase in financial incentives to enable households without driveways to invest in home-connected on-street charging infrastructure. (16018)
- 89 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the implications for her policies of the barriers facing households without driveways in the transition to electric vehicles. (16019)
- 90 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the implications for her policies of the disparities between households (a) with and (b) without off-street parking in accessing electric vehicle charging infrastructure. (16020)
- 91 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that households without off-street parking are not left behind in the electric vehicle transition. (16021)

- 92 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many applications for exemption to overfly the UK with war munitions with a final destination of Israel have been (a) received, (b) approved and (c) rejected since 7 October 2023. (16080)
- 93 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to ensure that women can only be strip-searched by British Transport Police officers who were female at birth. (15858)
- 94 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of night-time flight noise on wildlife living in Gatwick Airport's flight path. (15978)
- 95 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact on public safety of proposals to expand use of the emergency runway at Gatwick airport for commercial flights. (15979)
- 96 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with campaign groups opposing the expansion of Gatwick airport. (15980)
- 97 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many times she has met with representatives of Gatwick Airport to discuss the proposed expansion. (15981)
- 98 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of removing the 50km restriction for 18- to 20-year-old bus and coach drivers on a regular service. (15882)
- 99 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of removing the requirement to hold a provisional bus, coach or HGV licence to undertake the theory and off-road modules of the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence test. (15883)
- 100 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will take steps to reduce the cost of electric vehicle public charging. (15939)
- 101 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of planning regulations on the installation of electric vehicle charge points. (15940)
- 102 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department holds on penalty charge notice rates for different offences, broken down by (a) year and (b) location. (15941)

- 103 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department has on increases in penalty charge notice fees for parking compared to fines for other traffic contraventions. (15942)
- 104 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help tackle the practice of reselling driving test slots. (15819)
- 105 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a new direct rail link between Leicester and Coventry for Leicester's economy. (15854)
- 106 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential economic impact of the Midlands Rail Hub on people in Leicestershire. (15855)
- 107 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of rail journeys made between Coventry and Leicester in each of the last five years. (15856)
- 108 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether capital funding was allocated to restore disused platforms at Kings Norton railway station before 4 July 2024. (15995)
- 109 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 7943 on State Retirement Pensions: Women, what her planned timeframe is for considering the views that have been expressed. (15807)
- 110 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) support and (b) reduce the number of young people aged 16 - 20 not in employment, education or training. (15809)
- 111 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of women born in the 1950s affected by State Pension age changes in each constituency in (a) Scotland and (b) Northern Ireland. (15753)
- 112 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024, whether she has conducted an impact assessment of the issues raised in that report. (15872)
- 113 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of Universal Credit rules for young people living in supported housing on their ability to find work. (16011)

- 114 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to help support the parents of (a) twins and (b) other multiple births; if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional maternity pay to those parents; and if she will hold discussions with Twins Trust on steps to support such families. (15974)
- 115 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of setting out a roadmap for ending the two-child limit in the Child Poverty Strategy. (15791)
- 116 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans she has to develop a long-term strategy and funding settlement for local welfare after the Household Support Fund ends in March 2026; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of including provision for local welfare in the three-year funding settlements for local authorities. (15792)
- 117 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, to estimate how many people formerly resident in Warrington South constituency are claiming pensions whilst living abroad. (15966)
- 118 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to publish a consultation on fit note reform. (15910)
- 119 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her planned timetable is for responding to her Department's closed consultation entitled Modernising support for independent living: the health and disability green paper, published on 29 April 2024. (15911)
- 120 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on the number of people claiming (a) Universal Credit and (b) other benefits. (15912)
- 121 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her planned timetable is for responding to her Department's consultation entitled Child Maintenance: Improving the collection and transfer of payments, published on 8 May 2024. (15916)
- 122 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of issuing a commencement order for curfews for non-compliant parents refusing to pay child maintenance. (15917)
- 123 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Household Support Fund. (15918)
- 124 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing benefits from foreign national offenders. (16094)

- 125 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of backlogs in court cases on the ability of the Child Maintenance Service to ensure parents receive child maintenance payments on time. (15843)
- 126 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of having officials from her Department work at the St Neots Citizen Hub (a) on a permanent basis and (b) one day a week, in the context of helping to improve her Department's services in the local area. (15869)
- 127 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the cost to the public purse of disability benefits in (a) 2025 and (b) 2026. (15723)
- 128 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding he will provide for drug and alcohol treatment through (a) the Public Health grant and (b) other funding streams beyond March 2025; and if he will continue funding for the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery grant. (16058)
- 129 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the implementation of electronic prescribing across all NHS settings. (15775)
- 130 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the 10 Year Health Plan will help tackle specific health challenges faced by women; and whether gender-specific health interventions such as menstruation will be included in its long-term goals. (15776)
- 131 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to make it easier for patients in Broxbourne constituency to contact their GP practice to book appointments. (15844)
- 132 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to carry out Vorasidenib trials on patients that have undergone (a) radiotherapy and (b) chemotherapy. (16008)
- 133 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support (a) GP surgeries, (b) dentists, (c) pharmacies and (d) care homes in rural areas to tackle workforce pressures, in the context of changes to the level of employer National Insurance contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024. (15741)
- 134 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to make a decision on funding for the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme beyond 31 March 2025. (15873)

- 135 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve (a) diagnosis times and (b) treatment of invasive lobular breast cancer. (15788)
- 136 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to (a) reschedule Psilocybin to allow it to be prescribed and *(b) retain its status as a class A substance for other purposes. (16066)
- 137 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of GP surgeries in South Holland and the Deepings constituency are rated as (a) outstanding and (b) good by the Care Quality Commission. (15720)
- 138 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to prevent care homes from evicting vulnerable residents. (16057)
- 139 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the last time a GP surgery was set up from scratch in England was. (15982)
- 140 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the last time a GP surgery was set up from scratch in Kent was. (15983)
- 141 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to help negotiate an agreement between (a) AstraZeneca, (b) Daiichi Sankyo and (c) the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence to ensure Enhertu can be prescribed on the NHS to women with breast cancer. (15984)
- 142 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what was the name of the last GP surgery set up in Tunbridge Wells constituency; and when that surgery was set up. (16047)
- 143 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of A&E visits resulting from animal bites. (15947)
- 144 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to promote the uptake of (a) Covid-19 and (b) flu vaccinations in the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB area. (15948)
- 145 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the Rare Diseases Framework to include provisions for improving patient-centred care pathways for Achalasia. (15949)

- 146 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the population per NHS dentist was in each (a) integrated care board and (b) local authority area in England in each year since 2010. (15768)
- 147 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the registration rate per NHS dentist was in each (a) integrated care board and (b) local authority area in England in each year since 2010. (15769)
- 148 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many registered dentists were serving NHS patients in the (a) Middlesbrough and (b) Stockton-on-Tees local authority area in each year since 2010. (15770)
- 149 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many individuals were registered with an NHS dentist in the (a) Middlesbrough and (b) Stockton-on-Tees local authority area in each year since 2010. (15771)
- 150 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many individuals were seen by an NHS dentist in the (a) Middlesbrough and (b) Stockton-on-Tees local authority area in each year since 2010. (15772)
- 151 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many courses of dental treatment were delivered by an NHS dentist in the (a) Middlesbrough and (b) Stockton-on-Tees local authority area in each year since 2010 by treatment band. (15773)
- 152 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to educate the public about the (a) use and (b) availability of defibrillators. (16034)
- 153 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans her Department has to improve (a) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and (b) automated external defibrillator training for the public (i) in residential areas and (ii) generally. (16035)
- 154 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans her Department has to ensure access to defibrillators in (a) rural areas and (b) areas where ambulance response times are longer. (16036)
- 155 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to collaborate with (a) emergency services, (b) local councils and (c) charities to coordinate automated external defibrillator (i) installation and (ii) maintenance. (16037)
- 156 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the (a) long-term maintenance and (b) functionality of publicly accessible defibrillators. (16038)

- 157 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of (a) mandating and (b) incentivising the inclusion of defibrillators in (i) existing housing estates and (ii) urban developments. (16039)
- 158 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking with housing developers to support (a) the installation of automated external defibrillators and (b) other public health initiatives. (16040)
- 159 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to increase the availability of automated external defibrillators in (a) residential areas where cardiac arrests are most prevalent and (b) other residential areas. (16041)
- 160 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of integrating new automated external defibrillators into existing national databases to help increase (a) the accessibility and (b) awareness of those devices. (16042)
- 161 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will set clear and measurable targets to help tackle socio-economic and ethnic disparities in the rates of (a) neonatal death, (b) brain injury and (c) pre-term birth. (15960)
- 162 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) monitor and (b) reduce (i) socio-economic and (ii) ethnic disparities in the rates of (A) neonatal death, (B) brain injury and (C) pre-term birth. (15961)
- 163 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of his Department's spending relates to medical negligence and claims (a) nationally and (b) in Warrington North constituency. (15838)
- 164 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of proposed reforms to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency's statutory fees structures on (a) the Agency, (b) industry, (c) the NHS and (d) patients. (15738)
- 165 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed reform of Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency statutory fees will on investment in the UK market by medical technology companies in the (a) short and (b) long term. (15739)
- 166 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a comparative assessment of (a) the UK's regulatory system and (b) those of international comparators. (15749)

- 167 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure Integrated Care Systems are resourced to provide medicines for (a) chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and (b) other life-threatening respiratory diseases. (15750)
- 168 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to develop a respiratory action plan to support patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. (15751)
- 169 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to support (a) people diagnosed with pathological demand avoidance and (b) their carers. (15778)
- 170 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to extend the extra funding awarded to early support hubs after March 2025. (15866)
- 171 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on ensuring that children and young people in every community have access to drop in mental health support. (15867)
- 172 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on (a) the total cost of recruitment fees for employing overseas workers and (b) the average recruitment cost for each overseas employee incurred by NHS trusts in each of the past three years. (16100)
- 173 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse was of training NHS staff recruited from abroad in the last 12 months. (16101)
- 174 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department has spent on consultants since 5 July 2024. (15740)
- 175 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report entitled First Do No Harm: the report of Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review, published in July 2020, what progress he has made on setting up an independent Redress Agency. (16031)
- 176 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to the incoming United States Administration on steps to help implement the arrest warrant for (a) Benjamin Netanyahu, (b) Yoav Gallant and (c) Mohammed Deif issued by the International Criminal Court on 21 November 2024. (15783)

- 177 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much and what proportion of the aid provided by his Department in response to the conflict in Sudan will be allocated to the UN in the 2024-25 financial year. (15777)
- 178 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that active funding programmes focused on supporting farmers and farming communities abroad is value for money. (15727)
- 179 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2024 to Question 14622 on Alaa Abd El-Fattah, whether the Prime Minister made representations to his Egyptian counterpart on the case of Alaa Abd El-Fattah at the G20 summit in November 2024. (15718)
- 180 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to work with (a) the Palestinian authority and (b) Egypt to identify (i) adults and (ii) children with disabilities in order to evacuate them for treatment in the UK. (15955)
- 181 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to evacuate (a) children and (b) adults from Gaza, including those now in Egypt, for medical treatment that is not available in either place. (15956)
- 182 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is providing targeted funding to help ensure that children with disabilities in Gaza are included in UK-funded humanitarian responses in Gaza. (15957)
- 183 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will initiative a review of UK treaties containing Investor-State Dispute Settlements. (15958)
- 184 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): 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 criminal gangs taking over the streets in Gaza. (15730)
- 185 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): 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 clashes between Chinese and Philippine patrol vessels. (15731)
- 186 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of transferring frozen Russian assets held in the UK to support the underwriting of insurance for Ukrainian projects. (15833)

- 187 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what information his Department holds on whether the Israeli Defence Force has committing a breach of international law in Gaza. (15722)
- 188 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent progress her Department has made with the (a) Defending Democracy Taskforce and (b) Welsh Government on protecting all levels of democracy from harm. (16096)
- 189 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the answer of 24 October to Question 11004 on Cars: Digital Technology, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the misuse of digitally connected cars by domestic abusers. (15774)
- 190 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to end the breeding of beagles used for laboratory experiments. (16009)
- 191 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average processing time is for a spousal visa application. (15969)
- 192 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle retail crime in rural communities. (15721)
- 193 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to collect data on the number of applications to stay in the UK that are made on the basis of a sham marriage or civil partnership. (15725)
- 194 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of how many hours of police time is spent each week on investigating non crime hate incidents. (15726)
- 195 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will (a) introduce more thorough age assessments for irregular migrants and (b) reassess the age of all 16-17 year old irregular migrants in the UK. (15860)
- 196 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many irregular migrants were arrested in Great Yarmouth constituency in each of the last five years. (16104)
- 197 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) standard, (b) enhanced, and (c) basic Disclosure and Barring Service checks in (i) Basingstoke constituency, (ii) Hampshire, and (iii) England have exceeded the police's target response times in each of the last three years. (15975)

- 198 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) standard, (b) enhanced, and (c) basic Disclosure and Barring Service checks in (i) Basingstoke constituency, (ii) Hampshire, and (iii) England have taken over 100 days to complete in each of the last three years. (15976)
- 199 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the average processing time for Disclosure and Barring Service checks in (a) Basingstoke constituency, (b) Hampshire, and (c) England in the last 12 months. (15977)
- 200 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason funding for community resilience is not a statutory duty with accompanying funding in England and Wales. [R] (15889)
- 201 **Mrs Sarah Russell** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of reported incidents of violence against retail workers employed in home delivery; if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of this violence on the well being of those workers. (16061)
- 202 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to issue guidance on EU visa waivers. (15732)
- 203 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will suspend all visits from (a) Chinese and (b) Hong Kong officials whilst hon. Members are sanctioned by the Chinese Government. (15767)
- 204 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle dangerous driving in rural areas. (15849)
- 205 **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service. (15943)
- 206 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to create a memorial in central London to nuclear test veterans. (15724)
- 207 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many times F-35 components were sent from RAF Marham to Israel between October 2023 and August 2024. (16083)
- 208 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many times F-35 components have been sent from RAF bases in the UK, not including RAF Marham, to Israel between October 2023 and August 2024. (16084)

- 209 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what equipment produced in China his Department has bought at what cost to the public purse in each of the last five years. (15863)
- 210 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the defence sector on the potential impact of environmental, social and governance policies on levels of divestment. (15746)
- 211 **Mr Bayo Alaba** (Southend East and Rochford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help protect residents from excessive services charges. (15950)
- 212 **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 implications for her policies of trends in the number of people living in leasehold properties with un-remediated fire safety issues. (15794)
- 213 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6436 on Housing: Construction, whether her Department is (a) monitoring and (b) reporting on the number of residential buildings requiring fire safety remediation that were built with (i) timber-frame and (ii) other modern methods of construction. (15795)
- 214 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 13 September 2024 to Question 4416 on High Rise Flats: Insulation, how many additional buildings have registered with the Cladding Safety Scheme as a result of the use of (a) specialist data sources and (b) AI technology tools this year. (15796)
- 215 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will remove the requirement for waking watches to be in place before funding is granted for the installation of a common fire alarm system in buildings where there is a simultaneous evacuation policy. (15797)
- 216 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2024 to Question 5131 on Buildings: Insulation, how buildings are selected for Departmental visits; what support is provided to residents following those visits; and how long resident engagement continues for after those visits. (15798)
- 217 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Report: Phase 2 report, published on 4 September 2024, if she will take steps to ensure that fire safety is prioritised in all (a) housing and (b) planning policy. (15799)

- 218 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of a default nationwide Housing First model. (15811)
- 219 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of a ten year housing strategy. (15812)
- 220 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her timetable is for implementing a devolution deal for Cheshire and Warrington. (15813)
- 221 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of appointing a homelessness champion to lead cross-departmental work on homelessness. (15814)
- 222 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the (a) resources and (b) powers of the Building Safety Regulator to complete remediation of high rise buildings in England promptly. (15815)
- 223 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to prevent (a) freeholders and (b) managing agents from levying (i) high and (ii) non-transparent service charges on leaseholders. (15816)
- 224 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure local government settlements take due account of levels of social deprivation. (15817)
- 225 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with Hertfordshire County Council on local government reorganisation. (15847)
- 226 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with Broxbourne Council on local government reorganisation. (15861)
- 227 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with East Herts Council on local government reorganisation. (15862)
- 228 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of making water companies statutory consultees in planning applications. (15758)

- 229 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the practice of gazumping; and whether she has made an assessment of the effectiveness of voluntary reservation agreements in residential sales. (15907)
- 230 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what data her Department holds per local authority of the number of times local authorities have had to conduct repairs of private rented sector properties when private sector landlords have failed to do so in each year since 2015; and what the potential cost to the public purse was for each local authority. (15964)
- 231 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a national standard for local authorities covering the disposal of the belongings of deceased council tenants. (15967)
- 232 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to deliver the strategy to get Britain back on track to ending homelessness; and what steps she plans to take to involve people with lived experience of homelessness. (15745)
- 233 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of hostile architecture on persons experiencing rough sleeping. (16067)
- 234 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to classify new measures in the Employment Rights Bill as a burden via the New burdens doctrine. (15759)
- 235 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 28 October 2024 on Social and Affordable Housing: Next Steps, HCWS169, what the target date is for the 5,000 new homes to be (a) started and (b) completed. (15760)
- 236 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 28 October 2024 on Social and Affordable Housing: Next Steps, HCWS169, what the tenure mix will be for the 5,000 new social and affordable homes. (15761)
- 237 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 28 October 2024 on Social and Affordable Housing: Next Steps, HCWS169, if she will make an estimate of the (a) number of Right to Buy sales and (b) associated funding for replacement dwellings in each of the next four years. (15762)

- 238 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has received representations from trade unions on introducing a four-day working week for civil servants working in her Department. (15763)
- 239 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information (a) her Department and (b) Homes England holds on the average grant awarded per unit for new (i) affordable and (ii) social rent dwellings in (A) England, (B) London and (C) England outside London under the Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26 to date. (15764)
- 240 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information (a) her Department and (b) Homes England hold on the average grant awarded per unit for new affordable dwellings for homeownership in (A) England, (B) London and (C) England outside London under the Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26 to date. (15765)
- 241 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what is the average grant awarded per unit for (a) London Living Rent and (b) London affordable rent under the Affordable Homes Programme 2021 to 2026. (15766)
- 242 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the affordable housing grant funding rates are per unit in London under the Accelerated Funding Route by type of affordable housing tenure. (15803)
- 243 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether (a) she and (b) Ministers in her Department have had meetings with representatives of the Chinese government since 4 July 2024. (15804)
- 244 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what (a) interests and (b) political activities Mo Baines declared when she was appointed as Lead Non-Executive Director. (15805)
- 245 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 8688 on Affordable Housing: Construction, if she will make a comparative assessment of the (a) spending profile and (b) contractual commitment profile of the 2021-26 programme with the (i) 2011-15 and (ii) 2015-18 programme. (15806)
- 246 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many civil servants other than special advisers from his Department attended this year's Labour Party Conference. (15832)

- 247 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle hidden homelessness. (16003)
- 248 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2024 to Question 4498 on Unitary Councils: Kent, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of splitting Kent County Council into a number of smaller unitary authorities. (16063)
- 249 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to implement the 2025 Future Homes Standard. (16002)
- 250 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill, what definition her Department is using of mainly, in the context of schools that are mainly concerned with the provision of education to children with an education, health and care plan. (15820)
- 251 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of local authorities charging homeowners to dispose of garden waste. (15733)
- 252 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with mortgage providers on the availability of fixed term mortgages to first time buyers. (15734)
- 253 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is to consult on changes to Energy Performance Certificate methodology. (15920)
- 254 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's guidance entitled New burdens doctrine: guidance for government departments, updated on 29 July 2022, whether proposed changes to (a) employers National Insurance contributions and (b) the minimum wage are new burdens. (15921)
- 255 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether local authority core funding will include funding for proposed changes to (a) employers National Insurance contributions and (b) the minimum wage. (15922)
- 256 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 7872 on Local Government: Elections, in which combined authority areas are mayoral elections expected to take place in (a) 2025 and (b) 2026. (15923)

- 257 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department issues to local authorities on the rights householders have to plant a tree (a) within the curtilage of and (b) on a green space immediately adjacent to their property without the consent of their local authority. (15924)
- 258 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the written Ministerial Statement of 28 October 2024 on Social and Affordable Housing: Next Steps, HCWS169, whether the funding at Liverpool Central Docks is (a) grant funding, (b) a loan, (c) a financial guarantee and (d) a financial transaction. (15925)
- 259 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the written Ministerial Statement of 28 October 2024 on Social and Affordable Housing: Next Steps, HCWS169, whether the fund with Muse Places Limited and Pension Insurance Corporation is (a) grant funding, (b) a loan, (c) a financial guarantee or (d) a financial transaction. (15926)
- 260 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the written Ministerial Statement of 28 October 2024 on Social and Affordable Housing: Next Steps, HCWS169, what methodology will be used to allocate the £47 million in relation to nutrient neutrality; and what the eligibility requirement for receiving the funds will be. (15927)
- 261 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press notice entitled Thousands of new homes to be built as government unlocks brownfield sites, published on 15 October 2024, how much and what proportion of the £550 million impact investments are funded by (a) direct grants from and (b) financial transactions underwritten by the government. (15928)
- 262 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 7690 on Local Government: Standards, what her Department's timetable is for consultation with stakeholders. (15929)
- 263 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October, to Question 5413, on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Remote Working, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of 40% in-person attendance levels on public sector productivity levels. (15930)
- 264 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has targets to reduce the number of people (a) homeless, (b) rough sleeping and (c) on social housing waiting lists. (15931)

- 265 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2024, to Question 5299, on Devolution: Local Government, whether council (a) leaders and (b) mayors were invited to attend the Council of the Nations and Regions. (15932)
- 266 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2024 to Question 5417 on Housing: Construction, if she will list the 60 local authorities affected by nutrient neutrality rules. (15933)
- 267 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2024 to Question 5414 on Local Government: Elections, whether she plans to lay the associated legislation to allow the combined authority mayoral elections to take place in May 2025; and in which other areas combined authority mayoral elections will take place in May 2025 for the first time. (15934)
- 268 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2024 to Question 5674 on National Security, if she will list the key stakeholders who her Department is working with; and whether this includes (a) the Parliamentary Parties Panel and (b) political parties directly. (15935)
- 269 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the impact of planning restrictions on the ability of private rented homes to meet the new Energy Performance Certificate C requirement. (15936)
- 270 **Chris Vince** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing online publications to be used to advertise public planning notifications. (15985)
- 271N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, 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. [Transferred] (15617)
- 272 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners were released without details held of a fixed address in the last 12 months. (15747)
- 273 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people who reoffended were homeless in each of the last three years. (15748)

- 274 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13342 on Shoplifting Prosecutions, what estimate her Department has made of the (a) number of people who avoided charges and (b) value of goods lost because of the effective immunity on shoplifted goods under £200 in value in the last three years. (15848)
- 275 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the average amount of time that elapsed between the arrival in the UK of foreign nationals who go on to offend and the date of their offence by nationality in the last 12 months. (15891)
- 276 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, in what proportion of Great Yarmouth Magistrates' Court cases has the defendant required a translator in each of the last 10 years. (15892)
- 277 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the number of court cases that collapsed due to the lack of an available interpreter in (a) Great Yarmouth Magistrates Court and (b) England and Wales in the last 12 months. (15898)
- 278 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much is outstanding for court fines on foreign national offenders (a) in Great Yarmouth constituency and (b) nationally. (15900)
- 279 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much in outstanding court fines for foreign national offenders was written off (a) in Great Yarmouth constituency and (b) nationally in the most recent year for which figures are available. (16092)
- 280 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of payments of court fines on foreign national offenders were made by benefit payment deductions (a) in Great Yarmouth constituency and (b) nationally in the most recent year for figures are available. (16093)
- 281 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 13567 on Reoffenders: Foreign Nationals, how many reoffences were committed by foreign national offenders expressed as (a) one to five offences, (b) six to nine offences and (c) each total of reoffences at 10 and above. (16095)
- 282 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many assaults against prison staff foreign national offenders committed in each of the last ten years. (16108)
- 283 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has had discussions with stakeholders on the potential merits of in-sourcing court language services. (15888)

- 284 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the recommendation in the report by The Law Commission entitled Hate Crime Laws: Final Report, published on 6 December 2021, HC 942, that hate crime law be reformed to offer greater protections for disabled persons. (15972)
- 285 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on supporting smokers in Northern Ireland to quit. (15880)
- 286 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on (a) the use of the Barnett consequential funding provided in the 2021-22 financial year for cladding remediation, (b) the identification of buildings requiring cladding remediation work in Scotland and (c) whether additional funding will be made available through future Barnett consequentials for this purpose. (15971)
- 287 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether her Department is taking steps to increase the level of research and development funding offshore green energy projects in Scotland. (16097)
- 288 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps his Department is taking to help North Sea workers to transition to green economy jobs in Scotland. (16098)
- 289 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions she has had with the Scottish Government on regional-specific skills development funds for workers transitioning from the oil and gas industry. (16099)
- 290 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to encourage investment in high streets in (a) London and (b) West Ham and Beckton constituency. (16012)
- 291 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to remove VAT on audiobooks. (16010)
- 292 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether an impact assessment has been undertaken of the proposed changes to Agricultural Property Relief on (a) the agricultural rental market and (b) the sale of agricultural land. (15987)
- 293 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the evidential basis on which her Department's estimate of the total number of farms affected by proposed changes to Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief included agricultural properties for which (a) only Agricultural Property Relief was claimed, (b) Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief were claimed and (c) only Business Property Relief was claimed in the 2021-22 financial year. (15991)

- 294 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reversing the changes to VAT on double cab pick-ups . (15742)
- 295 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of introducing tax (a) incentives and (b) subsidies for battery storage solutions. (16087)
- 296 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of Autumn Budget 2024 on trends in the level of household income. (15913)
- 297 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of Autumn Budget 2024 on trends in the number of people living in poverty. (15914)
- 298 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of Autumn Budget 2024 on the number of people living in poverty by household type. (15915)
- 299 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department of the potential impact of changes to employer national insurance contributions on Scotland's retail sector. (15800)
- 300 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to take fiscal steps to support households without driveways to access home electric vehicle charging equipment. (16015)
- 301 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of classifying bi-directional EV charging as an Energy Saving Material. (16016)
- 302 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to employer National Insurance contributions on not-for-profit organisations. (15857)
- 303 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of total cost to the Treasury of changes to alcohol duty rates in each year since 2013; and if she will make an estimate of the total cost of such changes in each year to 2030. (15752)
- 304 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting (a) the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and (b) other voluntary lifesaving services from the changes made to employers' National Insurance contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024. (15909)

- 305 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason her Department categorises social care providers specialising in supporting working-aged disabled adults as businesses rather than public services. (15877)
- 306 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she plans to take to exempt (a) academy trusts, (b) further education colleges, (c) the NHS and (d) other public services from the increase to employer National Insurance contributions. (15878)
- 307 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.72 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, what assessment she has made of the potential impact on social care of a £600 million investment. (15879)

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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (15884)
- 2N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (15885)
- 3N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether staff in his Department receive protections from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (15886)
- 4N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether staff in his Department are entitled to bereavement leave. (15887)
- 5N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many employees in his Department are paid the National Living Wage. (16064)
- 6N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the UK leaving the EU on touring musicians. (15756)

- 7N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2024 to Question 14487 on Private Education: Special Educational Needs, if she will publish the information that informed her Department's assessment of the potential impact of applying VAT to private school fees on pupils with SEND in private schools moving to state schools. (15821)
- 8N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate her Department has made of the average cost of a child receiving SEND support in a state school. (15822)
- 9N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of using (a) refillable and (b) returnable packaging to help support the transition to become a circular economy. (15870)
- 10N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of banning single-use food service materials for dine-in settings that have more than 20 covers. (15871)
- 11N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the UK leaving the EU (a) Single Market and (b) Customs Union on the export of agri-food products from the UK to the EU. (15757)
- 12N **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much funding his Department is providing to (a) residents and (b) businesses affected by flooding following Storm Bert in Chippenham. (16051)
- 13N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on the number of vape (a) distributors, (b) importers, (c) manufacturers and (d) producers that are registered with (i) the Environment Agency and (ii) a producer compliance scheme under the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations (WEEE) 2013. (15784)
- 14N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013, how many times the Office for Product Safety and Standards has taken enforcement action in relation to vape (a) distributors, (b) importers, (c) manufacturers and (d) producers that have not registered with an appropriate authority in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024 to date. (15785)
- 15N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009, what information his Department holds on the number of vape (a) distributors, (b) importers, (c) manufacturers and (d) producers registered with (i) the Environment Agency and (ii) a producer compliance scheme. (15786)

- 16N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009, how many times his Department has taken enforcement action in relation to vape (a) distributors, (b) importers, (c) manufacturers and (d) producers that have not registered with an appropriate authority in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024 to date. (15787)
- 17N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make a comparative estimate of the UK's total electronic waste compared to the rest of the world. (15824)
- 18N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make a comparative estimate of the volume of electronics (a) repaired and (b) refurbished before being fed back into the circular economy compared to the rest of the world. (15825)
- 19N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage people to (a) repair and (b) refurbish more (i) household appliances and (ii) electronic waste. (15826)
- 20N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to amend the right to repair requirements within the Ecodesign for Energy-related Products and Energy Information Regulations 2021. (15827)
- 21N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of tech manufacturers building barriers into their device systems to stop repairing by independent technicians on recent trends in the volume of electronic waste. (15828)
- 22N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment has he made of the potential impact of the Rodenticide Stewardship Scheme on bird species populations and their health. (15890)
- 23N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether nutrient pollution will be within the remit of the Independent Water Commission; and how the Commission will interact with the rapid review of the Environmental Improvement Plan. (16068)
- 24N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2024 to Question 901341 on Drugs: Safety, what the outcome was of the recent ministerial roundtable. (15874)
- 25N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question 14413 on Road Traffic Control: Complaints, how many objections were made to Traffic Regulation Orders in (a) Birmingham, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England in each of the last five years. (15992)

- 26N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to her Department's consultation entitled Traffic regulation orders: changes to publishing requirements and special events order approvals, which closed on 17 April 2022, whether she plans to publish part 2 of the response to that consultation. (15993)
- 27N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 4 of the minutes of the meeting of Network Rail's Board held on 4 July 2024, whether the updated efficiency plan will be published. (15994)
- 28N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her Department's timetable is for the delivery of rolling stock for Phase 1 of HS2. (15996)
- 29N **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the uptake of Pension Credit since the Winter Fuel Allowance reforms became live (a) nationally, (b) in the North West and (c) in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (15808)
- 30N **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many households (a) are eligible and (b) have received Cold Weather Payments in 2024, broken down by week. (16025)
- 31N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate has been made of the average annual salary of people in receipt of the National Living Wage in April 2024. (15743)
- 32N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2024 to Question 14442 on Access to Work Programme, what measurements her Department takes of the time scales for processing applications to monitor whether targets are being met. (15719)
- 33N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to extend the remit of the Care Quality Commission to include vision rehabilitation services for blind and partially sighted people. (15716)
- 34N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 12696 on Primodos: Research, whether the meeting of the Commission on Human Medicines has taken place. (15986)
- 35N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his European counterparts on steps to help implement the arrest warrant for (a) Benjamin Netanyahu, (b) Yoav Gallant and (c) Mohammed Deif issued by the International Criminal Court on 21 November 2024. (15782)

- 36N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help counter disinformation in Moldova. (15754)
- 37N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): 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 Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's publication entitled Georgia, Parliamentary Elections, 26 October 2024: Statement of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions, published on 25 October 2024. (15755)
- 38N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the agreement with Mauritius on the British Indian Ocean Territory on global security. (16060)
- 39N **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Border Security and Asylum in response to the question from the hon. Member for Great Yarmouth during Oral Questions to the Home Office on 25 November 2024, what data will be published; when that data will be published; and whether that data will include crimes committed by irregular migrants. (16107)
- 40N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent guidance her Department has issued on whether students who have extended their visas under the Ukraine Permission Extension scheme are eligible for home fees status for university fees in England. (16106)
- 41N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) warranted police officers, (b) Police Community Support Officers and (c) special constables have been recruited since February 2023. (15876)
- 42N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): 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 to introduce a statutory time limit on immigration detention. (15894)
- 43N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle abuse in immigration detention centres. (15896)
- 44N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has plans to repeal the Illegal Migration Act 2023. (15902)
- 45N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to publish the criteria for determining which individuals seeking asylum will be subject to detention. (15903)

- 46N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle antisocial behaviour in Hertfordshire. (16110)
- 47N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the proportion of F-35 components exported from the UK to the US that have since been received by Israel Government since October 2023. (15793)
- 48N **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of consumer protections for new build flats and houses. (15810)
- 49N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with the Metropolitan Police on the called-in application for the proposed new Chinese embassy in Tower Hamlets. (15717)
- 50N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent progress her Department has made on reviewing the outline business case for Anglesey Freeport; and whether she plans to make a decision on this in 2024. (15853)
- 51N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of Parole Board decisions on (a) moving prisoners to open conditions, and (b) releasing prisoners were overruled by the Government in each of the last (i) 12 months, and (ii) 5 years. (15952)
- 52N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, whether he has made an estimate of the (a) overall cost to pharmacies and (b) the estimated average cost per business in the pharmacy sector of the proposed increase to employer National Insurance contributions. (16102)
- 53N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, if she will make an estimate of the number of pharmacies that will pay increased national insurance contributions (a) nationally and (b) by constituency. (16103)
- 54N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, whether he has made an estimate of the total cost to pharmacy businesses of the proposed increase in employer national insurance contributions (a) nationally and (b) by constituency. (16105)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 29 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help progress the planning application for Betchwood Vale Academy. (16109)
- 2N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the rate of breast cancer diagnoses for women with asymptomatic breast density. (15780)
- 3N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of including breast density in medical data collection, in the context of diagnosing breast cancer. (15781)
- 4N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a decision on the funding of Torbay Hospital under the New Hospital Programme before 31 December 2024. (15875)
- 5N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will reimburse police forces with the cost of proposed increases to employer national insurance contributions. (15908)
- 6N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether F-35 components were sent from RAF Marham to Israel between October 2023 and August 2024. (15836)
- 7N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the adequacy of healthcare provision in HMP Wandsworth. (15839)
- 8N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to improve the quality of healthcare provision across the prison estate. (15840)
- 9N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to increase awareness of restorative justice throughout the criminal justice system. (16049)
- 10N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will issue an updated Restorative Justice Action Plan. (16050)
- 11N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of social care providers affected by the increase in employers National Insurance contributions. (16113)

- 12N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the (a) overall cost to businesses in the social care sector of the increase in employers National Insurance contributions and (b) average cost to each business in this sector. (16114)
- 13N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the number of businesses in the social care sector that will pay the increase in employers National Insurance contributions (a) nationally and (b) in each constituency. (16115)
- 14N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of how much businesses in the social care sector will pay as a result of the increase in employers National Insurance contributions (a) nationally and (b) in each constituency. (16116)

Questions for Answer on Monday 2 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential economic contribution of community (a) arts and (b) literary festivals. (15897)
- 2N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of funding for further education colleges to meet staffing costs in the light of (a) increased employer National Insurance contributions and (b) sector pay agreements. (15965)
- 3N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to encourage more girls into STEM subjects. (15905)
- 4N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) educational spaces for children and (b) youth centres have closed in North Warwickshire and Bedworth constituency since 2010. (15937)
- 5N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of (a) flood risk and (b) storm preparedness in Derbyshire. (15899)
- 6N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effectiveness of (a) artificial intelligence and (b) other digital innovation for tackling violence against women and girls. (15895)

- 7N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that (a) NHS England and (b) Berkshire Healthcare NHS Trust respond to Sir Adrian Fulford's prevention of future deaths report following the Forbury Garden terrorist incident in June 2020. (15864)
- 8N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that mental health patients who could pose a risk to the wider public have their cases managed appropriately. (15865)
- 9N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what he is taking to ensure effective intelligence sharing between mental health services and (a) the police and (b) other relevant services when a patient is deemed to pose a risk to the wider public. (15868)
- 10N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 1398 on Down Syndrome Act 2022, what recent progress his Department has made on producing statutory guidance under the Down Syndrome Act 2022; and whether he plans to publish that guidance before the end of the year. (15729)
- 11N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many community pharmacies have closed in (a) Surrey and (b) Esher and Walton constituency in each year since 2019. (16044)
- 12N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of community pharmacy closures on (a) local health provision and (b) patient outcomes in (i) England and (ii) Surrey. (16045)
- 13N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to financially support (a) GP practices and (b) third-sector organisations delivering commissioned services with employer National Insurance contributions from April 2025. (16052)
- 14N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to reallocate funding from acute care to (a) primary care and (b) the third-sector. (16053)
- 15N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to increase the role of patients in decision making around care home placements. (16054)
- 16N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of evictions from care homes on vulnerable people in need of care. (16055)

- 17N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the powers of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman on decision making around evictions from care homes. (16056)
- 18N **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of recent changes to funding for nurse training on (a) the recruitment of mature graduates and (b) other nurse recruitment; and what plans he has for future levels of medical school and nursing course places, in the context of recent trends in levels of NHS staffing. (16079)
- 19N **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has commissioned research into the factors causing increased GP consultation rates. (16082)
- 20N **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing £100 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative for the 2025-26 financial year. (16088)
- 21N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce the number of asylum seekers being housed in hotels in the West Midlands. (15938)
- 22N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of establishing a permanent Access to Elected Office fund for disabled election candidates. (15901)
- 23N **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to introduce a moratorium on Right to Buy sales before proposed changes come into effect. [R] (16043)
- 24N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking with (a) regional mayoralities and (b) wider local government to help tackle violence against women and girls. (15893)
- 25N **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that adults with autism receive suitable advice on housing. (16085)
- 26N **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of housing regulations on the (a) number of windows, (b) size of windows, (c) natural light and (d) residents' wellbeing in new homes. (16086)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 3 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to introduce wraparound childcare in all schools by September 2026.

(16048)