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Questions tabled on Wednesday 27 November 2024

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 28 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, for what reason there is no mention of (a) farming and (b) agriculture in the Government's industrial strategy entitled Invest 2035: the UK's modern industrial strategy, published in October 2024. [Transferred] (16124)
- 2 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed increase in employers' National Insurance contributions on not-for-profit organisations. [Transferred] (16436)
- 3 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of ADHD medication shortages on the attendance of young people at school. [Transferred] (16164)
- 4 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of large electricity pylons on housing prices. [Transferred] (16411)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the One Login project is on (a) budget and (b) schedule. [Transferred] (16337)
- 6 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much new funding is available for pothole repairs excluding funding previously allocated following the cancellation of HS2. [Transferred] (16441)

- 7 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of financial support available to unpaid carers in Bedfordshire. [Transferred] (16289)
- 8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Leader of the House, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the performance of the Government in providing answers to (a) correspondence and (b) written parliamentary questions since 4 July 2024. [Transferred] (16339)
- 9 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take additional fiscal steps after the Autumn Budget 2024 to help deliver more homes for social rent before the end of this Parliament. [Transferred] (16220)
- 10 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take legislative steps to reinstate Council Tax Benefit. [Transferred] (16317)
- 11 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing VAT from services provided by (a) psychotherapists and (b) counsellors. [Transferred] (16245)
- 12 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to (a) agricultural property relief and (b) business property relief announced in the Autumn Budget 2024 on (i) abattoirs, (ii) butchers, (iii) agricultural retailers, (iv) agricultural machinery retailers and (v) other agriculture-related businesses. [Transferred] (16240)
- 13 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief on (a) arable, (b) livestock and (c) hill farms. [Transferred] (16241)
- 14 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to (a) Agricultural Property Relief and (b) Business Property Relief on trends in the sale of agricultural land assets. [Transferred] (16242)
- 15 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential impact of a tax on tourism. [Transferred] (16352)
- 16 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will hold discussions with the (a) Equality and Human Rights Commission and (b) the Cabinet Office on the potential merits of issuing guidance to political parties on whether they are able to discriminate on the basis of (i) political and (ii) philosophical belief. [Transferred] (16341)

Questions for Answer on Friday 29 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the National Audit Office's report entitled Managing conflicts of interest, published on 22 November 2024. (16526)
- 2 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has provided (a) media and (b) speech training to Ministers across government. (16590)
- 3 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse was of Government Campus ministerial induction sessions since July 2024; and what the estimated cost is of future scheduled sessions. (16591)
- 4 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse is of AI training programmes for civil servants. (16592)
- 5 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the mean full-time equivalent salary is of staff in the (a) Office for Equality and Opportunity, (b) Women's Equality Unit, (c) Race Disparity Unit and (d) Disability Unit in the most recent period for which data is available. (16595)
- 6 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's advert for Second Permanent Secretary, European Union and International Economic Affairs, reference number 380316, if he will publish the panel members of that competition. (16596)
- 7 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason his Department renamed the Cross-Government Women's Network as the Cross-Government Gender Network. (16597)
- 8 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question HL2426 on Ministers: Official Cars, how many of those cars in each year listed were electric cars. (16598)
- 9 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question HL2426 on Ministers: Official Cars, how many vehicles of the Government Car Service were available for senior official use in (a) 2023 and (b) in the latest period for which data is available. (16599)
- 10 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to support the third sector to deliver public services. (16696)

- 11 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 7 October 2024 to Question 5121 on Employment, whether he has made an estimate of the potential cost to public authorities of the Government's procurement reforms on (a) new social value requirements and (b) trade union recognition and access requirements. (16510)
- 12 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what changes have been made to the planned delivery date of the Rosa Renewal Project since inception. (16511)
- 13 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 4 October 2024 to Question 4668 on Government Communication Service, for what reason the Government will not provide this information. (16512)
- 14 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 7 October 2024 to Question 5667 on Small Business: Annual Report, what assessment has been made by the Office for Equality and Opportunity of the impact of the Financial Conduct Authority's proposals on mandatory diversity reporting for firms working in financial services on non-financial reporting requirements. (16513)
- 15 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants from his Department are assigned to work directly for the Office for Veterans' Affairs. (16586)
- 16 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department is holding discussions with Stellantis on the announced closure of its Vauxhall plant in Luton. (16579)
- 17 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has had discussions with trade unions on Vauxhall's planned closure of its plant in Luton. (16580)
- 18 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Vauxhall's planned closure of its plant in Luton on North East Hertfordshire constituency; and if he will take steps to support (a) people and (b) businesses in that constituency affected by that planned closure. (16581)
- 19 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much funding her Department has provided to help support small and medium-sized enterprises to export in each of the last 15 years; and how much funding his Department has made available for this purpose in the 2024-25 financial year. (16522)
- 20 **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help support women into leadership positions in small and medium-sized businesses. (16631)

- 21 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring a company to confirm an address before registering it at Companies House. (16695)
- 22 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps his Department has taken to (a) encourage inward investment and (b) support job creation in Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency. (16645)
- 23 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what her planned timetable is for publishing proposals on regulating large scale commercial prize draws. [R] (16653)
- 24 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent representations on the potential merits of zero-rating society lotteries under any future statutory levy on gambling operators. [R] (16654)
- 25 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with relevant stakeholders on protecting sport participants from (a) concussion and (b) chronic traumatic encephalopathy. (16478)
- 26 **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the safety of public spaces for runners. (16632)
- 27 **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to help increase diversity in sports coaching. (16649)
- 28 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a statutory minimum fee framework for foster carers. (16577)
- 29 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many university (a) biology, (b) chemistry and (c) physics departments (i) opened and (ii) closed in the last five years. (16539)
- 30 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to expand (a) skills training and (b) apprenticeship schemes in the (i) renewable energy and (ii) energy efficiency sectors. (16672)
- 31 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to take steps to ensure that pay rates of teachers in sixth form colleges match those of school teachers. (16523)

- 32 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to increase the number and proportion of pupils attaining a pass grade in GSCE (a) maths and (b) English by the age of (i) 16 and (ii) 18. (16524)
- 33 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to collate a national register of pupils with (a) parents and (b) primary carers in prison. (16525)
- 34 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the findings of the Association of Colleges' report entitled The educational provision for 14 to 16-year-olds in further education colleges in England, published in November 2024, whether she plans to increase funding of college places for 14 to 16 year olds. (16527)
- 35 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average height is of male asylum seekers recorded via the National Child Measurement Programme. (16676)
- 36 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to tackle online risks faced by children with special educational needs and disabilities. (16535)
- 37 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that all SEND pupils are able to access (a) education and (b) training opportunities; and if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the consultation by Leicester City Council entitled Post-16 education transport for young people with SEND, published on 7 November 2024. (16656)
- 38 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to provide funding for alternative low carbon technologies in places where it is (a) difficult and (b) expensive to install a heat pump. (16575)
- 39 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to provide funding for thermal storage in homes where it is difficult to install a traditional hot water cylinder. (16576)
- 40 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Clean Power 2030 Advisory Commission will consider matters relating to Northern Ireland. (16566)
- 41 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of integration of AI-enabled battery storage technologies in increasing the energy efficiency of homes and businesses. (16668)

- 42 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to encourage businesses to (a) prepare for changes to the minimum EPC rating for commercial properties in 2030 and (b) help the UK meet its net zero targets. (16669)
- 43 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to provide (a) financial and (b) advisory support to help commercial property owners meet the new EPC rating guidelines for 2030. (16670)
- 44 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to encourage businesses to (a) engage with knowledge-sharing platforms and (b) share case studies on (i) improving energy efficiency and (ii) using renewable energy. (16671)
- 45 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to promote the adoption of energy monitoring technologies to help businesses identify energy savings. (16674)
- 46 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the the use of energy monitoring systems by businesses to accelerate their progress towards net zero. (16675)
- 47 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what comparative assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) importing coal from overseas and (b) mining coal in the UK on the environment. (16563)
- 48 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Treasury on the potential merits of increasing funding to help (a) farmers and (b) food producers. (16538)
- 49 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions his Department has had with charities and advocacy groups on the impact of fireworks on (a) wild animals and (b) pets. (16479)
- 50 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will ban the importation of pregnant cats in the last half of their pregnancy. (16451)
- 51 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Institution of Civil Engineers' policy position statement on evolving the UK strategic infrastructure planning system, published on 12 July 2021, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of the ICE's recommendations on publishing a national policy statement for infrastructure. (16462)
- 52 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment has made of the potential flood risk to communities in Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency. (16646)

- 53 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help protect rural communities in Bromsgrove constituency from flooding. (16593)
- 54 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will provide adequate (a) funding and (b) resources to carry out year round testing for designated bathing water areas in the Newton Abbot constituency. (16642)
- 55 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help support rural households to receive broadband connections in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (16530)
- 56 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding he plans to allocate to Innovate UK in each of the next three years. (16517)
- 57 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of extreme weather events on critical infrastructure assets in the next five years. (16463)
- 58 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with ARIA on support for research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (16567)
- 59 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Arts and Humanities Research Council on research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (16568)
- 60 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council on research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (16569)
- 61 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council on research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (16570)
- 62 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Economic and Social Research Council on research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (16571)
- 63 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of (a) the average mileage of buses and (b) bus passenger numbers in the last (i) 12 months, (ii) two years, (iii) five years and (iv) 10 years. (16532)
- 64 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of improving bus services on social isolation. (16533)

- 65 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she plans to decide whether her Department will provide funding for the Ely area capacity enhancement scheme. (16661)
- 66 **Jonathan Davies** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for the return of medically suspended driving licences. (16686)
- 67 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to deliver Northern Powerhouse Rail; and what her planned timetable is to announce further information. (16697)
- 68 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12927 on Coronavirus: Vaccination, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the hazard ratios for heart-related conditions reported in Pfizer study abstract entitled Non-Interventional Study Interim Study Report 5 Abstract C4591021, dated 12 March 2024, on the Civil Aviation Authority's regime of aeromedicals which are designed to reduce the risk of sudden incapacitation of pilots during flight. (16485)
- 69 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she plans to convene the next meeting of the Department for Transport's Freight Council. (16477)
- 70 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12278 on Rolling Stock, whether a rolling stock strategy will be published before the establishment of Great British Railways. (16508)
- 71 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many care leavers in England claimed Universal Credit between 1 April 2023 and 1 April 2024. (16666)
- 72 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she will make an assessment of the potential impact of classifying military compensation as income in means tested benefits assessments on veterans; and if she will take steps to ensure that military compensation is exempt from means testing in line with the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant. (16635)
- 73 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing further skills boot camps to help tackle specific sectoral shortages. (16519)
- 74 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish her Department's response to FOI2024/88818. (16633)
- 75 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 15043 on Social Security Benefits: Overpayments, what the reason was for the increases in Monetary Value of Fraud and Error between FYE 20 and FYE 21. (16667)

- 76 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of reported (a) error and (b) fraud has not been investigated for each of the last five years. (16681)
- 77 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure that her proposed policy of accessing benefit claimants' bank accounts does not disproportionately impact (a) people with disabilities and (b) other vulnerable groups. (16610)
- 78 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department plans to take to monitor the use of powers granting her Department's investigators access to benefit claimants' bank accounts. (16611)
- 79 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the compatibility of plans to access to benefit claimants' bank accounts with existing (a) data protection restrictions and (b) human rights privacy rights. (16612)
- 80 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Fraud, Error and Debt Bill on the (a) mental health and (b) wellbeing of (i) benefit claimants with (A) disabilities and (B) long-term illnesses and (ii) other benefit claimants. (16613)
- 81 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department plans to take to allow benefit claimants to challenge or appeal decisions made based on scrutiny of their bank accounts. (16614)
- 82 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of alternative methods to reduce fraud and error in the benefits system that would not involve granting her Department's investigators access to claimants' bank accounts. (16615)
- 83 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to conduct a public consultation on the proposed powers for her Department's investigators to scrutinise benefit claimants' bank accounts. (16616)
- 84 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what types of data would be collected from benefit claimants' bank accounts under the proposed policy. (16617)
- 85 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure the safe storage of data collected from benefit claimants' bank accounts. (16702)

- 86 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how data collected from benefit claimants' bank accounts will be used to inform decisions about (a) fraud, (b) eligibility and (c) compliance. (16703)
- 87 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting Armed Forces personnel in receipt of Government compensation from means-tested benefits. (16657)
- 88 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many officials were working in his Department, excluding Arm's Length Bodies, on (a) 13 November 2023, (b) 5 July 2024 and (c) 27 November 2024. (16483)
- 89 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to improve data collection on suicide rates of (a) asylum seekers and (b) refugees. [R] (16565)
- 90 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support specialist neuromuscular clinics that wish to take part in the Givinostat Early Access Programme. (16622)
- 91 **Nesil Caliskan** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the timeframe GPs have to authorise repeat prescriptions. (16698)
- 92 **Jonathan Davies** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle shortages of ADHD medication. (16685)
- 93 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of (a) young people have seen a dentist in the last 12 months and (b) adults have seen a dentist in the last two years. (16464)
- 94 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the closure of ward 6 at Westmorland General Hospital on (a) social care provision and (b) hospital bed availability throughout the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust. (16465)
- 95 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has a planned timetable for when services in Helme Chase Maternity Unit at Westmorland General Hospital will be reopened. (16466)
- 96 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to (a) include spirometry and FeNO testing in the GP contract and (b) to provide dedicated funding through a Directed Enhanced Service. (16540)

- 97 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure spirometry testing is (a) funded and (b) available in areas covered by the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board. (16636)
- 98 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the capacity of secondary care to support primary care with essential respiratory diagnostics. (16637)
- 99 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to ensure that Community Diagnostic Centres are accessible to everyone in (a) Birmingham Erdington constituency and (b) England. (16638)
- 100 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle rates of respiratory-related hospital admissions in Birmingham. (16639)
- 101 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) Birmingham Erdington constituency and (b) other areas covered by the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board to address the barriers to respiratory diagnostics identified in the report entitled Right Test Right Time, published by Asthma and Lung UK in August 2023. (16640)
- 102 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle workforce shortages in respiratory care and (b) ensure (i) GPs and (ii) their teams have access to (A) training and (B) accreditation for (1) spirometry and (2) other diagnostic tests. (16641)
- 103 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many private provider contracts have been commissioned by the NHS to treat irregular migrants in each of the last ten years; and what the cost to the public purse was of those contracts. (16647)
- 104 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November to Question 13915 on Protective Clothing: Storage, if he will publish a breakdown of where personal protective equipment that is unsuitable for NHS use is stored. (16678)
- 105 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 15631 on NHS: Translation Services, what the reason was for the change in the number of e-RS letters sent out in (a) 2019/20 and (b) 2020/21. (16683)
- 106 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the average additional time taken during the appointments for (a) translation and (b) interpretation. (16684)

- 107 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of letters posted by the NHS were in each language in each of the last five years; and what the cost of translation was for those letters. (16687)
- 108 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 15631 on NHS: Translation services, which languages e-RS letters sent in 2024-25 were translated into. (16688)
- 109 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which interpreting agencies are contracted to provide services to the NHS; and what the cost to the public purse of those contracts is. (16689)
- 110 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing (a) family and (b) friends to provide (i) translation and (ii) interpretation during NHS appointments. (16690)
- 111 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many test results have been translated into languages other than English for each of the last five years. (16691)
- 112 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that guidance to primary care clinicians on screening for prostate cancer includes reference to the potential impact of the BRCA2 gene variation on risk levels. (16655)
- 113 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2024 to Question 13775 on Hospices: Children, what his timescale is for announcing funding arrangements for the Children's Hospice Grant for 2025/26. (16507)
- 114 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to employer National Insurance contributions on the number of available GP appointments. (16693)
- 115 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse has been of NHS public engagement roadshows by (a) attendee payments, (b) travel costs, (c) accommodation costs, (d) staff overtime costs and (e) administrative expenses. (16662)
- 116 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's budget is for NHS public engagement roadshows in the 2024-25 financial year; and what steps his Department is taking to help prevent over-spends on roadshows. (16663)

- 117 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what objectives his Department has identified for its public engagement roadshow on the future of the NHS; and if he will make an assessment of the value for money provided by the programme. (16664)
- 118 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what process his Department plans to use for incorporating feedback from its public engagement roadshow on the future of the NHS into NHS (a) planning and (b) reforms. (16665)
- 119 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to mitigate the impact of shortages of medicines for people with (a) epilepsy and (b) Parkinson's disease. (16608)
- 120 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): 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 (a) Mauritius' participation in the Forum on China- Africa Cooperation, (b) the provisions on military cooperation in and (c) the potential impact of the implementation of the Forum's Beijing Action Plan (2025-2027). (16475)
- 121 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the planned cost to the public purse is of leasing the military base in Diego Garcia from Mauritius. (16585)
- 122 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of (a) the adequacy of infrastructure in Gaza and (b) its capacity to support access to essential services for children. (16644)
- 123 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of (a) UK and (b) other sanctions on Russian economic performance. (16659)
- 124 **Mr Bayo Alaba** (Southend East and Rochford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to ban the (a) buying and (b) selling of crossbows. (16700)
- 125 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps has she taken to help tackle crime in (a) Slough constituency and (b) Thames Valley region. (16481)
- 126 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much police forces in England and Wales spent on roles related to equity, diversity and inclusion in the last three years. (16453)

- 127 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an official and voluntary scheme for hon. Members to house (a) asylum seekers and (b) irregular migrants. (16584)
- 128 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 12 November 2024 to Question 12521 on Dogs: Animal Experiments, when she plans to publish further details on plans to accelerate the development, validation and uptake of alternatives to animal testing. (16564)
- 129 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to support veterans in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (16531)
- 130 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what medical assessments conducted at the time of nuclear weapons tests were disclosed to nuclear test veterans. (16482)
- 131 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many quick reaction alert launches there have been from RAF (a) Conningsby and (b) Lossiemouth in each month in 2024. (16582)
- 132 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many quick reaction alert launches there were from RAF (a) Conningsby and (b) RAF Lossiemouth in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (16583)
- 133 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the early retirement of Puma Helicopters on capability gaps. (16457)
- 134 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost is of refits to HMS (a) Albion and (b) Bulwark since 2010. (16458)
- 135 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost has been of delivering the Military Flying Training System since its inception; and whether the programme is on track to meet its operational target. (16459)
- 136 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of maintaining sovereign capability in the (a) production and (b) sustainment of the Hawk aircraft; and what the estimate he has made of the economic impact of that capability on the defence industry. (16460)
- 137 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of Capita's performance on delivering defence related contracts; and what assessment he has made of the value for money of these contracts. (16461)

- 138 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the timeline is for the delivery of the Mobile Fires Platform; and what the potential impact is of delays to the programme on the Army's long-range artillery capabilities. (16467)
- 139 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the status is of the Morpheus communications programme; and whether there are delays. (16468)
- 140 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the data associated with the new digital veterans ID will be stored only within the UK. (16469)
- 141 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what security protocols have been implemented to ensure the protection of personal data in the digital veterans ID system. (16470)
- 142 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether independent security audits will be conducted on the digital veterans ID system. (16471)
- 143 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many vacancies there are for (a) engineers, (b) submariners and (c) other critical roles in the Royal Navy. (16472)
- 144 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to publish the Strategic Defence Review. (16476)
- 145 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he met the Chief of the General Staff of the Israel Defense Forces during his visit to the UK in November 2024. (16506)
- 146 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, in which constituencies are each (a) base, (b) garrison and (c) barracks located for each of the armed forces in (i) England, (ii) Wales, (iii) Scotland and (iv) Northern Ireland; and which of those bases are designated for use by (A) NATO and (B) US visiting forces. (16652)
- 147 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure the independence of the nuclear deterrent; and if he will take steps to reduce reliance on the US for the (a) testing, (b) maintenance, and (c) replacement of missiles. (16574)
- 148 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the Local Government Pension Scheme in supporting local and regional economic growth. (16534)

- 149 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the report by the New Economics Foundation entitled Building Hope: how land reforms will help deliver the homes we need, published on 20 November 2024. (16643)
- 150 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to promote community cohesion. (16480)
- 151 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that (a) Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and (b) properties built on the grey belt have access to sufficient quantities of water for domestic and business use. (16521)
- 152 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to (a) employer National Insurance contributions and (b) business rate relief on community pubs. (16486)
- 153 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 14 October 2024, to Question 6395, on MHCLG: departmental responsibilities, what the headcount number of staff is for the Policy and Strategy Unit broken down by civil service grade. (16487)
- 154 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the (a) substantive information requested and (b) decision was for each (i) Freedom of Information Act and (ii) Environmental Information Regulation request received by her Department since the general election; and what exemption was used to (A) refuse and (B) part-refuse each request. (16488)
- 155 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6386 on Affordable Housing, whether the social rent homes target in the 2021-26 Affordable Housing Programme has increased since 9 September 2024. (16489)
- 156 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 14 October 2024, to Question 6395, MHCLG: departmental responsibilities, what work the Deputy Prime Minister's Policy and Strategy Unit does for her remit as Deputy Prime Minister. (16490)
- 157 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2024 to Question 5420 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Pentland Communications and Sovereign Strategy, where on gov.uk details are published of meetings between special advisers and external organisations that are not senior media executives. (16491)

- 158 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2024 to Question 5412 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Public Consultation, how many officials in her Department are employed to work specifically on consultations. (16492)
- 159 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2024 to Question 5412 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Public Consultation, if she will list the consultation documents that closed between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024 that have not yet received a formal response. (16493)
- 160 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2014, to Question 5416, on Civil Dignitaries and Members: Age, for what reason the Government deems 16 and 17 year olds to be old enough to vote in (a) local and (b) Parliamentary elections but not stand in those elections. (16494)
- 161 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): 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, if she will update the list of years in which each council's elections will be held with the (a) council and (b) combined authority mayoral elections expected to take place in (i) 2025 and (ii) 2026. (16495)
- 162 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release of 15 October 2024 entitled Thousands of new homes to be built as government unlocks brownfield sites, what the target date is to complete the delivery of 5,200 homes; and whether 5,200 homes is the target for the whole of the 2022-25 Brownfield Land Release Fund 2. (16496)
- 163 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to Homes England press release of 15 October 2024, entitled Homes England invests in Schroders Capital's Real Estate Impact Fund, whether the £50 million of funding is (a) capital spending, (b) revenue spending and (c) a financial transaction. (16497)
- 164 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the average grant subsidy per unit to build an average affordable dwelling under the (a) social rent, (b) affordable rent and (c) affordable home ownership tenures was in the 2015-18 Affordable Homes Programme. (16498)
- 165 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her department's policy is on (a) Ministerial and (b) official-level engagement with (i) the Muslim Association of Britain, (ii) Cage and (iii) MEND. (16499)

- 166N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on activating the Bellwin Scheme in response to (a) Storm Bert and (b) other storms.
[Transferred] (16267)
- 167 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure the provision of adequate funding to support (a) up-to-date local plans and (b) high-quality design codes. (16501)
- 168 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to utilise architects to allow development of complex brownfield sites in proposed National Planning Policy Framework reforms. (16502)
- 169N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which agency leads the multi-agency response to flooding in Cambridgeshire.
[Transferred] (16253)
- 170 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her (a) housing and (b) planning policy is on encouraging councils to turn (i) empty and (ii) redundant office space into residential accommodation. (16541)
- 171 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to remove the requirement for councillor's home addresses to be published. (16542)
- 172 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has issued guidance on whether the embodied carbon of an existing building is a material consideration in the planning process. (16543)
- 173 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's policy paper, entitled Brownfield Passport: Making the Most of Urban Land, published in September 2024, whether it is her policy that planning approvals under the new brownfield passport regime would still require a substantive planning application. (16544)
- 174 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for responding to the policy paper entitled Publication of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry phase 2 report, published on 4 September 2024. (16545)
- 175 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking to help ensure that vacant homes built under section 106 agreements are occupied. (16546)

- 176 **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 6190 on Permitted Development Rights, whether her Department has made an assessment of the extent to which that consultation met the Cabinet Office's consultation principles guidance. (16547)
- 177 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for the publication of the new cladding remediation plan. (16548)
- 178 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many homes (a) in total and (b) by type of tenure have been financed under the Levelling Up Home Building Fund. (16549)
- 179 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which (a) individuals and (b) organisations attended the first meeting of the Council of the Nations and Regions. (16550)
- 180 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether special advisers in her Department have had meetings with (a) representatives and (b) clients of Arden Strategies since 5 July 2024. (16551)
- 181 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024 to Question 1329 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Marketing, what the final cost of the re-branding was; and whether any transactions relating to the re-branding were published in her Departmental spending data. (16552)
- 182 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 3005 on Housing: Greater London, what discussions he has had with the Greater London Authority on the reasons for housing delivery being below existing London Plan targets. (16553)
- 183 **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many young people are (a) classified homeless and (b) in emergency accommodation in Sherwood Forest constituency. (16658)
- 184 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will place in the House of Commons Library a copy of each (a) equality assessment and (b) environmental principles assessment released by her Department under the (i) Freedom of Information Act 2000 and (ii) Environmental Information Regulations since 4 July 2024, redacting the name of individual applicants. (16600)

- 185 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the answer of 18 November 2024, to Question 13512, on Employers' Contributions: Public Sector, if she will publish a list of each public body within the public sector boundary for the purpose of compensation for the National Insurance rise in the Autumn Budget 2024. (16601)
- 186 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many meetings Kamella Hudson attended with her Department since 5 July 2024. (16602)
- 187 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether Ian Corfield has left his role at her Department following the International Investment Summit in October 2024. (16603)
- 188 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the reference numbers are of Government Art Collection works that have been removed from 11 Downing Street since the general election; and what the reference numbers are of works that are scheduled to be removed. (16604)
- 189 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Register Of Interests Of Members' Secretaries And Research Assistants, published on 11 October 2024, whether Nicholas Garland (a) attends meetings in her Department and (b) has provided policy advice in relation to her Ministerial responsibilities. (16605)
- 190 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will list each of the business attendees who accompanied Arden Strategies at her Department's roundtable on 17 September 2024. (16606)
- 191 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many penalties were issued for non-submission of self-assessment tax returns in each of the last five years. (16694)
- 192 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has she made of the of the costs faced by (a) electricians and (b) installers in obtaining necessary certifications for renewable energy solutions. (16673)
- 193 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes made to agricultural property relief and business property relief at the Autumn Budget 2024 on discretionary trusts. (16520)
- 194 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Qs 258-259 of the oral evidence given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Treasury Select Committee on Wednesday 6 November 2024, whether the figures quoted in her answers related only to Agricultural Property Relief and did not include Business property Relief claimed by farmers for the same period. (16504)

- 195 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Qs 258-259 of the oral evidence given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Treasury Select Committee on Wednesday 6 November 2024, what value of Business Property Relief was claimed on farmer's estates for financial year 2021-22. (166505)
- 196 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to (a) debt collecting companies to wait for decisions of appeal courts before taking action and (b) otherwise require improve the regulation of debt collection practices. (16607)
- 197 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact on bicycle sales of the removal of VAT on (a) pedal and (b) electric bicycle. (16648)
- 198 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle (a) delays experienced by community groups for applications for community group bank accounts and (b) fee-less community bank accounts being closed and replaced with fee-paying business accounts. (16473)
- 199 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will have discussions with the banking sector on (a) delays in applications for community group bank accounts and (b) reports of community bank accounts being replaced with business accounts. (16474)
- 200 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support family farmers. (16623)
- 201 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support households with energy bills. (16624)

Questions for Answer on Monday 2 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate the Office for National Statistics has made of the size of (a) the UK population and (b) net immigration in each year to 2046. (16514)
- 2N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings he has had with representatives of (a) the automotive industry and (b) automotive companies. (16573)

- 3N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of the proposed increase in the rate of employers' National Insurance contributions on (a) social enterprises and (b) voluntary and community sector organisations. [Transferred] (16222)
- 4N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to encourage upskilling for tradespeople. (16701)
- 5N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of (a) apprenticeship courses started and (b) apprenticeship levy spent were for (i) Level 6 and (ii) Level 7 apprenticeships in each year since 2016. (16537)
- 6N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the Government meets its targets for (a) clean power, (b) net zero and (c) energy security by 2030 in a way that complements the steps it is taking to meet its targets for 2050. (16578)
- 7N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many farmers and land managers successfully applied for capital grants for environmental land management in (a) Glastonbury and Somerton and (b) England in 2024. (16621)
- 8N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help (a) farmers and (b) animal-related industries to reduce the likelihood of bluetongue virus spreading. (16561)
- 9N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on tackling avian influenza outbreaks in England. (16562)
- 10N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to extend funding for the Smart Infrastructure Pilots Programme beyond March 2025. (16682)
- 11N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 15053 on Roads: Suicide, if she will publish the operational data with a description of the data quality issues for each of the last ten years. (16629)
- 12N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of people who earn the national living wage in (a) full-time and (b) part-time employment. (16452)
- 13N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of establishing a permanent Access to Elected Office fund for disabled election candidates. [Transferred] (15901)

- 14N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Oral Statement of 26 November 2026 on “Get Britain Working” White Paper, Official Report, column 656, what additional funding for the Government's Youth Guarantee will be allocated to (a) Cambridgeshire and (b) Peterborough. (16594)
- 15N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any of the vials of (a) Pfizer and (b) Moderna covid-19 vaccines supplied to patients in the United Kingdom contained (i) variable and (ii) excessive levels of residual plasmid DNA. (16448)
- 16N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many claims to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme on Covid-19 vaccinations have been (a) received, (b) successful, (c) unsuccessful as a result of the claim not meeting the 60 per cent disability threshold, (d) rejected and (e) still awaiting resolution. (16449)
- 17N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many private GP surgeries there are in (a) England, (b) Kent and (c) Tunbridge Wells constituency. (16587)
- 18N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many private GP surgeries were set up in (a) England, (b) Kent and (c) Tunbridge Wells constituency in the last 12 months. (16588)
- 19N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help prevent the development of illegal settlements in North Gaza. (16500)
- 20N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how Cambridgeshire Constabulary will benefit from the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee. (16677)
- 21N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, to the Home Office, with reference to her Oral Statement of 27 November 2024 on Respect Orders and anti-social behaviour, whether police officers will be able to pursue (a) off road bikes and (b) e scooters when these vehicles are being used in (i) an anti-social or (b) dangerous manner. (16650)
- 22N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 15669 on Ajax Vehicles, what the planned future operational establishment is for an infantry battalion structured around the Boxer platform. (16680)

- 23N **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Pursuant to the answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 14996 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, if she will publish the planning representations made by the (a) Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs and (b) Head of Cyber-Physical and Digital Twins, Innovate UK. (16572)
- 24N **Torsten Bell** (Swansea West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate the Financial Services Compensation Scheme has made of the costs (a) of high rise building remediation work taken on by the FSCS and (b) to each insurance company that originally wrote the building insurance. (16634)
- 25N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, by what process the percentage of 0.5 of Gross National Income for Official Development Assistance was decided. (16509)
- 26N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.105 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, if she will maintain spending on flood resilience over the next five years. (16528)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 3 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how long after the end of the relevant month ministerial (a) gift and (b) hospitality data will be published. (16515)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2024 to Question 5574 on Lord Alli, whether any political receptions held in Downing Street have been billed through the Cabinet Office and recharged to the governing party since 5 July 2024. (16516)
- 3N **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people claimed statutory paternity pay in each of the last five years. (16618)
- 4N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans he has to support (a) pubs and (b) the wider hospitality industry in (i) rural areas and (ii) South Derbyshire constituency. [Transferred] (16303)
- 5N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding her Department plans to provide for level seven apprenticeships in each of the next three financial years; and on what categories of apprenticeship this funding will be spent. (16518)

- 6N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing advertising restrictions on high carbon emission products (a) on television and (b) online. (16660)
- 7N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2024 to Question 13669 on Rivers: Sewage, which six sewage treatment works in the River Mole catchment have been inspected by the Environment Agency in this financial year. (16589)
- 8N **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress his Department has made on Project Gigabit since April 2024. (16619)
- 9N **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much Vehicle Excise Duty was raised from vehicles registered to addresses in the municipal area of Essex County Council in the last two financial years. [Transferred] (16239)
- 10N **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department holds on the proportion of train journeys that had Wi-Fi available on board in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024 to date. (16620)
- 11N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of setting statutory limits on increases to car parking charges at stations in line with the cap on annual rail fare rises. (16536)
- 12N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department currently holds on waiting lists for treatment for Parkinson's Disease in England. (16559)
- 13N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the number of specialist Parkinson's Nurses required to meet the current needs of patients. (16560)
- 14N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the time period for exemption from Council Tax for retirement properties left vacant after death of their owner. (16529)

Oral Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

- 1 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill on the cost of delivering public services. (901579)

- 2 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): What fiscal steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to increase the supply of affordable housing. (901580)
- 3 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions on public sector organisations. (901581)
- 4 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): If she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the APPG for Investment Fraud and Fairer Financial Services' publication entitled Report on the Call for Evidence about The Financial Conduct Authority, published on 26 November 2024. (901582)
- 5 **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for the Money and Pensions Service. (901583)
- 6 **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): What steps she is taking to increase the level of tax paid by online multinational corporations. (901584)
- 7 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): What fiscal steps she is taking to support pensioners. (901585)
- 8 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What fiscal steps she is taking to increase economic growth in rural areas. (901586)
- 9 **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): What steps she plans to take to help improve living standards. (901587)
- 10 **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): What steps she is taking to increase long-term investment in the economy. (901588)
- 11 **Alan Gemmell** (Central Ayrshire): What steps she is taking to increase long-term investment in the economy. (901589)
- 12 **Steve Race** (Exeter): What progress she has made on increasing international investment into the UK. (901590)
- 13 **Jonathan Hinder** (Pendle and Clitheroe): What steps she is taking to introduce permanent reductions to business rates for high street retailers. (901591)
- 14 **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): What steps she is taking to help ensure the sound management of public finances. (901592)
- 15 **Mark Sewards** (Leeds South West and Morley): What steps she is taking to increase long-term investment in the economy. (901593)
- 16 **Irene Campbell** (North Ayrshire and Arran): What fiscal steps is she taking to reform the pensions system. (901594)
- 17 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): What steps she is taking to introduce permanent reductions to business rates for high street retailers. (901595)

- 18 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): What steps she is taking to help ensure value for money in public spending. (901596)
- 19 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): What steps she is taking to increase economic productivity. (901597)
- 20 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): What fiscal steps she is taking to increase economic growth in rural areas. (901598)
- 21 **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): What recent assessment her Department has made of the impact of leaving the EU on public finances. (901599)
- 22 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of her tax policies on the unemployment rate. (901600)
- 23 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): Whether she is taking steps to help ensure that the Financial Services Growth and Competitiveness Strategy supports the wider economy. (901601)
- 24 **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): What steps she is taking to introduce permanent reductions to business rates for high street retailers. (901602)
- 25 **Pamela Nash** (Motherwell, Wishaw and Carluke): What steps she plans to take to help improve living standards. (901603)

Topical Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

- T1 **Clive Efford** (Eltham and Chislehurst): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (901604)
- T2 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): (901605)
- T3 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): (901606)
- T4 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): (901607)
- T5 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): (901608)
- T6 **Lee Pitcher** (Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme): (901609)
- T7 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): (901610)
- T8 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): (901611)
- T9 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): (901612)
- T10 **Steve Yemm** (Mansfield): (901613)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 4 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to increase tourism in rural areas. (16628)
- 2N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with (a) the Secretary of State for Transport, (b) rail operators, (c) regional mayors and (d) Transport for London on ensuring that apprenticeships are open to young people wherever they live. (16484)
- 3N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) small and (b) medium farms on the economy of (i) Derbyshire and (ii) the UK. (16625)
- 4N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of supporting Ukraine through the use of joint (a) technology, (b) funding and (c) research initiatives. (16630)
- 5N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the number of short notice changes to the timetable on the rail network. (16554)
- 6N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the performance of Northern Rail. (16555)
- 7N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the performance of London Northwestern Railway. (16556)
- 8N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the performance of rail operators over weekend periods in the last six months. (16557)
- 9N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has she made of overcrowding on Transport for Wales trains. (16558)
- 10N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help reduce road traffic incidents in South Derbyshire constituency. (16627)
- 11N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what meetings her officials had with the then hon. member for Mid Dorset and North Poole on flooding at Bakers Arms Roundabout on the A35 during the last Parliament; and what agreements were made to consider measures to resolve the issue. (16651)

- 12N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to increase the number of people signing up for pension credit in South Derbyshire constituency. (16626)
- 13N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress she has made on delivering additional neighbourhood police officers in Dorset. (16679)
- 14N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has conducted an impact assessment on the potential impact of changes to agricultural property relief on tenant farmers. (16609)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 5 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to improve public confidence in the Insolvency Service. (16699)
- 2N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help improve (a) mobile signal and (b) broadband for areas that have no access to fibre internet in Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr constituency. (16692)
- 3N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has granted any Special Mission Immunity certificates to any (a) visitor or (b) prospective visitor since 1 January 2024. (16503)
- 4N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if his Department will provide a table detailing the most recent data on UK Regular Forces by (a) Service and (b) Medical Deployability Standards. (16454)
- 5N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the (a) applicability of the Treaty of Pelindaba to the Chagos Archipelago and (b) potential impact of that Treaty on the UK's Defence arrangements. (16455)
- 6N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to conclude his Department's review into cadets and reserves; and whether he plans to publish that review. (16456)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 9 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 5.52 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, what guidance his Department issues on whether nominees of deceased Armed Forces Pension Scheme members other than spouses and civil partners will become liable for inheritance tax on death in service lump sums. (16450)