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# Questions tabled on Thursday 28 November 2024

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# Questions for Answer on Friday 29 November

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet
  Office, which (a) individuals and (b) organisations attended the first meeting of the
  Council of the Nations and Regions.

  [Transferred] (16550)
- 2 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, 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. [Transferred] (16604)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing further skills boot camps to help tackle specific sectoral shortages.

  [Transferred] (16519)
- 4 Ian Roome (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what fiscal steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support households with energy bills.

  [Transferred] (16624)
- Ian Roome (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to support family farmers. [Transferred] (16623)
- 6 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the cost to the public purse is of AI training programmes for civil servants.

  [Transferred] (16592)

- 7 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average height is of male asylum seekers recorded via the National Child Measurement Programme. [Transferred] (16676)
- 8 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many civil servants from his Department are assigned to work directly for the Office for Veterans'

  Affairs.

  [Transferred] (16586)
- 9 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 2635 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Public Expenditure, if she will state how her department has changed the previous Government's approach to extremism to facilitate the efficiency saving of £5 million that was included in the MHCLG savings listed in HM Treasury's document entitled, Fixing the foundations: Public spending audit 2024-25, published on 29 July 2024. (16736)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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 she will make an assessment of the potential merits of the ICE's recommendations on publishing a national policy statement for infrastructure.

  [Transferred] (16462)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, 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.

  [Transferred] (16513)

# Questions for Answer on Monday 2 December

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much Government departments have spent on procurement relating to both goods and services in total in the most recent year for which figures are available. (16831)
- 2 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how their Department defines strategy. (16816)
- 3 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how their Department defines strategy. (16798)

- 4 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on the employment rights of migrant workers. (16712)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on the prevention of exploitation of migrant workers by employers that threaten to cancel visas.

  (16713)
- 6 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16875)
- 7 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Department's press release entitled New ambition for 50 million annual visits to UK announced by Tourism Minister, published on 27 November 2024, what steps she plans to take to meet this target. (16829)
- 8 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how their Department defines strategy. (16799)
- 9 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make it her policy to ensure that a proportion of the money raised from the statutory levy on gambling operators will be allocated to (a) charities and (b) other organisations that focus on the prevention of gambling harms and that are not sponsored by the gambling industry. (16704)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i)

  Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16876)
- Jess Asato (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the report by the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, published on 26 November 2024; and what steps she is taking to include the (a) prevention and (b) tackling of child sexual abuse in her Department's plans for introducing Multi-Agency Child Protection Units. (16770)
- 12 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to renew play equipment in (a) parks and (b) public spaces. (16766)
- 13 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how their Department defines strategy. (16800)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16877)

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- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Written Statement of 28 November 2024 on School Funding: Provisional 2025-26 allocations, HCWS 264, what funding she has provided to (a) primary schools, (b) secondary schools and (c) special and alternative provision in (i) Witham constituency and (ii) Essex.
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Written Statement of 28 November 2024 on School Funding: Provisional 2025-26 allocations, HCWS 264, whether the allocations include provision for schools to cover the additional costs of the employer National Insurance contributions increases from April 2025.
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Written Statement of 28 November 2024 on School Funding: Provisional 2025-26 allocations, HCWS 264, what funding has been provided to (a) primary schools, (b) secondary schools and (c) special and alternative provision in (i) Witham constituency, (ii) Essex and (iii) nationally to cover the costs of additional pupils entering the state sector from independent provision as a result of the introduction of VAT and business rate changes to independent schools.
- Jo White (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many employers who (a) pay and (b) do not pay the apprenticeship levy started new learners on apprenticeship programmes in the 2023-24 financial year. (16819)
- 19 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how their Department defines strategy. (16801)
- 20 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions he has had with (a) the Ministry of Defence and (b)

  OFGEM on the AQUIND Interconnector project. (16872)
- 21 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he will publish a decision on the AQUIND Interconnector project. (16873)
- Sir Alec Shelbrooke (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 12061 on Agriculture: Land Use and with reference to the approval of the solar farm development at Honiley Road solar farm by the Minster of State, dated 23 July 2024, what the evidential basis is for the report that that solar farm has delivered 135% Biodiversity Net Increase.

(16719)

23 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to prevent flooding in rural communities in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (16785)

- 24 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential flood risks to (a) Runcorn and Helsby constituency and (b) the North West. (16786)
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent estimate he has made of the number of pregnant dogs illegally smuggled into the UK in the last three years. (16791)
- 26 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of extending the Rural England Prosperity Fund on (a) small business, (b) farmers and (c) community infrastructure. (16773)
- 27 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what new financial support is available to local authorities affected by Storm Bert. (16738)
- 28 **Sam Carling** (North West Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to prevent imports of animals with harmful mutilations. (16841)
- 29 **Sam Carling** (North West Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to prevent the breeding of (a) cats and (b) dogs with exaggerated characteristics. (16842)
- 30 **Sam Carling** (North West Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle irresponsible pet ownership. (16860)
- 31 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how their Department defines strategy. (16802)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
  Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the
  Autumn Budget 2024 on the timeline for announcing the phase-out of direct payments
  under the Basic Payment Scheme. (16710)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
  Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the
  level of funding available to farmers in the next two years. (16711)
- 34N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to paragraph 4.105 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, if he will maintain spending on flood resilience over the next five years.

[Transferred] (16528)

- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16878)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Environment Agency in managing flood defences in the last five years; and if he will make made an assessment of the potential merits of establishing (a) a dedicated flood defence agency and (b) other models of flood management oversight.
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential (a) merits of establishing a Flood Defence Agency as a standalone arms-length body and (b) implications for (i) budget allocations and (ii) operational efficiency of such a body. (16851)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
  Food and Rural Affairs, what comparative assessment his Department has made of the
  adequacy of flood defence agencies in other countries; and what account his Department
  takes of such an assessment in consideration of a potential Flood Defence Agency. (16852)
- 39 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) likelihood of an African Swine Fever outbreak in the UK and (b) potential economic impact of such an outbreak. (16730)
- 40 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release of 26 September 2024 entitled Immediate measures to step up safeguards against African swine fever from Europe, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of banning all personal imports of (a) pork and (b) pork products including those manufactured and packaged to EU commercial standards. (16731)
- 41 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release of 26 September 2024 entitled Immediate measures to step up safeguards against African swine fever from Europe, what additional resource has been allocated to (a) Border Force and (b) Port Health Authorities to help implement those measures. (16732)
- 42 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) effectiveness of the new Border Target Operating Model and (b) threat of its use as a route to illegally import products of animal origin. (16733)
- 43 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, how their Department defines strategy. (16809)

- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the Change.NHS.UK consultation, published on 24 October 2024. (16890)
- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the consultation on the implementation of the new subscription contracts
  regime, published on 18 November 2024. (16891)
- 46 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation on ending Pan-Regional Partnership core funding. (16892)
- 47 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the consultation entitled ICES area 7d and Lyme Bay king scallop dredge
  fishery closure 2025, published on 18 November 2024. (16893)
- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Woodnook Valley (3),
  published on 20 November 2024. (16894)
- 49 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation on criminal justice joint inspection programme, published on 20 November 2024. (16895)
- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the consultation entitled Reforming the Right to Buy, published on 20
  November 2024. (16896)
- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the consultation entitled Energy Company Obligation 4 and the Great
  British Insulation Scheme: mid-scheme changes, published on 14 November 2024. (16897)
- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the consultation on Firefighters pensions: member contribution structure,
  published on 20 November 2024. (16898)
- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the consultation on Police pensions: member contribution structure,
  published on 20 November 2024. (16899)

- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the consultation on Tackling modern slavery in NHS procurement:
  proposed regulations and guidance, published on 21 November 2024. (16900)
- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the consultation on Draft information and guidance on storm overflows,
  published on 21 November 2024. (16901)
- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the
  accessibility of the consultation on Open access restriction at Sandy Gulls and others:
  how to comment, published on 22 November 2024. (16902)
- 57 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of the copyright regime for text and data mining on the (a) AI sector, (b) creative industries and (c) wider economy. (16803)
- Mr James Frith (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an estimate of the potential value to the economy of licensing agreements between AI developers and the UK's creative industries for copyright protected works. (16804)
- Mr James Frith (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to his Department's Green Paper entitled Invest 2035: The UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, published in October 2024, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to the UK's copyright regime for text and data mining on the (a) Industrial Strategy and (b) eight growth-driving sectors. (16805)
- 60 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made a comparative assessment of the potential impact of international text and data exceptions on (a) development of AI products and (b) creative industries. (16806)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16874)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16879)
- 63 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to consult organisations led by disabled people on an accessibility road map for rail travel. (16822)

- **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how their Department defines strategy. (16810)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16880)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of the time taken to determine the application for the A12 Junction 19 to Junction 25 widening scheme on (a) the economy, (b) road safety and (c) the cost of the scheme. (16758)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she plans to publish funding allocations for highways in Essex County Council for the 2025-26 financial year. (16759)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraph 4.96 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, how her Department plans to allocate the additional £500 million for local roads maintenance baseline funding in the 2024-25 financial year; and by what method her Department plans to use to distribute that funding. (16760)
- **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to consult organisations led by disabled people on the reforms set out in the Get Britain Working White Paper. (16823)
- **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how their Department defines strategy. (16811)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16881)
- **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on the labour market. (16742)
- **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the implications for her Department's policies of the recommendations in the Buckland Review of Autism Employment. (16743)
- **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department intends to implement the recommendations of the Disability Action Plan, published on 5 February 2024. (16744)
- **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to expand the WorkWell pilot. (16745)

- **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to the National Living Wage on youth (a) inactivity, (b) unemployment and (c) employment. (16783)
- **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to the National Living Wage on the (a) number of people claiming Universal Credit and (b) amount of working age benefits claimed. (16784)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help prevent social isolation of carers. (16794)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce the time taken for patients to be fitted with prosthetics. (16820)
- **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how their Department defines strategy. (16812)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department has on the average waiting time for young people to receive a first appointment for child and adolescent mental health services in (a) South Cumbria, (b) Lancashire and (c) North Cumbria in the last six months. (16714)
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in Westmorland and Lonsdale constituency received radiotherapy treatment at the Rosemere Cancer Centre Royal Preston Hospital in each month in each of the last four years. (16715)
- **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of supply shortages for ADHD medication on the mental health of patients. (16750)
- Mary Glindon (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer to Question 12405 of 13 November 2024, whether he has had discussions with the community pharmacy sector on improving real-time communication on the availability of ADHD medications to patients. (16751)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to help improve awareness of (a) Crohn's disease, (b) ulcerative colitis and (c) inflammatory bowel disease. [R] (16838)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to include policies on (a) diagnosis, (b) care and treatment and (c) research into brain tumours in the (i) NHS 10-year plan and (ii) cancer strategy. [R] (16840)

- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) increase the capacity of colonoscopy services and (b) ensure patients from the bowel cancer screening programme are seen within the targeted waiting times.

  [R] (16855)
- 88 Clive Jones (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the capacity of colonoscopy services; and whether his Department plans to increase the capacity of these services ahead of the extension of the bowel cancer screening programme to people aged 50 and above by April 2025.
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to reduce the sensitivity threshold of the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme from 120μg/g closer to the UK National Screening Committee recommendation of 20μg/g.

  [R] (16857)
- Olive Jones (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the colonoscopy capacity required to implement the UK National Screening Committee's recommendations for bowel cancer that everyone aged 50-74 be offered Faecal Immunochemical Test screening every two years at a sensitivity level of 20μg/g.

  [R] (16858)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of average waiting times for (a) assessment and (b) diagnosis of autism in (i) adults and (ii) children in (A) Wokingham, (B) Berkshire, and (C) England. (16868)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for autism assessments in (a) Wokingham and (b) Berkshire. (16869)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of training to raise awareness of the role of interpreting within the NHS. (16771)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many ambulance visits there were to (a) hotels and (b) other accommodation housing irregular migrants in the most recent year for which information is available. (16825)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many visits there were by NHS staff to (a) hotels and (b) other accommodation housing irregular migrants in each of the last five years. (16826)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many vaccines have been administered to irregular migrants in each of the last five years. (16870)

- 97 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many optician appointments for irregular migrants there were at what cost to the public purse in each of the last five years. (16871)
- 98 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16882)
- 99 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department provides financial support to Cornwall Air Ambulance; and if will he will take steps to mitigate the potential impact of proposed changes to employer National Insurance Contributions on that service. (16853)
- 100 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 23 July 2024 to Question 244 on Dental Services: North Cornwall, how many dentists accept NHS patients in North Cornwall constituency; and what progress he has made on (a) providing additional dental care appointments and (b) setting up an innovative access pilot project in Cornwall. (16859)
- John Milne (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Prostate Cancer UK's research entitled Optimising the use of the prostate-specific antigen blood test in asymptomatic men for early prostate cancer detection in primary care: report from a UK clinical consensus, published on 25 July 2024, if he will take steps to implement the recommendation on reviewing guidelines on allowing primary care staff to proactively discuss (a) prostate cancer risk and (b) prostate specific antigen testing with men at highest-risk of developing that cancer. (16839)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the guidance on free refills in his Department's publication entitled Restricting promotions of products high in fat, sugar or salt by location and by volume price: implementation guidance, updated on 29 September 2023, remains his policy. (16844)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the answer of 18 November 2024, to Question 13469, on Low Alcoholic Drinks: Labelling, if his Department will publish a formal response to the consultation. (16845)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 2316 on Public Appointments and Special Advisers: Equality, what discussions he has had with the Minister for Women and Equalities on whether the socio-economic duty will apply to (a) NHS and (b) GP waiting lists. (16846)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) Ministers, (b) officials and (c) special advisers from his Department have had discussions with the Mayor of London on smoking outside (i) nightclubs and (ii) pubs since 5 July 2024.

- 106 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many contracts with management consultants have been awarded by (a) his Department and (b) NHS England since 4 July 2024. (16848)
- 107 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure insulin is distributed to (a) large and (b) small pharmacies across the UK. (16775)
- 108 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential (a) impact of the Greater Manchester Dental Quality Access Scheme on access to NHS dental services in Greater Manchester and (b) merits of replicating that scheme in other areas. (16776)
- 109 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to healthcare services in Hertfordshire.

  (16849)
- 110 Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will conduct a further review with Cabinet
  colleagues into the compatibility of the Government's export licences to Israel with its
  obligations under international humanitarian law in the context of recent civilian deaths
  in (a) Lebanon, (b) the West Bank and (c) Gaza; and if he will make a statement. (16767)
- 111 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how their Department defines strategy. (16817)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16883)
- Samantha Niblett (South Derbyshire): 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 human rights situation of women in Afghanistan; what
  his policy is on the concept of gender apartheid in that country; and what representations
  he has made to Afghanistan's geographical neighbours on gender inequality in the region.

(16782)

Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when Jonathan Powell has had meetings with (a) him and Ministers in his Department; (b) officials; (c) the Prime Minister; (d) Philippe Sands; (e) members of the Mauritian Government; (f) members of the (i) current and (ii) incoming US Administration; (g) representatives of the Chagossians and (h) other third parties on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory since 5 July 2024; and what the subject of each such meeting was.

- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish details of the (a) travel and (b) costs associated with Jonathan Powell's role in the negotiations on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (16721)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what further visits he expects Jonathan Powell to make in his role negotiating the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory; and when he expects that role to end.

  (16722)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what provision he has made for the costs associated with the proposed Treaty with Mauritius on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory in his Departmental Budget for (a) 2025/26 and (b) future years. (16723)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what funds he plans to provide to the Trust Fund for the benefit of Chagossians as part of the proposed Treaty with Mauritius on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (16724)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what funds he plans to provide to the economic partnership with Mauritius as part of the proposed Treaty with Mauritius on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (16725)
- 120 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he expects to conclude negotiations with Mauritius on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory before 20 January 2025. (16726)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his international counterparts on the introduction of new sustainable development goals. (16727)
- 122 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of commitments made by the UK at COP 29 for the new collective quantified goal on climate finance. (16728)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 14335 on Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Staff, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of changes to national insurance contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024 on costs to its suppliers; and if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of those costs on his Department's budget in the 2025-26 financial year. (16729)

- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 14335 on Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Staff, if he will publish an estimate of the cost implications for his Department of the increase in employer National Insurance contributions for 2025/26.
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will list the occasions he has directly raised the case of Jimmy Lai with his Chinese counterpart. (16753)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish the occasions on which he has directly raised with his Chinese counterpart the impact of the Hong Kong National Security Law on Hong Kongers.

  (16754)
- **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how their Department defines strategy. (16818)
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many refugees her Department plans to resettle through the UK's resettlement schemes in 2025. (16716)
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many refugees her Department plans to resettle through the UK's resettlement scheme in 2025. (16718)
- **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department is taking steps to (a) issue guidance to and (b) deliver training on temporary admission procedures for entry to the UK for creative workers to Border Force officers. (16789)
- **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the level of training for Border Force officers on temporary visas for creative workers. (16790)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to introduce a cap on annual net migration. (16705)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) irregular migrants and (b) asylum seekers attended how many NHS therapy sessions in the most recent year for which information is available; and what the cost to the public purse was of (i) those sessions and (ii) interpreters at those sessions. (16824)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16884)

- **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were prosecuted for (a) killing and (b) taking certain species of wild birds (i) in (A) 2021, (B) 2022 and (C) 2023 and (ii) since general license 42 was updated on 1 January 2024. (16828)
- 136 Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle (a) anti-social behaviour and (b) theft in market towns across Surrey. (16888)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 20 November 2024, Official Report, columns 287-289, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of retiring 17 Puma helicopters on the UK's contribution to NATO's Next Generation Rotorcraft Capability programme. (16734)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to increase the level of funding available for the New Medium Helicopter programme in the Strategic Defence Review. (16735)
- **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how their Department defines strategy. (16813)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16885)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, what recent estimate her Department has made of
  the number of children living in temporary accommodation. (16807)
- **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether she has made a recent assessment of the
  potential impact of extending the UK Shared Prosperity Fund on (a) small business, (b)
  farmers and (c) community infrastructure. (16772)
- **Sam Carling** (North West Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress her Department has made on improving access to pet friendly properties in the (a) social and (b) private rented sectors.

  (16843)
- **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, how their Department defines strategy. (16814)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answers of 8 October 2024 to Questions 5762 and 5607 on Devolution: Norfolk and Devolution: Suffolk, what the evidential basis is for the Government's policy that a single local authority model of devolution would risk the optimal delivery of services. (16746)

- 146 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to
  Question 2820 on Private Education: Business Rates, whether a (a) sports playing field
  and (b) playground is a positive material consideration by the Valuation Office Agency
  when calculating the rateable value of an independent school for business rates. (16747)
- 147 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 9 September 2024 to
  Question 2820 on Private Education: Business Rates, whether business rates will be levied
  on (a) nurseries and (b) pre-school premises affiliated with an independent school. (16748)
- 148 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Written Statement of 28 November
  2024 on Local Government Finance, HCWS265, and to the Answer of 28 November 2024 to
  Question 15204, if he will publish the council tax referendum principles for (a) the Greater
  London Authority and (b) Transport for London for the financial year 2025-26. (16765)
- 149 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16886)
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 23 of the King's Speech Background Briefing Notes, published by the Prime Minister's Office on 17 July 2024, whether strategic planning will operate at the combined authority level. (16768)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2024 to Question 12772 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: HOPE not hate, if she will list the issues on which officials have engaged with Hope not Hate since 5 July 2024. (16793)
- Michelle Welsh (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help ensure that new
  housing developments are supported by adequate local infrastructure. (16867)
- 153 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how their Department defines strategy. (16815)
- Mr James Frith (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the re-offending rate is for prisoners serving sentences of Imprisonment for Public Protection who are released.

  (16795)
- 155 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what her Department's estimated timescale is for HMP Dartmoor returning to full operational capacity; and whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of radon levels on the health of (a) prisoners and (b) prison staff. (16861)

- 156 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what plans her Department has for readmitting prisoners to HMP Dartmoor prison; what the estimated timescale for readmission is; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the capacity of the prison. (16862)
- 157 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what impact the reduction in operational capacity of HMP Dartmoor has had on the number of (a) staff redundancies, (b) staff retiring before state pension age and (c) contract length of contracted staff at the prison; and what proportion of affected personnel have been redeployed within the prison service. (16863)
- Michelle Welsh (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have used probation services in Sherwood Forest constituency in each of the last 12 months.

  (16865)
- 159 **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to reduce reoffending rates in Sherwood Forest constituency. (16866)
- 160 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many international (a) air miles and (b) flights have been completed by (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in their Department since 5 July 2024. (16887)
- Seamus Logan (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to alcohol duties on Scotch whisky at the Autumn Budget 2024 on the Government's plans for Brand Scotland.
  (16854)
- Jess Asato (Lowestoft): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the impact of financial exclusion on (a) care experienced and (b) older people.
  (16774)
- 163 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending reimbursement of employer National Insurance contributions to the voluntary sector. (16787)
- 164 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to employer National Insurance contributions on the voluntary drug and alcohol treatment sector. (16788)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the policy paper entitled Tax changes for non-UK domiciled individuals, published on 30 October 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to the non-domiciled tax regime on the UK's global competitiveness as a financial hub.

- 166 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of mitigations from proposed changes to (a) Agricultural Property Relief and (b) Business Property Relief for farmers over 70 years old.

  (16833)
- 167 Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how their Department defines strategy. (16821)
- 168 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12263 on Employers' Contributions: Public Sector, what methodology her Department used to calculate the provisions identified in line 26 of Table 5.1 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, for compensating public sector organisations for the cost of increases in employer national insurance contributions.
- David Williams (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps her Department is taking to reduce waiting times for accommodation for (a) victims of domestic violence and (b) their families in (i) Stoke-on-Trent North constituency and (ii) Kidsgrove.

# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 3 December

## **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of people who will own an electric vehicle in each year between 2024 and 2030. (16707)
- 2N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which Department leads on the International Criminal Court Act 2001. (16762)
- 3N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will (a) undertake a needs assessment for waste disposal and (b) ban new incinerators unless there is a proven need for them. [Transferred] (16403)
- 4N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with infrastructure providers about the compatibility of fibre-to-the-premises broadband and telecare products. (16889)
- 5N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help increase access to (a) demand-responsive public transport and (b) dialaride services. (16834)

- 6N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of removing VAT from small-vehicle public transport. (16835)
- 7N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of extending the VAT exemption for adapted motor vehicles for disabled people to include taxis.

  (16836)
- 8N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what support her Department provides to highways authorities to (a) adopt and (b) repair and (c)upgrade (i) unadopted and (ii) ownerless roads that form key parts of local road networks. (16797)
- 9N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the (a) consumption of liquefied petroleum gas by (i) classic cars and (ii) other vehicles and (b) availability of liquefied petroleum gas at forecourts. (16830)
- 10N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish the terms of reference for her Department's quality assurance framework; and what steps she is taking to ensure that framework is adhered to when responding to correspondence from hon. Members. (16792)
- 11N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to help ensure that local stop smoking services offer the option of a National Institute for Health and Care Excellence-approved non-pharmaceutical method to help smokers quit. (16837)
- 12N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 15347 on Pectus Excavatum: Surgery, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact on the (a) mental and (b) physical health of children who fall below the Haller index threshold of not receiving that surgery. (16864)
- 13N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 14977 on Gaza: Israel, whether he has had recent discussions with his international counterparts on the duty under Article 1 to prevent genocide. (16737)
- 14N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir. (16808)
- 15N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what information his Department holds on the reasons for recent drone activity near (a) RAF Lakenheath, (b) RAF Mildenhall and (c) RAF Feltwell. (16708)

- 16N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the projected number of army cadets for each year of the remainder of this Parliament. (16717)
- 17N James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral contribution of the Secretary of State for Defence in response to the question from the hon. Member for South Suffolk during Oral Questions to the Ministry for Defence on 18 November 2024, for what reason he will not publish the cost of the Chagos settlement.
- 18N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 15241, if he will make an estimate of the number of veterans who are (a) eligible for Pension Credit and (b) have an income of less than £12,500 a year. (16769)
- 19N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to respond to the recommendations of the report entitled Strengthening UK Military Investigations into Civilian Harm, published by the Ceasefire Centre for Civilian Rights on 26 November 2024. (16763)
- 20N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the Dutch Ministry of Defence on civilian harm mitigation and response. (16764)
- 21N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the keynote address made by the Economic Secretary to the Treasury at the Tokenisation Summit on 25 November 2024, what her timetable is for implementing the proposals on (a) cryptoassets and (b) stablecoins published by her Department in October 2023. (16706)
- 22N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on productivity in each year between 2024 and 2028. (16709)

# Questions for Answer on Wednesday 4 December

#### **Questions for Written Answer**

Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister raised Myanmar with President Xi Jinping of China during their meeting on 18 November.
[Transferred] (16146)

2N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are waiting for their pension credit application to be processed in each constituency. (16827)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

1	Ian Roome (North Devon): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 4	
	December.	(901614)
2	Olivia Bailey (Reading West and Mid Berkshire):	(901615)
3	Carolyn Harris (Neath and Swansea East):	(901616)
4	Pete Wishart (Perth and Kinross-shire):	(901617)
5	Alison Hume (Scarborough and Whitby):	(901618)
6	David Williams (Stoke-on-Trent North):	(901619)
7	Clive Efford (Eltham and Chislehurst):	(901620)
8	Shockat Adam (Leicester South):	(901621)
9	Andrew Cooper (Mid Cheshire):	(901622)
10	Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot):	(901623)
11	Alex McIntyre (Gloucester):	(901624)
12	Graham Leadbitter (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey):	(901625)
13	Yuan Yang (Earley and Woodley):	(901626)
14	Dr Kieran Mullan (Bexhill and Battle):	(901627)
15	Kirsty Blackman (Aberdeen North):	(901628)

# Questions for Answer on Thursday 5 December

### **Questions for Written Answer**

1N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps to increase the number of grassroots community
(a) arts and (b) music venues in rural areas. (16781)

- 2N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has plans to (a) identify and (b) support female-led spin-out tech start-ups in UK Universities. (16778)
- 3N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on
  support for female-led spin-out tech start-ups at UK Universities. (16779)
- 4N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on jobs. (16739)
- 5N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions announced the Autumn Budget 2024 on jobs. (16740)
- 6N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made on the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on levels of (a) employment, (b) unemployment and (c) economic inactivity. (16741)
- 7N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of mental health services for (a) young and (b) older people in rural areas. (16780)
- 8N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to ensure that new developments in rural areas are (a) sustainable and (b) environmentally friendly. (16777)

### Oral Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office

- 1 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): What progress the Mission Delivery Boards have made. (901629)
- 2 **Becky Gittins** (Clwyd East): What recent progress his Department has made on strengthening national resilience. (901630)
- 3 **Lola McEvoy** (Darlington): What steps he is taking to support economic growth through public procurement. (901631)
- 4 **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): What steps his Department is taking to help reduce trade barriers with the EU. (901632)
- 5 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): What steps he is taking to protect whistleblowers in the civil service. (901633)

- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to implement the Government's five missions. (901634)
- **Katrina Murray** (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch): What steps he is taking to reform public procurement. (901635)
- **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on the potential merits of designating genomics databases as critical national infrastructure. (901636)
- **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): What steps he is taking to increase national resilience. (901637)
- 10 Jacob Collier (Burton and Uttoxeter): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reform public services. (901638)
- **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): What recent progress he has made on establishing an infected blood compensation scheme. [R] (901639)
- **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): What steps he is taking to increase access to public procurement contracts for SMEs. (901640)
- **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney): What recent progress his Department has made on strengthening cyber security. (901641)
- **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to implement the Government's five missions. (901642)
- **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): What job vacancies in the Prime Minister's Office are being advertised. (901643)
- 16 Bill Esterson (Sefton Central): What steps he is taking to reform public procurement. (901644)
- **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to implement the Government's five missions. (901645)
- **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): What recent progress his Department has made on strengthening national resilience. (901646)
- **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): What steps he is taking to reform public procurement. (901647)
- 20 Dr Beccy Cooper (Worthing West): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reform public services. (901648)
- **Warinder Juss** (Wolverhampton West): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reform public services. (901649)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on improving public engagement with politics. (901650)
- **Andrew Ranger** (Wrexham): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to implement the Government's five missions. (901651)

- 24 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reform public services. (901652)
- 25 **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): What recent progress his Department has made on reform of the House of Lords. (901653)

Topical Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office

T1	Alison Bennett (Mid Sussex): If he will make a statement on his departmental	
	responsibilities.	(901654)
T2	Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife):	(901655)
T3	Jacob Collier (Burton and Uttoxeter):	(901656)
T4	Tessa Munt (Wells and Mendip Hills):	(901657)
T5	Gill German (Clwyd North):	(901658)
T6	Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire):	(901659)
T7	Lloyd Hatton (South Dorset):	(901660)
T8	Alex Baker (Aldershot):	(901661)
Т9	Chris Vince (Harlow):	(901662)
T10	Tristan Osborne (Chatham and Aylesford):	(901663)