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Questions tabled on Friday 29 November 2024

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Questions for Answer on Monday 2 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's Corporate report entitled Public Bodies 2020, published on 15 July 2021, if he will update the data on non-departmental public bodies, executive agencies and non-ministerial departments. (16966)
- 2N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of people who earn the national living wage in (a) full-time and (b) part-time employment. [Transferred] (16452)
- 3 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending reimbursement of employer National Insurance contributions to the voluntary sector. [Transferred] (16787)
- 4 **Lee Barron** (Corby and East Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the qualifying period for (a) Disability Living Allowance, (b) Personal Independence Payment and (c) Carers Allowance on applicants under 25 with a confirmed diagnosis of cancer; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing the qualifying period for such applicants. (17030)
- 5 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what new financial support is available to local authorities affected by Storm Bert. [Transferred] (16738)

- 6 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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 Minister of State, dated 23 July 2024, what the evidential basis is for the report that that solar farm has delivered 135% Biodiversity Net Increase. [Transferred] (16719)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 3 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of paragraph 29 of the First Report of Session 2023–24 of the Liaison Committee, Promoting national strategy: How select committee scrutiny can improve strategic thinking in Whitehall, HC 31, published on 29 May 2024. (16967)
- 2 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the First Report of Session 2023–24 of the Liaison Committee, Promoting national strategy: How select committee scrutiny can improve strategic thinking in Whitehall, HC 31, published on 29 May 2024, whether his Department has taken recent steps to develop a cross-Whitehall lexicon. (16968)
- 3 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many full time equivalent staff are employed by the Race Equality Unit. (16915)
- 4 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee's report entitled Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Scrutiny 2022–23, HC 198, published on 4 March 2024, if he will make it his policy to implement the recommendations of that report. (17016)
- 5 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support (a) start ups and (b) SMEs in rural areas. (16988)
- 6 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate his Department has made of the number of jobs that were created as a result of foreign direct investment in the Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership area in the last three years. (17003)
- 7 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help improve the provision of youth services in Slough. (17007)

- 8 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on supporting non-UK (a) artists, (b) sponsors and (c) creative workers to work in the UK. (16983)
- 9 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether external (a) guidance and (b) training has been contracted for discussing (i) unconscious bias, (ii) critical race theory and (iii) decolonisation with staff in her Department. (16905)
- 10 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on non-UK (a) artists, (b) sponsors and (c) creatives and the UK border. (16992)
- 11 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether they are taking steps to financially support individuals who have already completed a university degree to retrain in another area at university. (17053)
- 12 **Jeremy Hunt** (Godalming and Ash): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help reduce the cost of childcare for everyone. (16930)
- 13 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of maintaining real-term levels of funding for the Holiday Activities and Food programme beyond March 2025. (17058)
- 14 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on how many (a) students studying at UK universities hold British National (Overseas) visas and (b) such students are from Hong Kong. (17013)
- 15 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle fuel poverty in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (16995)
- 16 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when recent estimate his Department has made of when small modular reactors will be operational. (16931)
- 17 **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what is his Department's planned timescale for the review of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme. (17062)
- 18 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure that vehicle recycling sites are established across the country; and what steps he is taking to publicise incentives to ensure participation in scrappage schemes. (16985)

- 19 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish a horticulture strategy for England. (16913)
- 20 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of adequacy of the support provided for people with mobility issues to access train stations in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (16994)
- 21N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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. [Transferred] (16707)
- 22 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of bus services in South Suffolk constituency. (17027)
- 23 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2024 to Question 12766 on Rolling Stock, if she will make an assessment of introducing a rolling programme for the new build and refurbishment of rolling stock. (17004)
- 24 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Network Rail on steps to prepare the rail network for adverse winter weather. (17005)
- 25 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 6 November 2024 to Question 12929 on Railways: Freight, who will set the target for growing rail freight. (17006)
- 26 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential economic merits of existing East Midlands rail services stopping at (a) Deeping St Nicholas and (b) Donington. (16904)
- 27 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to increase the level of funding for railways in Lincolnshire. (16908)
- 28 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of potential impact of reopening Littleworth Railway station at Deeping St Nicholas on the local economy. (16914)
- 29 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with South Western Railway on the accessibility of their fleet. (17059)

- 30 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of measures to (a) educate drivers on sharing roads with cyclists and (b) foster a safe environment for all road users. (17051)
- 31 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure that medically unfit drivers are (a) identified and (b) reported effectively. (17055)
- 32 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to stop driving tests being bulk booked and re-sold at a higher cost. (17056)
- 33 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to launch a public awareness campaign to promote pedestrian and cyclist visibility on roads by encouraging the use of light or reflective clothing. (17015)
- 34 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to re-instate late night services at Worcester Park station. (17031)
- 35 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the cost to the public purse of bringing South Western Railway into public ownership. (17032)
- 36 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking through her policy of public ownership of the railways to (a) tackle last-minute train cancellations and (b) improve service reliability. (17033)
- 37 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve road safety for people (a) walking, (b) wheeling and (c) cycling. (17036)
- 38 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in Northern Ireland will be impacted by changes proposed to the Work Capacity Assessment. (16993)
- 39 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to (a) extend Statutory Adoption Pay to self-employed individuals and (b) introduce an equivalent benefit that provides guaranteed financial support to self-employed individuals. (17014)
- 40 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's press releases entitled (a) Good work is good for health, published on 6 November 2024 and (b) New £64 million plan to help people stay in work, published on 7 May 2024, for what reason there is a difference in the number of people supported through WorkWell pilots in each release. (16969)

- 41 **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 removing minimum pay age bands for the National Minimum Wage on youth (a) inactivity and (b) unemployment. (16970)
- 42 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what new funding has been provided for the Get Britain Working Fund. (17010)
- 43 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that funding for supported employment provision in integrated settlements for devolved authorities is spent in line with the delivery plans for that funding. (17011)
- 44 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Get Britain Working White Paper, published on 26 November 2024, what differences there are between DWP ASK and the A-cubed tool. (17012)
- 45 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a new protocol to ensure that (a) local authorities and (b) public bodies inform children who have recently been bereaved about the (i) local, (ii) national and (iii) online support services available to them. (16997)
- 46 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what percentage of (a) ordinary and (b) named day written questions received a holding response from his Department in the first instance between 5 July 2024 and 22 November 2024. (16961)
- 47 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what percentage of (a) ordinary and (b) named day written questions were responded to by his Department within required timescales between 5 July and 22 November 2024. (16962)
- 48 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many additional inpatient beds in acute settings he has funded NHS England to commission for (a) November 2024, (b) December 2024, (c) January 2025 and (d) February 2025 above the total number available in October 2024. (16964)
- 49 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of healthcare inequalities in kidney disease. (17042)
- 50 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of healthcare inequalities in kidney disease on NHS waiting lists. (17043)

- 51 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department provides to local NHS Integrated Care Systems to tackle chronic kidney disease through delivering person-centred care. (17044)
- 52 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the implementation of NHS England's Renal Services Transformation Programme by local NHS Integrated Care Systems. (17045)
- 53 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the NHS Ten Year Plan will prioritise action to combat kidney disease to reduce healthcare inequalities. (17046)
- 54 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the rate of early diagnosis of chronic kidney disease for (a) people with (i) diabetes, (ii) cardiovascular disease and (iii) other associated risk conditions and (b) all people. (17047)
- 55 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to improve access to treatment to manage (a) chronic kidney disease and (b) common complications to help slow the progression of the disease. (17048)
- 56 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of trends in the number of people with kidney disease on the economy. (17049)
- 57 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) raise awareness of and (b) support adults with autism in York Outer constituency. (17029)
- 58 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure (a) early and (b) consistent diagnosis of Group B streptococcus. (17001)
- 59 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to introduce routine antenatal screening for Group B streptococcus. (17002)
- 60 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of shingles vaccines for all over 65s. (17008)
- 61 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13773 on the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme, how many people were (a) assessed and (b) successful in each of those financial years; and what the (i) mean, (ii) median and (iii) range of awards was. (16921)

- 62 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13773 on the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme, how many claims have waited over a year for a decision; and what support his Department provides to claimants. (16922)
- 63 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13773 on the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme, how much his Department spent on legal fees defending against appeals. (16923)
- 64 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it a legal requirement to state the (a) risks to women's health and (b) potential side effects of egg retrieval on adverts for those services. (16932)
- 65 **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to dependant rules for health and social care visas on closures of care homes; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing health and social care workers to bring dependants subject to the requirement to pay the health surcharge. (17050)
- 66 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of (i) endometriosis and (ii) adenomyosis. (17017)
- 67 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to help support (a) people with dementia and (b) their carers. (17061)
- 68 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to pages 21-23 of the Peace Brigades International UK report entitled, The Case For Change: Why human rights defenders need a UK law on mandatory due diligence, published in November 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of that report's findings; and if he will bring forward legislative proposals to introduce requirements on companies operating internationally to demonstrate (a) human rights and (b) environmental due diligence. (16910)
- 69 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support the British Embassy in Colombia is offering to young protestors who remain incarcerated after protests in 2021. (16986)
- 70 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to identify any potential additional routes for humanitarian aid delivery into Gaza since July 2024. (16924)

- 71 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of UK sanctions on Iran. (16925)
- 72 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of UK sanctions on Russia. (16926)
- 73 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in Colombia on tackling violence against women and girls. (16927)
- 74 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help support international action to tackle conflict-related sexual violence. (16928)
- 75 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure the safety of UK humanitarian workers in Lebanon. (16929)
- 76 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in (a) Lebanon and (b) the Middle East on ensuring that aid can be brought into Lebanon. (16955)
- 77 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam in Mauritius. (16956)
- 78 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to support the work of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe in ensuring free and fair elections in Romania. (16957)
- 79 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the work of UK diplomatic staff based in Russia. (16958)
- 80 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of providing funding to Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance's replenishment campaign for the 2026-2030 strategic period. (16959)
- 81N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which Department leads on the International Criminal Court Act 2001. [Transferred] (16762)

- 82 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help protect the rights of minority groups in Pakistan. (17034)
- 83 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of working with his international counterparts to establish an international fund for Israeli-Palestinian peace. (16999)
- 84 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to include Israeli-Palestinian civil society peacebuilding in diplomatic resolutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (17000)
- 85 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential (a) economic and (b) cultural impact of UK border controls on (i) non-UK artists, (ii) sponsors and (iii) creative workers. (16984)
- 86 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate she has made of the number of people working illegally in the food and drink sector. (16906)
- 87 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the number of people working illegally in nail bars in England and Wales. (16907)
- 88 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will hold discussions with the Office for National Statistics on the reliability of its immigration statistics. (16916)
- 89 **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Windrush commissioner will consider the reimbursement of legal costs for the victims of the Windrush scandal. (17040)
- 90 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will take steps to improve (a) training and (b) guidance for Border Force officers on temporary admission procedures for entry into the UK for creative workers. (16989)
- 91 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to review training provisions for UK Border Force officers for entry into the UK for non-UK (a) artists, (b) sponsors and (c) creatives. (16990)
- 92 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to re-establish the Arts and Entertainment Taskforce. (16991)

- 93 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a reporting system for transnational repression. (17026)
- 94 **Mike Tapp** (Dover and Deal): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what was the maximum daily spend on hotel accommodation for asylum-seekers between July (a) 2021 and (b) 2024; and in which (i) month and (ii) year that maximum spend was reached. (17039)
- 95 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle anti-social behaviour on the high street in (a) Tunstall, (b) Stoke-on-Trent North and (c) in Kidsgrove. (17052)
- 96 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department will continue to provide support for export campaigns for the Watchkeeper drone. (17022)
- 97 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on increasing the number of exports of the Type (a) 26 and (b) 31 frigates. (17023)
- 98 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 17 April 2024 to Question 21056 on Defence: Artificial Intelligence, whether the Capability Lead, AI Talent and Skills is now in post. (16919)
- 99N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has plans to repeal the Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Victims) Act 2021. (16936)
- 100 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a national programme to encourage more people to insulate their homes. (16996)
- 101 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish the (a) minutes and (b) list of attendees for the first inter-ministerial group for ending homelessness. (16998)
- 102 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 4.63 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, HC 295, whether the £1.3 billion new grant funding includes central government funding for (a) freezing of the small business rate relief multiplier, (b) retail, hospitality and leisure relief and (c) compensation for changes to employer National Insurance contributions for public bodies in 2025-26. (16933)

- 103 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress she has made on a devolution deal for Essex; and whether she plans to amend the date of the local elections scheduled for May 2025. (16934)
- 104 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answers of (a) 14 October 2024 to Question 6386 and (b) 9 September 2024 to Question 2997 on Affordable Housing, what estimate he has made of the aggregate change in the number of new units in the 2021-26 programme, in the context of her decision to prioritise social rent tenure over other tenure types. (16935)
- 105 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many dwellings were liable for council tax in (a) England and (b) Wales in (i) 2009-10 and (ii) the most recent financial year for which figures are available. (16940)
- 106 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department provides on the processes to be followed by other Government departments making representations on the potential call-in or recovery of a planning application or appeal. (16948)
- 107 **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 6385 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Flags, if she will publish guidance on whether the flying of a flag which does not have deemed consent and is flown from the ground but visible from a public highway requires planning permission. (16949)
- 108 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer of 6 June 2016 to Question 38442 on Local Government: Public Private Partnerships, what steps her Department has taken to assess compliance with the Local Government Transparency Code since 2016. (16950)
- 109 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the cost of outsourced (a) goods and (b) services in local government in the last 12 months. (16951)
- 110 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate her Department has made of the total value of local government procurement of (a) goods and (b) services in the most recent year for which figures are available. (16952)

- 111 **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 employer National Insurance contributions on the cost of outsourced local government services. (16953)
- 112 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the provision of new housing through New Towns counts towards housing targets in Local Plans. (16954)
- 113 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that youth homelessness is included in the cross-government strategy to end homelessness. (17057)
- 114 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking help tackle homelessness. (17054)
- 115 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of abolishing residential leaseholds. (17035)
- 116 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what funding is available to local councils to support the retrofitting of local authority homes in London to achieve an EPC grade C by 2030. (17037)
- 117 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 14161, what her Department's timetable is for its consideration of marriage law in England and Wales. (16965)
- 118 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the unit of measurement for court funding to judicial working days from sitting days. (17041)
- 119 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 14625 on Business Rate: Tax Allowances and with reference to line 18 of Table 5.1 of the Autumn Statement 2023, CP 977, for what reason the forecasts differ. (16937)
- 120 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether (a) football, (b) rugby and (c) cricket stadiums or clubs with a Rateable Value over £500,000 will be liable to pay the business rates Rateable Value multiplier surcharge from 2026-27. (16938)
- 121 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish the (a) address, (b) local authority, (c) special category code and (d) rateable value of each hereditament on the business rates valuation list. (16939)

- 122 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 16 October 2024 to Question 7830 on Council Tax: Wales, what each of the property attributes are under the headings dwelling type to bathroom count. (16941)
- 123 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information the Valuation Office Agency holds on the average proportionate reduction in rateable value for special category code 226 (pubs) in the 2023 business rates revaluation. (16942)
- 124 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which types of hereditament are eligible for the retail, hospitality and leisure business rate relief by Valuation Office Agency special category code. (16943)
- 125 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the methodological basis was for setting the proposed business rate multiplier surcharge for hereditaments above £500,000 rateable value at a level of up to 10 pence in the pound. (16944)
- 126 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of how much business rates receipts in England will raise gross in 2025-26. (16945)
- 127 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the gross increase in business rate receipts from the 2026-27 business rate multiplier surcharge on hereditaments above £500,000 Rateable Value. (16946)
- 128 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Government's non-school business rate changes announced at Autumn Budget 2024, whether she has made a (a) regulatory impact assessment or (b) tax information and impact note on (i) the changes to retail, hospitality and leisure rate relief in 2025-26 and (ii) the new multiplier regime in 2026-27. (16947)
- 129 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has she made of the potential impact of changes to Employer's National Insurance Contributions announced in the Autumn Budget 2024 on charities and community organisations in (a) the West Midlands and (b) Aldridge-Brownhills constituency. (16917)
- 130 **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 estimate she has made of the number of public sector employees covered by the provisions of line 26 of Table 5.1 of the Autumn Budget 2024 for compensating public sector organisations for proposed changes to employer National Insurance contributions. (16918)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 4 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Regulatory Policy Committee's report on the Employment Rights Bill, published on 21 November 2024, if he will carry out new impact assessments to replace those rated not fit for purpose. (16981)
- 2N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many officials in his Department have travelled to the United States of America (a) in the last 3 months and (b) since 5 November 2024. (16982)
- 3N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including information about school libraries in the school census return. (17038)
- 4N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether recipients who have not been suspected of benefit fraudulent activity will be subject to having their personal bank account details scrutinised. (16909)
- 5N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what reduction in fraud and error in the benefit system she plans to achieve by the end of 2025. (16911)
- 6N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans further publicity to inform pensioners of the closing date for applications for Pension Credit. (16912)
- 7N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to run an Invitation to Claim campaign to enable more senior citizens to claim Pension Credit before 21 December 2024. (16920)
- 8N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Maternity Disparities Taskforce is still active; how many meetings of that taskforce have taken place since it was established; and if he will publish the (a) dates and (b) durations of those meetings. (16980)
- 9N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of the (a) national unity government and (b) ethnic revolutionary organisations from Myanmar. (16960)
- 10N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 3381 on Police: Cambridgeshire, how many of the additional 13,000 police personnel will be redeployed police constables; what criteria her Department will use to determine which roles are redeployed; and which roles will be in scope for redeployment. (17018)

- 11N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to assess the extent to which (a) aircrew and (b) other personnel were exposed to toxic fumes whilst operating (i) helicopters and (ii) other aircraft. (17019)
- 12N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will list meetings between his Department and relevant US stakeholders on the Chagos Islands since 5 July 2024. (17020)
- 13N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with his US counterpart on the cost of the new settlement with the Chagos Islands to the (a) UK and (b) US. (17021)
- 14N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has instructed Defence Equipment and Support to put a hold on new procurement in this financial year. (17024)
- 15N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he last issued instructions to his Department on the threshold for financial sign-off of new procurements; and what those instructions were. (17025)
- 16N **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the proportionate change in (a) spending on service personnel in (i) real and (ii) cash terms and (b) the number of frontline service personnel in each financial year between 2015-16 and 2024-25. (17060)
- 17N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if his Department will take steps to discover the full extent of health issues in aircrew exposed to (a) fuel and (b) exhaust fumes from helicopters. (17028)
- 18N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) community sentences, (b) deferred sentences, (c) conditional discharges and (d) custodial sentences have been given in (i) Wales, and (ii) England in each of the last 20 years. (16971)
- 19N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) standard delivery, (b) fast delivery, and (c) oral pre-sentence reports have been produced in (i) Wales, and (ii) England in each of the last 10 years. (16972)
- 20N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people released on home detention curfew were recalled to prison in (a) Wales and (b) England in each of the last 20 years. (16973)
- 21N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of people subject to supervision by the Probation Service have (a) one, (b) two, (c) three, (d) four and (e) five or more named supervising officers during the course of their order or licence. (16974)

- 22N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people were released on home detention curfew in (a) Wales and (b) England in each of the last 20 years. (16976)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 5 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has plans to (a) identify and (b) support female-led spin-out tech start-ups in UK Universities. [Transferred] (16778)
- 2N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of pension credit applicants were waiting for their application to be processed in the period between (a) 29 July 2024 and 17 November 2024, (b) 1 April 2024 and 28 July 2024 and (c) 1 August 2023 and 19 November 2023. (16975)
- 3N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people her Department estimates are eligible for but not claiming pension credit in each constituency. (16977)
- 4N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of claims to pension credit have been rejected by constituency since 29 July 2024. (16978)
- 5N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish a breakdown of reasons why pension credit applications have been rejected (a) nationally and (b) by constituency. (16979)
- 6N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many prosecutions have been brought against corporate health bodies under section 20 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014; how many of those prosecutions were successful; and what penalties were sought. (16903)
- 7N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 15836, whether any F-35 components manufactured in Britain are designed specifically for use by the Israeli air force. (16963)
- 8N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on jobs. [Transferred] (16739)

- 9N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (16740)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 6 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his Oral Statement of 21 November 2024 on G20 and COP29 Summits, Official Report, columns 371-373 and pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024, to Question 14996, on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, whether he had discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the planning application for the proposed Chinese Embassy between 23 August and 18 October 2024. (17009)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 9 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department holds on the maintenance schedule for Branston Bridge in Staffordshire. (16987)