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## Questions tabled on Monday 2 December 2024

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  - † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
  - N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under [S.O. No. 22\(4\)](#).
  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Tuesday 3 December

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, 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. [Transferred] (16970)
  - 2 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a national programme to encourage more people to insulate their homes. [Transferred] (16996)
  - 3 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, 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. [Transferred] (17037)
  - 4 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which types of hereditament are eligible for the retail, hospitality and leisure business rate relief by Valuation Office Agency special category code. [Transferred] (16943)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 4 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle regional inequalities in community resilience in the national resilience review. (17437)
- 2 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to use evidence-based measures of community resilience for funding decisions. (17438)
- 3 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to publish a sexual harassment survey. (17209)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether club memberships are paid for from the public purse for (a) staff, (b) contractors and (c) other employees. (17256)
- 5 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to update the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 in the light of the threat from Russia. (17082)
- 6 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions (a) Ministers, (b) special advisers, and (c) officials in (i) the Cabinet Office and (ii) 10 Downing Street have had with the Muslim Council of Britain since 5 July. (17300)
- 7 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the average salary was of each civil service grade in each Department in each year since 2010. (17301)
- 8 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Government records the details of meetings Ministers have at party conferences. (17122)
- 9 **Alan Strickland** (Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, if the Church will take steps to improve the maintenance of Quarrington Hill Graveyard in County Durham. (17310)
- 10 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the affordability of insurance for (a) young and (b) all drivers. (17200)
- 11 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with representatives of the insurance industry on (a) increases in car insurance costs and (b) steps being taken by (i) the Government and (ii) insurers to reduce those costs. (17201)

- 12 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to help reduce transportation costs for (a) goods and (b) services in rural economies. (17448)
- 13 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to ensure that trade agreements have a positive impact on the agricultural sector in West Dorset constituency. (17449)
- 14 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support rural business (a) innovation (b) and investment in (i) West Dorset constituency and (ii) similar areas. (17450)
- 15 **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent the closure of Post Office branches in (a) Chipping Barnet constituency and (b) the UK. (17423)
- 16 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the disparities in (a) pay and (b) prize money on the future development of (i) men's and (ii) women's football. (17221)
- 17 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps with the music industry to ensure performing artists have access to adequate mental health support. (17413)
- 18 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with religious organisations on the potential impact of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on religious buildings. (17454)
- 19 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what representations has she received from religious organisations about extending the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme beyond March 2025. (17461)
- 20 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support people in areas of poor (a) broadband and (b) mobile phone signal during the switchover to digital alternatives to landlines. (17332)
- 21 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding her Department plans to provide for the Listed Places of Worship Grant scheme in the 2025-26 financial year. (17063)
- 22 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of provision of support for children with epilepsy in schools. (17264)

- 23 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has received recent representations from Hertfordshire County Council on levels of demand for in-year state school places. (17231)
- 24 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to ensure (a) teachers and (b) school staff have adequate (i) knowledge of and (ii) confidence in teaching autistic children. (17436)
- 25 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to restore funding to the Career Change Programme. (17497)
- 26 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to spend the £300 million allocated to her Department for further education in the Autumn Budget 2024. (17076)
- 27 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many pupils in primary schools in England were suspended in each of the last three academic years. (17068)
- 28 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the increase in school funding in the 2025-26 academic year (a) per pupil, (b) in real terms per pupil based on the GDP deflator and (c) in real terms per pupil based on Retail Price Index inflation, excluding the existing teacher pay award. (17084)
- 29 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to extend funding for independent, non-profit, specialist advice for families involved with the (a) child welfare and (b) family justice systems beyond March 2025. (17418)
- 30 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that Bovaer is not used within the school supply chain. (17365)
- 31 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of reduced funding for (a) Now Teach and (b) other charities on the recruitment of teachers. (17426)
- 32 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her policy is on the policy paper entitled The Power of Music to Change Lives: A National Plan for Music Education, published by her Department on 25 June 2022. (17427)
- 33 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of supporting schools to train staff to support (a) autistic students and (b) students with pathological demand avoidance. (17218)

- 34 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of (a) the potential effectiveness of carbon capture technologies in reducing emissions and (b) whether investment in such technologies is the most (i) efficient and (ii) cost-effective way to meet the climate targets. (17415)
- 35 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many projects in the Teesside carbon capture and storage cluster are (a) existing projects being retrofitted and (b) new developments. (17462)
- 36 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of cooperative energy models. (17430)
- 37 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of restricting the use of treble barbed fishhooks in England and Wales. (17463)
- 38 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the impact of greyhound racing on animal welfare. (17263)
- 39 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2024 to Question 6534 on Land Drainage: Property Development, whether he (a) has made and (b) plans to make an assessment of the potential regulatory burden of implementing Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to require the formation of sustainable urban drainage systems. (17232)
- 40 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his speech to the 2024 Country Land and Business Association conference of 21 November 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the proposed 25-year farming roadmap to include (a) food and (b) food consumption. (17435)
- 41 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a National Flood Resilience Centre for the purposes of (a) flood research and (b) training emergency services across the UK to respond to flood events. (17203)
- 42 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to make recycling easier for residents in Slough. (17204)
- 43 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to make recycling (a) easier and (b) cheaper for local authorities. (17205)

- 44 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve recycling rates. (17206)
- 45 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the (a) adequacy of regulations on the fishing of bass by charter boats which are also commercially-registered fishing vessels and (b) potential merits of introducing measures to enable such vessels to allocate caught fish to quotas for either (i) charter boats or (ii) commercially-registered fishing vessels. (17402)
- 46 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the record-keeping requirement for the Sustainable Farming Initiative for 2024 will be maintained. (17409)
- 47 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to reduce the (a) risk of and (b) impact from fires in agricultural vehicles. (17070)
- 48 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will review the use of Bovaer. (17364)
- 49 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) extending the Future Farm Resilience Fund and (b) introducing any new schemes of monetary support for farms. (17493)
- 50 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to page 79 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, which regions will receive funding from the £2.4 billion allocated to the building of flood defences and flood defence maintenance for the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial year; and how much funding was provided to each of region in the 2023-24 financial year. (17349)
- 51 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to introduce a timebound legal duty to end overfishing in UK waters. (17351)
- 52 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help provide accommodation for homeless people in rural areas. (17456)
- 53 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken with cabinet colleagues to tailor homelessness prevention strategies for (a) West Dorset constituency and (b) other rural communities. (17457)

- 54 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring manufacturers of agricultural vehicles to fit fire suppression kits. (17312)
- 55 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many taskings for Military Aid to the Civil Authorities from his Department required the use of RAF CH-47 Chinook helicopters since 2019. (17314)
- 56 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the budget allocation for the Animal and Plant Health Agency in Weybridge for the financial year 2025-26 is included within the £500 million uplift for agricultural spending for the same period; and how much was spent from the agricultural budget for farms in Lichfield constituency in the last three years. (17342)
- 57 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help tackle (a) illegal landfill sites and (b) waste crime. (17085)
- 58 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will take steps to accelerate the (a) clearance and (b) restoration of legacy nuclear sites. (17086)
- 59 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of long-term health concerns associated with the use of 3-Nitrooxypropanol in cattle feed. (17381)
- 60 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many and what proportion of enquiries to Action Fraud were taken up in the latest period for which data is available. (17352)
- 61 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when he plans to implement sections (a) 61 to 65, (b) 67 (c) 70 to 74 and (d) other remaining provisions of the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Act 2022. (17353)
- 62 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Medical Research Council on research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (17316)
- 63 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Natural Environment Research Council on research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (17317)
- 64 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Science and Technology Facilities Council on research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (17318)



- 65 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with Innovate UK on research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (17319)
- 66 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with Research England on their approach to support for research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (17320)
- 67 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the domestic opportunities through Horizon Europe for research into food biosecurity. (17321)
- 68 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to produce a domestic research strategy for food biosecurity. (17322)
- 69 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Geospatial Commission on research into food biosecurity. (17324)
- 70 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of domestic cybersecurity risks on food biosecurity. (17325)
- 71 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the UKRI on their approach to support research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (17248)
- 72 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with businesses on the UK's approach to research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (17249)
- 73 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with universities on the UK's approach to research into food biosecurity since July 2024. (17250)
- 74 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the total amount of Government investment into chronic kidney disease research was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (17251)
- 75 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the total amount of Government investment into type 1 diabetes disease research was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (17252)



- 76 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate his Department has made of the number of deaths associated with online suicide forums in each of the last five years. (17235)
- 77 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate his Department has made of the number of (a) suicide and (b) eating disorder forums accessible to UK internet users. (17236)
- 78 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate his Department has made of the number of UK deaths associated with suicide forums in 2025. (17237)
- 79 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has set a target for reduction in the numbers of deaths by suicide associated with suicide forums following full implementation of the Online Safety Act 2023. (17238)
- 80 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential (a) implications for his policies of the number of pro-anorexia coaches and (b) impact of such coaches on mental health services. (17239)
- 81 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the number of deaths associated with pro-anorexia coaches operating online. (17240)
- 82 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what guidance he plans to issue on whether seeking a suicide partner online is regulated under the Online Safety Act 2023. (17241)
- 83 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to increase the availability of practical driving tests in Gosport constituency. (17087)
- 84 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraph 3.19 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, if she will allocate funding to rebuild the B3191 between Watchet and Blue Anchor. (17404)
- 85 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will meet the hon. member for Tiverton and Minehead and the Peninsula Rail Task Force. (17411)
- 86 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding from the Spring Budget 2022 for the purchase of new electric vans via the plug-in vehicle grant remains available. (17125)

- 87 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraph 3.80 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October, what proportion of the £120 million is new funding. (17126)
- 88 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her Department's policy is on funding for Community Rail Partnerships, in the context of the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Act 2024. (17344)
- 89 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average waiting time was in weeks for a Driver Certificate of Professional Competence part 3b test in (a) England, (b) Central Bedfordshire and (c) each driving centre in November (i) 2024 and (ii) 2023. (17345)
- 90 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is to publish her Department's strategy on rolling stock procurement. (17346)
- 91 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the oral statement entitled Rail Performance of 11 November 2024, Official Report, column 517, when she plans to issue a private train operating company with three months' notice that it will be taken into public ownership. (17347)
- 92 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make a comparative estimate of the cost per mile of new (a) busways, (b) ultra light rail and (c) conventional train systems. (17348)
- 93 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has her department made of the potential impact of the operation of the new waste incinerator on Portland on public transport in West Dorset constituency. (17452)
- 94 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to (a) tackle the use of (i) bots and (ii) third-party resellers on the DVSA booking system and (b) ensure equitable access to driving tests. (17429)
- 95 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Thameslink on the performance of services on the Bedford Line. (17328)
- 96 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to improve the reliability of train services. (17329)
- 97 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of train delays in (a) Q3 and (b) Q4 2024 on productivity. (17330)

- 98 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to reverse fare increases introduced in 2024 on South Western Railway when it is brought into public ownership in 2025. (17338)
- 99 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help improve the quality of the service provided to passengers on South Western Railway. (17339)
- 100 **John Whitby** (Derbyshire Dales): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce air pollution levels in Ashbourne, in the context of the establishment of an air quality management area following elevated levels of nitrogen dioxide on Buxton Road in 2021. (17466)
- 101 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the report entitled Fix the CMS: key findings from our research on child maintenance, published by Gingerbread in November 2024. (17210)
- 102 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the report by Gingerbread entitled Fix the CMS, published on 25 November 2024, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) assigning (i) dedicated and (ii) named caseworkers for all Child Maintenance Service (CMS) cases, (b) implementing a digital contact platform for communicating with the CMS, (c) closing loopholes on the enforcement of CMS decisions, (d) training CMS staff in domestic abuse and (e) implementing the other recommendations of that report. (17412)
- 103 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the terms of reference will be for her Department's review of universal credit. (17267)
- 104 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department (a) made and (b) has since made an assessment of the potential impact of Autumn Budget 2024 on trends in the level of income inequality. (17268)
- 105 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of Universal Credit claimants have a note on their record saying that an interpreter is required when her Department contacts them. (17377)
- 106 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many of her Department's staff have transferred from Work Coach roles to roles assisting irregular migrants with benefits claims. (17378)
- 107 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of regulations not subjecting pre-1997 defined benefit pensions to statutory indexation on the financial wellbeing of pensioners. (17355)

- 108 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to address the lack of statutory inflation protection for pre-1997 defined benefit pension entitlements. (17356)
- 109 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to encourage private pension schemes to voluntarily offer inflation protection for pre-1997 defined benefit pension entitlements. (17357)
- 110 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what information her Department holds on the number of retirees affected by the lack of statutory inflation protection for pre-1997 defined benefit pensions. (17358)
- 111 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the financial status of people (a) who received pre-1997 defined benefit pensions and (b) who received payments from schemes with mandatory increases. (17359)
- 112 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing measures to support pensioners whose defined benefit schemes are underfunded. (17360)
- 113 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of flexible working patterns offered to enable parents to (a) work and (b) afford the costs of childcare. (17095)
- 114 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions what recent discussions her Department has had with the Teachers Pension Scheme on delays in providing Remediable Service Statements to retired teachers. (17195)
- 115 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many decision makers in her Department are working on cases of benefits fraud. (17211)
- 116 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a service standard timeframe for criminal investigations by her Department into fraud. (17212)
- 117 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what training her Department requires call handlers to complete. (17213)
- 118 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's White Paper entitled Get Britain Working, published November 2024, whether the 384,000 additional Talking Therapies places in Priority 1 were previously (a) announced and (b) funded in the Autumn Statement 2023. (17191)

- 119 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reason the Connect to Work programme will be implemented in 2025, in the context of its predecessor programme being planned for 2024; and if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of the timing of this rollout on the number of people who will be supported into work by the end of 2025. (17192)
- 120 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had discussions with the Office for Budget Responsibility on the timing of the implementation of changes to the Work Capability Assessment on their projections. (17193)
- 121 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) meet demand for radiation treatment and (b) reduce NHS waiting times for people with cancers that require urgent treatment. (17341)
- 122 **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 making CPR training more available to members of the public. (17220)
- 123 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with representatives of health charities since the Autumn Budget 2024. (17090)
- 124 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to introduce measures to improve patient safety in non-surgical cosmetic procedures. (17388)
- 125 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to address eye care inequalities for adults with learning disabilities. (17303)
- 126 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that the fee paid to deliver the Special Schools Eye Care Service is not reduced so that (a) children with Special Educational Needs can receive free eye care in schools and (b) eye care professionals can afford to provide the service. (17305)
- 127 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce death rates from (a) alcohol, (b) drugs and (c) suicide in (a) the North and (b) coastal regions. (17439)
- 128 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce alcohol-specific deaths. (17440)
- 129 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of allowing carers to receive covid-19 vaccinations on the NHS. (17284)

- 130 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of further regulating social care micro-providers. (17403)
- 131N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his strategy for NHS workforce planning, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of shortages in the number of clinicians specialising in neurology on the adequacy of care for patients with (a) Parkinson's Disease and (b) other neurological conditions. (17274)
- 132 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on the NHS budget. (17074)
- 133 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 29 Nov 2024 to Question 15640 on Mental Health Services: Schools, whether the plan to introduce access to a specialist mental health professional in every school differs from the plan to introduce Mental Health Support Teams. (17083)
- 134 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of Covid-19 lockdowns on trends in people's quality-adjusted life years. (17362)
- 135 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which external companies are contracted by the NHS to provide training for staff. (17376)
- 136 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dentists accept NHS patients in North Cornwall constituency; and pursuant to his Answer of 23 July 2024 to Question 244 on Dental Services: North Cornwall, what progress he has made on (a) providing additional dental care appointments in Cornwall and (b) setting up an innovative access pilot project in Cornwall. (17492)
- 137 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals on requiring drugs manufacturers to include additional labelling on the front of boxes of medications containing a potentially addictive substance. (17453)
- 138 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional incentives for NHS dentists to operate in (a) rural and (b) remote areas. (17458)
- 139 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to address shortages in NHS dentists in rural areas; and what his timeline is for tackling such gaps. (17459)



- 140 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of recent NHS contract reforms on access to NHS dentistry in (a) West Dorset constituency and (b) other rural areas. (17460)
- 141 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many taskings for Military Aid to the Civil Authorities from his Department required the use of RAF CH-47 Chinook helicopters since 2019. (17315)
- 142 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to stop young sudden cardiac deaths; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) increasing the availability of ECG testing for young people and (b) ensuring doctors are sufficiently trained to interpret ECGs in fit and active young people. (17247)
- 143 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether legal costs associated with the case between the General Medical Council (GMC) and Anaesthetists United, regarding regulation of Physician and Anaesthesia Associates will be paid for by the Department of Health and Social Care or any other public body. (17445)
- 144 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the guidance on meal deals 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. (17414)
- 145 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of vaccine doses that are thrown away due to reaching their expiry date before they could be used. (17428)
- 146 **Mrs Sarah Russell** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many pressurised metered dose inhalers were prescribed by the NHS in the last year for which data is available. (17446)
- 147 **Mrs Sarah Russell** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of pressurised metered dose inhalers were manufactured in pharmaceutical production facilities (a) in the UK and (b) overseas in the last year for which data is available. (17447)
- 148 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of a ban on advertisements for egg donors. (17096)
- 149 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of a minimum age of 25 for egg donation. (17097)



- 150 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what impact assessment his Department made of the increase in the amount paid to egg donors on 1 October 2024. (17098)
- 151 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women from the three lowest multiple deprivation deciles donated eggs between 2011 and 2020. (17099)
- 152 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of dentists in Hazel Grove constituency. (17306)
- 153 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what training the NHS offers on pathological demand avoidance. (17219)
- 154 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average recorded ambulance response time was for (a) England, (b) the East of England and (c) Suffolk in each year between 2014 and 2024. (17293)
- 155 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the location of ambulance stations by postcode (a) in West Suffolk constituency and (b) within 20 miles of that constituency. (17294)
- 156 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) dentists and (b) dental surgeries there were per capita in (a) England, (b) the East of England and (c) Suffolk in each year between 2014 and 2024. (17295)
- 157 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the location of dental surgeries in Suffolk by postcode. (17296)
- 158 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's commissioning guidance entitled Transcranial magnetic resonance guided focused ultrasound thalamotomy for treatment of medication-refractory essential tremor, updated 5 October 2021, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of this guidance on trends in the number of patients accessing this treatment. (17253)
- 159 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to the Commonwealth Secretariat on publication of the independent report of the Commonwealth Observer Group on Zimbabwe's elections in 2023. (17233)
- 160 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his policy is on Zimbabwe's application to re-join the Commonwealth. (17234)

- 161 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his Department's procedures are for informing relatives when a British national dies abroad in (a) non-suspicious and (b) suspicious circumstances. (17207)
- 162 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2024 to Question 14865 on British Council: Finance, what the planned expenditure of the British Council is for 2024/25. (17208)
- 163 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies on the supply of aid to Gaza of the decision by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to pause delivery of aid to Gaza via Kerem Shalom. (17107)
- 164 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the capability of the UN World Food Programme to deliver food aid to Gaza. (17108)
- 165 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for the UK government's support for the UN's UNRWA mission in Gaza, of the approval by the Israeli Knesset of legislation regarding Israel's relations with UNRWA on 28 October 2024. (17109)
- 166 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure the necessary conditions for (a) safe and (b) effective humanitarian operations by UNRWA in Gaza. (17110)
- 167 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with international counterparts on the use of force against pro-democracy protesters in Georgia. (17308)
- 168 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy to support a female appointment as General Secretary of the United Nations. (17309)
- 169 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the (a) expulsion of a UK diplomat by Russia and (b) travel bans issued by Russia on UK officials and Ministers. (17121)
- 170 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the British Council has to repay its pandemic loan on commercial terms. (17254)

- 171 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have had meetings with Ahmadiyya Muslim representatives in London in the last six months. (17100)
- 172 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of changes in the level of anti-Christian (a) discrimination and (b) hate crimes in Europe. (17101)
- 173 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent (a) meetings or (b) other discussions with human rights NGOs on reports of human rights abuses in Kenya following protests in that country. (17214)
- 174 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had (a) meetings and (b) other discussions with (i) The Good Law Project and (ii) other campaigning groups on judicial independence and the rule of law in Kenya. (17215)
- 175 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) help ensure and (b) verify that funding provided to governments in (i) Uganda, (ii) Kenya and (iii) other countries in sub-Saharan Africa is used for its intended purpose. (17216)
- 176 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations on allegations of (a) corruption, (b) police killings, (c) disappearances, (d) torture and (e) attempts to suppress the right to protest in Kenya with his Kenyan counterpart; and if he will make such representations in future (i) bi-lateral and (ii) multi-lateral talks. (17217)
- 177 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take to tackle disproportionate use of full strip searches during stop and searches of (a) Black, (b) Asian and (c) other ethnic minority people. (17226)
- 178 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what percentage of reported bicycle thefts result in a (a) suspect being arrested and (b) prosecution being authorised by the CPS. (17197)
- 179 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what percentage of reported incidents of shoplifting result in a (a) suspect being arrested and (b) prosecution being authorised by the CPS. (17198)
- 180 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Government is taking to reduce the influence of foreign funding in democratic processes. (17199)

- 181 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the e-Visa scheme on (a) older people, (b) those with learning difficulties, (c) non-English speakers and (d) those with limited access to technology. (17498)
- 182 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has had recent discussions with representatives of migrant organisations on the development of a digital solution for the e-visa scheme. (17499)
- 183 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Border Security Command is taking to assess the age of asylum seekers arriving on small boats. (17072)
- 184 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many age assessments of people arriving on small boats and seeking asylum have taken place in each of the last three years. (17073)
- 185 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will provide a list of all contracted services from GTD Healthcare; and what the cost to the public purse of those services is. (17361)
- 186 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if the Minister of State for Border Security and Asylum will meet the hon. Member for Great Yarmouth to discuss data release policies. (17363)
- 187 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will conduct a review of the accuracy of the methodology used to collect immigration statistics. (17366)
- 188 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in how many years the ONS estimates on immigration to the UK been revised upwards in each of the last 20 years. (17367)
- 189 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of individuals on the terror watchlist are (a) UK citizens, (b) Dual national citizens, (c) UK citizens with at least one non-UK parent and (d) non-UK citizens. (17368)
- 190 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how individuals on the terror watchlist are monitored. (17369)
- 191 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish a breakdown of the conditions that need to be met for an person to be placed on the terror watchlist. (17370)

- 192 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) churches (b) synagogues (c) mosques and (d) other places of worship were investigated for suspected ties to extremism in each of the last five years. (17371)
- 193 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost to the public purse was of the provision of taxis for irregular migrants in each year since 2018. (17373)
- 194 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will list all contracted services undertaken by Serco related to irregular migrants. (17374)
- 195 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will list all companies contracted by her Department to undertake work related to (a) irregular migration and (b) irregular migrants. (17375)
- 196 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that fire and rescue services are equipped to manage large-scale farm fires effectively. (17311)
- 197 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many taskings for Military Aid to the Civil Authorities from her Department required the use of RAF CH-47 Chinook helicopters since 2019. (17313)
- 198 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of using electronic travel authorisations on the speed in which Hong Kong (a) BNO status holders and (b) political prisoners can leave Hong Kong. (17379)
- 199 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will take steps to (a) improve communication practices, (b) ensue greater sensitivity in interactions, (c) better manage families' expectations to prevent (i) delays and (ii) unnecessary distress and (d) otherwise reform the coroner services to put bereaved families at the centre of operations. (17307)
- 200 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been deported (a) in total and (b) by nationality in each month since July 2024. (17380)
- 201 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Commissioner for Countering Extremism plans to review (a) teaching material for Prevent and (b) all material on gov.uk. (17297)
- 202 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions (a) Ministers, (b) special advisers, and (c) officials in her Department have had with the Muslim Council of Britain since 5 July. (17298)

- 203 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to announce financial details of the increase to Continuity of Educational Allowance. (17145)
- 204 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential operational implications are of retiring HMS Northumberland in March 2025. (17146)
- 205 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the retirement of HMS Northumberland on the capability of the armed forces prior to delivery of the first Type 26. (17147)
- 206 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential operational implications are of retiring HMS (a) Albion and (b) Bulwark in March 2025. (17148)
- 207 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the retirement of HMS (a) Albion and (b) Bulwark on the capability of the armed forces. (17149)
- 208 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the status is of the planned multi-role support ships. (17150)
- 209 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential operational implications are of retiring RFA (a) Wave Knight and (b) Wave Ruler in March 2025. (17151)
- 210 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential operational implications are of retiring Watchkeeper Mk 1 in March 2025. (17152)
- 211 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the removal of Watchkeeper Mk 1 on the 47th Regiment Royal Artillery. (17153)
- 212 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the retirement of Watchkeeper Mk 1 on the capability of the armed forces. (17154)
- 213 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of retiring Watchkeeper Mk 1 on the personnel of 47th Regiment Royal Artillery. (17155)
- 214 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to gift (a) cannibalised parts of and (b) complete Watchkeeper Mk 1 platforms to allies. (17156)
- 215 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential operational implications are of retiring 14 Chinook helicopters early. (17157)



- 216 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the retirement of 14 Chinook helicopters on the capability of the armed forces. (17158)
- 217 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential operational implications of retiring 14 Chinook helicopters early are for (a) 16 Air Assault Brigade Combat Team, (b) the Air Manoeuvre Task Force, (c) Joint Helicopter Command, (d) the Global Response Force, (e) the Army and (f) the RAF. (17159)
- 218 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential implications of retiring 14 Chinook helicopters early are on the ability of (a) Joint Helicopter Command, (b) the Chief of Joint Operations, (c) 16 Air Assault Brigade Combat Team, (d) 16 Air Manoeuvre Task Force, (e) the Global Response Force, (f) the Army and (g) the RAF to deliver defence outputs. (17160)
- 219 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost of providing a (a) commercial and (b) military solution to alternative jungle training helicopter capability in Brunei. (17161)
- 220 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of a reduction in the number of Chinook helicopters on air assault operations. (17162)
- 221 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential operational implications are of providing a military solution to alternative jungle training helicopter capability in Brunei. (17163)
- 222 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential operational implications are of retiring Puma helicopters in March 2025. (17164)
- 223 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Pumas in use in Brunei (a) only provide a support to jungle training function and (b) are used for (i) search and rescue and (ii) other operational purposes. (17165)
- 224 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it is his policy that the Airbus H-145 will enter service to replace the Puma by 2026. (17166)
- 225 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of retiring Puma helicopters in March 2025 on capability. (17167)
- 226 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his statement of 20 November 2024 on Defence Programmes Developments, Official Report columns 287 to 289, whether he had discussions on military capability retirements with his US counterpart before that statement. (17168)



- 227 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has for HMS Northumberland after she leaves service. (17169)
- 228 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential operational implications are of retiring the Puma helicopters early for (a) the RAF, (b) RAF Akrotiri and (c) British Forces Cyprus. (17170)
- 229 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost of fixing the structural issues with HMS Northumberland. (17171)
- 230 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has for (a) HMS Albion, (b) HMS Bulwark, (c) RFA Wave Knight and (d) RFA Wave Ruler after they leave service. (17172)
- 231 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of retiring the Puma helicopters early on (a) Episkopi and (b) Dhekelia Garrison. (17173)
- 232 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his oral statement on Defence Programmes Developments of 20 November 2024, Official Report, column 287, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of gifting the (a) 14 Chinook and (b) Puma helicopters to Ukraine. (17174)
- 233 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his oral statement on Defence Programmes Developments of 20 November 2024, Official Report, column 287, whether he had discussions with (a) Lord Robertson and (b) other members of the Strategic Defence Review expert team on the decommissioning of capabilities before 20 November 2024. (17175)
- 234 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost of providing a (a) commercial and (b) military solution to provide an alternative firefighting helicopter capability in Cyprus. (17176)
- 235 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his statement of 20 November 2024 on Defence Programmes Developments, Official Report columns 287 to 289, what capabilities he plans to prioritise for the reinvestment of the forecast £150m of savings. (17177)
- 236 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his statement of 20 November 2024 on Defence Programmes Developments, Official Report columns 287 to 289, if he will publish a tabulated breakdown of the forecast £500m of savings. (17178)
- 237 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to support armed forces personnel who do not receive Continuity of Educational Allowance with the increase in the cost of private school fees arising from the introduction of VAT on such fees. (17179)

- 238 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost of a military solution of providing an alternative firefighting helicopter capability in Cyprus. (17180)
- 239 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his statement of 20 November 2024 on Defence Programmes Developments, Official Report columns 287 to 289, which Army ranks will qualify for the £8,000 retention payment. (17181)
- 240 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the size of the (a) Regular Army, (b) RAF, (c) Royal Navy, (d) Royal Marines (e) Army Reserve, (f) RAF Reserve, (g) Royal Navy Reserve and (h) Royal Marines Reserve in 2029. (17182)
- 241 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Pumas in use in Cyprus (a) only provide a firefighting function and (b) are used for (i) search and rescue and (ii) other operational purposes. (17183)
- 242 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where and when (a) Watchkeeper Mk 1, (b) Puma, (c) the 14 Chinook helicopters that are being retired, (d) HMS Northumberland, (e) HMS Albion, (f) HMS Bulwark, (g) RFA Wave Knight and (h) RFA Wave Ruler were last used on operations. (17184)
- 243 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2024 to Question 15113 on Veterans: LGBT+ People, which recommendations have not been implemented. (17202)
- 244 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to support veterans in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire with (i) housing and (ii) education and skills training. (17069)
- 245 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 November 2024 to Question 12460 on AUKUS, whether he has received Sir Stephen Lovegrove's report on AUKUS; and when he plans to publish that report. (17120)
- 246 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of deploying naval assets to the English Channel to help tackle small boats crossing. (17372)
- 247 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 26 November 2024 to Question 14931 on War Widows Pension Scheme, how many (a) spouses and (b) civil partners have claimed compensation via the War Widows Pension Scheme. (17081)

- 248 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many CH-47 Chinook helicopters have been deployed in Operations overseas in 2024. (17323)
- 249 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reallocating funds from the decommissioning of HMS (a) Albion and (b) Bulwark to accelerate delivery of Multi-Role Support Ships. (17472)
- 250 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the (a) cost of repairing and (b) savings from the early decommissioning of HMS Northumberland. (17473)
- 251 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected annual operational cost savings are from the decommissioning of (a) RFA Wave Knight and (b) RFA Wave Ruler. (17474)
- 252 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the UK's ability to form a fully operational Carrier Strike Group; and how often that Group could be deployed globally. (17475)
- 253 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the decision to retire (a) HMS Albion, (b) HMS Bulwark, (c) HMS Northumberland, (d) RFA Wave Knight, and (e) RFA Wave Ruler on the (i) training and (ii) readiness of Armed Forces personnel. [R] (17479)
- 254 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of retiring (a) RFA Wave Knight and (b) RFA Wave Ruler on the Royal Navy's ability to support concurrent operations involving multiple carrier strike groups. [R] (17480)
- 255 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the expected timeline is for the Type 32 frigate programme to move from the concept phase to design and procurement. [R] (17483)
- 256 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many new Type (a) 45, (b) 26, (c) 31 and (d) 32 will enter service by 2030. [R] (17484)
- 257 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions his Department has had with NATO allies on the potential impact of the retirement of naval assets on the UK's ability to contribute to NATO operations. (17485)
- 258 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the status is of each of the Royal Navy's Type 45 destroyers. [R] (17486)

- 259 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his oral evidence of 21 November 2024 to the Defence Select Committee, HC 345, what steps he is taking to ensure the planned deployments of (a) HMS Queen Elizabeth and b) HMS Prince of Wales take place as scheduled in 2025. [R] (17487)
- 260 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the costs of maintaining (a) HMS Queen Elizabeth and (b) HMS Prince of Wales over the next five years. [R] (17488)
- 261 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to help train military personnel cyber warfare skills. [R] (17489)
- 262 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether frontier technologies such as (a) machine learning and (b) artificial intelligence are being used within (i) the Armed Forces and (ii) his Department to help improve workforce efficiencies. [R] (17490)
- 263 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions his Department has had with the (a) Cabinet Office and (b) Department for Science, Innovation and Technology on the (i) development and (ii) procurement of digital capabilities for national security. [R] (17491)
- 264 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the next meeting is of the Space Council. (17386)
- 265 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to ensure that the Strategic Defence Review contains adequate funding for UK Space Command to deliver (a) on procurement and (b) operationally. (17387)
- 266 **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 change in the level of National insurance contributions on homelessness charities. (17222)
- 267 **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 setting building remediation targets for (a) buildings under 11 meters and (b) non qualifying leaseholders. (17223)
- 268 **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 benefits of setting building remediation targets for non-cladding building defects. (17224)
- 269 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will she make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a Building Works Agency to assist with building safety remediation. (17225)

- 270 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the standard of accommodation provided to seasonal agricultural workers on UK farms in line with the Housing Health and Safety Rating System. (17400)
- 271 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking with local authorities to ensure that tied accommodation provided to seasonal agricultural workers meets the Housing Health and Safety Rating System standards. (17401)
- 272 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to protect the green belt in (a) Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency, (b) Tring and (c) Dacorum, in the context of the consultation entitled Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system, updated on 24 September 2024. (17389)
- 273 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will take steps to ensure that communities receive required infrastructure upgrades before new houses are occupied in (a) Harpenden & Berkhamsted constituency and (b) Dacorum Borough Council area. (17390)
- 274 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of including local online news publications in the definition of local newspapers for the advertisement of planning notices. (17230)
- 275 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring future housing developments provide electronic vehicle charging facilities for residents. (17496)
- 276 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of mechanical failure of Magna Air Source heat pumps in social housing on tenants. (17405)
- 277 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of regulation on the duty of care transfer of vulnerable tenants from housing associations to village agents. (17406)
- 278 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the use of heat pumps in (a) uninsulated and (b) improperly insulated homes. (17407)

- 279 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Energy Performance Certificate on the ability of households to manage heating bills. (17408)
- 280 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to help ensure that district councils receive business rates from (a) all energy infrastructure and (b) sub stations located within their boundaries. (17075)
- 281 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which provisions of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2024 have (a) been and (b) are due to be commenced. (17124)
- 282 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans not to commence provisions of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023. (17127)
- 283 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 58 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of local government restructuring on social care (a) delivery and (b) economies of scale. (17128)
- 284 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department issues on whether a planning application previously been rejected by a planning authority can be resubmitted without substantive changes. (17129)
- 285 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the debate on the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill of 25 November 2024, Official Report, column 594, whether the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure multipliers from 2026 will (a) be in addition to and (b) replace the small business rate relief multipliers. (17130)
- 286 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance she has issued on whether (a) supermarkets, (b) hotels and (c) department stores with a rateable value over £500,000 will be liable to pay the new business rates rateable value multiplier surcharge from 2026-27. (17131)
- 287 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish a list of the Rateable Value of each pub in England by (a) address, (b) local authority and (c) Rateable Value. (17132)
- 288 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the level of the (a) lower multiplier for retail, hospitality and leisure hereditaments from April 2026 and (b)



higher multiplier for hereditaments above £500,000 Rateable Value; and whether she has a target for the average (i) decrease and (ii) increase in business rates as a (A) proportion and (B) number. (17133)

289 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what is the (a) mean and (b) median Rateable Value of hereditaments over £500,000. (17134)

290 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish an impact assessment for the proposed reduction in business rate relief for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses in England. (17135)

291 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish an impact assessment for the proposed application of a higher multiplier to properties with a rateable value of £500,000 or above. (17136)

292 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of properties that the proposed new multiplier above £500,000 Rateable Value will apply to by (a) special categories and (b) sector. (17137)

293 **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 the decision to apply a higher multiplier to all properties with a rateable value of £500,000 or above on (a) large supermarkets and (b) department stores. (17138)

294 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the additional revenue to be raised from properties with rateable value of £500,000 or above in order to be able to set lower multipliers for retail, hospitality and leisure properties below that threshold. (17139)

295 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the material considerations were that satisfied the call-in criteria for the proposed Chinese Embassy near the Tower of London. (17140)

296 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to increase the number of new social homes built across London; and what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for affordable housing in London. (17419)

297 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to incentivise private developers to build more (a) social and (b) affordable homes. (17420)



- 298 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether any parts of North Cornwall constituency will receive funding from the Recovery Grant announced by her Department on 28 November 2024; and what additional steps she is taking to tackle rural poverty in that constituency. (17494)
- 299 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing local authorities to use automatic number plate recognition for car park management. (17350)
- 300 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what data her Department holds on the outcomes of funding provided to combined mayoral authorities. (17102)
- 301 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to publish (a) metrics and (b) outcomes for the spending performance of combined mayoral authorities. (17103)
- 302 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to publish outcomes of annual discussions with combined mayoral authorities. (17104)
- 303 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress her Department has made on developing accountability processes for institutions that secure single funding settlements at the Spending Review. (17105)
- 304 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to require combined mayoral authorities to publish evaluation reports on individual funding programmes in a standardised format. (17106)
- 305 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes in the level of living costs on homelessness rates; and what steps she is taking to mitigate that potential impact. (17455)
- 306 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much she expects the non-Council Tax element of the core spending power of (a) Central Bedfordshire Council and (b) Bedford Borough Council to increase in 2025/26. [R] (17333)
- 307 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much she expects (a) Central Bedfordshire Council and (b) Bedford Borough Council to increase council tax in 2025/26. [R] (17334)

- 308 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what changes she expects to make to governance arrangements in Bedfordshire through the English Devolution White Paper. [R] (17335)
- 309 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions (a) Ministers, (b) special advisers and (c) officials in her Department have had with the Muslim Council of Britain since 5 July. (17299)
- 310 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what funding Thornaby on Tees will receive from the (a) Town Deal programme and (b) long-term plan for towns. (17265)
- 311 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to develop a coordinated strategy for managing the health and wellbeing of children in custodial settings during future pandemics. (17441)
- 312 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will an assessment of the potential merits of issuing guidance to prisons on supporting children in custody in different pandemic scenarios. (17442)
- 313 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many fixed penalty notices have been handed out for littering in (a) Lincolnshire and (a) England in each of the last five years. (17066)
- 314 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many fixed penalty notices have been handed out for spitting in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) England in each of the last five years. (17067)
- 315 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many justices of the peace served at Boston Magistrates court in each of the last five years. (17071)
- 316 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people aged (a) 14-17, (b) 18-25 and (c) 26 and over who enter prison custody receive a screening for previously acquired brain injury within 24 hours. (17112)
- 317 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people aged (a) 14-17, (b) 18-25 and (c) 26 and over who enter prison custody receive an assessment for previously acquired brain injury within seven days. (17113)
- 318 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people aged (a) 14-17, (b) 18-25 and (c) 26 and over who enter prison custody and are screened for brain injury within 24 hours are found to have an acquired brain injury. (17114)

- 319 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people aged (a) 14-17, (b) 18-25 and (c) 26 and over who enter prison custody and are assessed for brain injury within seven days are found to have an acquired brain injury. (17115)
- 320 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidance is available for healthcare professionals in prisons for dealing with people entering custody found to have a previously acquired brain injury. (17116)
- 321 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidance is available for prison officers for dealing with people entering custody found to have a previously acquired brain injury. (17117)
- 322 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data her Department collects on the health outcomes of people in prison who are screened as having a previously acquired brain injury. (17118)
- 323 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data her Department collects on the safety outcomes of people in prison who are screened as having a previously acquired brain injury. (17119)
- 324 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions his Department has had with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology on coroners' reports of deaths associated with online suicide forums. (17242)
- 325 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what financial support she plans to provide to the Early Years sector to help manage the impact of proposed changes to employer National Insurance contributions. (17088)
- 326 **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 13971 on Financial Services: Euro, what steps her Department is taking to mitigate against the risk of the EU not extending its equivalence decision for UK central counterparties after June 2025. [R] (17434)
- 327 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting hospitality businesses from proposed changes to employer National Insurance contributions. (17410)
- 328 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has the Valuation Office Agency made of the potential impact of the 2026 business rates revaluation on businesses, broken down by (a) special category code and (b) each English region. (17123)
- 329 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to secure funding for rural housing enablers to support housing initiatives in rural areas. (17451)

- 330 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of abolishing the furnished holiday let tax regime on local (a) economies and (b) jobs. (17431)
- 331 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure the independence of the new review on the loan charge. (17432)
- 332 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the review into the loan charge will include examining the roles of (a) scheme promoters, (b) umbrella companies and (c) tax advisers. (17433)
- 333 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 14217 on Loans: Developing Countries, how many loan commitments have been published under the Principles for Debt Transparency since June 2023; and if she will take steps to ensure that the (a) existence and (b) details of loans to governments by private lenders are published. (17302)
- 334 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 14160 on Higher Education: VAT, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of enabling groups of universities to share VAT-exempt costs at contract level without creating a separate legal entity. [R] (17327)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 5 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 12890 on Department for Energy Security and Net Zero: Ministers' Private Offices, if she will published an itemised breakdown of that spending. (17336)
- 2N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 12890 on Department for Energy Security and Net Zero: Ministers' Private Offices, what items were purchased to equip the office of the additional Minister. (17337)
- 3N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the total cost to the public purse was of out of court settlements for employment tribunal cases across Government in each of the last five years. (17142)

- 4N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on the (a) number of family businesses and (b) employment levels within those businesses. (17091)
- 5N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on the advanced manufacturing sector. (17092)
- 6N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Autumn Budget 2024 on the automotive sector. (17093)
- 7N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Autumn Budget 2024 on the aerospace sector. (17094)
- 8N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the (a) number of factory closures and (b) levels of employment in the automotive industry. (17270)
- 9N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on the chemicals and plastics sector. (17271)
- 10N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on the defence sector. (17272)
- 11N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of Autumn Budget 2024 on the construction sector. (17391)
- 12N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Autumn Budget 2024 on the (a) maritime and (b) shipbuilding sectors. (17392)
- 13N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on the steel sector. (17393)
- 14N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on the (a) materials and (b) critical minerals sector. (17394)

- 15N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on the public bodies for which his Department is responsible. (17395)
- 16N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if his Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Fireworks Regulations 2004 at protection of (a) people and (b) animals from the negative impact of fireworks. (17421)
- 17N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made on the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on levels of (a) employment, (b) unemployment and (c) economic inactivity. [Transferred] (16741)
- 18N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will hold discussions with the BBC on (a) breaches of a broadcasting licence and (b) other matters raised in the report by Ofcom entitled Annual Report on the BBC 2023-2024, published on 29 November 2024. (17078)
- 19N **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's response to the Government's consultation on the structure, distribution and governance of the statutory levy on gambling operators, published on 27 November 2024, what steps her Department is taking to improve education for (a) children and (b) young people on the issue of gambling harms. (17340)
- 20N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average (a) primary and (b) secondary school class size was in (i) Mid Cheshire constituency, (ii) Cheshire and (iii) England in each of the last five years. (17383)
- 21N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding her Department allocated to (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in (i) Mid Cheshire constituency, (ii) Cheshire and (iii) England in each of the last 10 years. (17384)
- 22N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average per-pupil funding her Department allocated to (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in (i) Mid Cheshire constituency, (ii) Cheshire and (iii) England in each year since 2010. (17385)
- 23N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the mean annual costs are for nurseries in England by (a) nursery class childcare settings, (b) maintained nursery schools, (c) school-based providers, (d) private group-based providers, (e) voluntary group-based providers, (f) all group-based providers (g) and all nurseries. (17246)



- 24N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 26 November 2024 to Question 16211 on National Grid: Costs of the Western and Eastern Links, whether (a) he and (b) Ofgem is able to provide the estimate requested. (17189)
- 25N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he will take steps to provide redress to people whose (a) property values or (b) access to mortgage finance has been impacted by spray foam insulation installed using a Green Homes Grant Voucher. (17285)
- 26N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what proportion of complaints to the Trustmark scheme in relation to the Green Homes Grant scheme have been upheld; how much compensation has been paid to Green Homes Grant recipients due to upheld complaints to the Trustmark scheme in total; and how many Green Homes Grant recipients have since received compensation due to an upheld complaint. (17286)
- 27N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department to (a) identify and (b) notify people who may have had spray foam installed through a Green Homes Grant about (i) potential damage caused by spray foam to their property and (ii) the potential impact of spray foam installation on their ability to secure a mortgage. (17287)
- 28N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the (a) voucher approval, (b) issuance and (c) payment processes for the Green Homes Grant. (17288)
- 29N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what data his Department holds on the number of homes that used Green Homes Grant vouchers for spray foam insulation. (17289)
- 30N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure support is available for households who are (a) not on low incomes and (b) do not have access to capital upfront to retrofit their homes. (17141)
- 31N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure (a) transparency and (b) accountability in dairy supply chains. (17282)
- 32N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to publish a consultation on potential changes to the Fair Dealing Obligations (Milk) Regulations 2024. (17283)



- 33N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of stopped vehicle detection technology on motorways. (17077)
- 34N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many thefts of motor vehicle from Network Rail owned car parks there were in each of the last five years; and how many of these resulted in a criminal prosecution. (17269)
- 35N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to not include hybrid cars in the 2030 phase-out of vehicles with internal combustion engines. (17273)
- 36N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2024 to Question 15348 on Gatwick Airport: Noise, what measures the Aviation Night Noise Effects study will use to investigate the potential impact of flight noise on children's (a) sleep quality and (b) health and development. (17396)
- 37N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of delayed services on the Bedford Line in (a) Q3 and (b) Q4 2024. (17331)
- 38N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what benefits would a successful applicant for Pension Credit potentially be eligible for in addition to the Winter Fuel Payment. (17079)
- 39N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report on women's State Pension age changes, published on 21 March 2024, if she will publish the related departmental submissions to the Ombudsman. (17227)
- 40N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report on women's State Pension age changes, published on 21 March 2024, if she will publish related (a) impact assessments and (b) financial modelling for a compensation scheme. (17228)
- 41N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with representatives of hospices since the Autumn Budget 2024. (17089)
- 42N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to ensure adequate levels of funding for healthcare in Dartford. (17399)
- 43N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to encourage students to take up careers in neurology. (17275)

- 44N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of consultants specialising in the treatment of Parkinson's disease required to meet current needs of patients. (17276)
- 45N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding the Government provides for research into a cure for Parkinson's disease. (17277)
- 46N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to promote awareness of early symptoms of Parkinson's disease amongst GPs. (17278)
- 47N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the total cost to the public purse of out of court settlements for employment tribunal cases across the NHS in each of the last five years. (17144)
- 48N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on (a) primary care, (b) hospitals and (c) Pharmacy First of changes to eligibility for Winter Fuel Payment Allowance. (17259)
- 49N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his policy is on (a) doctors and (b) other qualified medical personnel administering pain-relieving drugs which may shorten lives; and whether regulations on that issue changed after the conviction of Harold Shipman. (17065)
- 50N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, (a) what the total number of hospices was and (b) how many of these received Government funding, in each year since 2015. (17279)
- 51N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much Government funding has been provided to hospices in each year since 2015. (17280)
- 52N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the mean payment to each Government funded hospice was in each year since 2015. (17281)
- 53N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to help protect human rights in the Balochistan region of Pakistan. (17397)
- 54N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to take steps with his international counterparts to review Israel's access to the F-35 Global Supply Chain pool. (17111)

- 55N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral contribution in response to the question from the hon. Member for Bicester and Woodstock on 26 November 2024, Official Report, column 631, what the value is of fines that have been (a) levied and (b) paid following a breach of sanctions in relation to oil exports from Russia since 5 February 2023. (17470)
- 56N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral response of 26 November 2024, Official Report column 631, what the terms of reference are for the review of the enforcement of sanctions; who is conducting it; when it was commissioned; when it will report; and whether he plans to publish the results. (17471)
- 57N **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 potential risk of transnational repression for British Pakistani critics of the Pakistan government. (17243)
- 58N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help protect British Pakistanis critical of the Pakistan government from transnational repression. (17244)
- 59N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Pakistan government on (a) freedom of protest and (b) the (i) safety and (b) rights of protestors. (17245)
- 60N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels are being used for the provision of accommodation for asylum seekers in Northern Ireland; and if she will make an estimate of the number of hotels that will be required by 31 December 2025. (17080)
- 61N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Minister for Justice in Northern Ireland on creating a criminal offence of drink spiking. (17266)
- 62N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 15050 on Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre, what assessment her Department has made of the cost-effectiveness of (a) Campsfield House and (b) other immigration removal centres. (17467)
- 63N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 15154 on Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre, what review process was undertaken by her Department on the commercial agreement with Galliford Try for Phase 1 of the Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre design and build arrangement, signed on 29 May 2024. (17468)

- 64N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her oral statement on Border Security and Asylum of 22 July 2024, Official Report, column 384, what assessment her Department has made of the cost effectiveness of (a) Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre and (b) other immigration removal centres for tackling illegal migration. (17469)
- 65N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 2 December 2024 to Question 16677 on Community Policing: Cambridgeshire, how many of the 13,000 additional police officers Cambridgeshire Constabulary will receive. (17326)
- 66N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the Strategic Defence Review will be (a) delivered to Ministers and (b) made available to the public. (17185)
- 67N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to publish his Department's pathway for reaching 2.5% of GDP being spent on Defence; and whether he has made any changes to that timetable since 1 November. (17186)
- 68N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to commission a Women's Veterans Strategy. (17187)
- 69N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he received the External Scrutiny Team Report 2024 into the Reserves as referred to in Section 113a of the Reserve Forces Act 1996; and whether he plans to publish his response. (17188)
- 70N **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many of his Department's (a) computers, (b) laptops, (c) phones and (d) USB sticks were (i) lost and (ii) stolen in each month in 2023. (17464)
- 71N **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what funds the Government has committed to veterans charities in each of the last two years; and how much each such charity has received. (17465)
- 72N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the capability of Bay Class landing dock ships to fulfil the amphibious operational requirements in the absence of HMS Albion and HMS Bulwark until the introduction of Multi-Role Support Ships. [R] (17476)
- 73N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the capability of RFA Argus to fulfil the UK's amphibious operational requirements in the absence of HMS Albion and HMS Bulwark until the introduction of Multi-Role Support Ships. [R] (17477)

- 74N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of retiring HMS Albion and HMS Bulwark on the ability of the Armed Forces to conduct amphibious operations; and how amphibious troops will undertake such operations before the planned delivery of Multi-Role Support Ships. [R] (17478)
- 75N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the timeline for the introduction of the Multi-Role Support Ships remains on track to meet operational requirements. [R] (17481)
- 76N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the progress of (a) the Type 26 frigate programme and (b) its delivery schedule. [R] (17482)
- 77N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the total cost to the public purse of out of court settlements for employment tribunal cases across local government in each of the last five years. (17143)
- 78N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of employees who will be impacted by the closure of the Department's office in Truro; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of this closure on those employees. (17422)
- 79N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will take steps to help local authorities speed-up the processing of blue badges. (17398)
- 80N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 15952 on Prisoners, how many and what proportion of Parole Board recommendations were rejected by the Government in each of the last 12 months. (17260)
- 81N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 15952, on Prisoners, how many and what proportion of Parole Board recommendations on releasing (a) prisoners serving an Imprisonment for Public Protection sentence and (b) other prisoners were rejected by the Government in each of the last 12 months. (17261)
- 82N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of Parole Board recommendations on moving (a) prisoners serving an Imprisonment for Public Protection sentence and (b) other prisoners to open conditions were rejected by the Government in each of the last 12 months. (17262)
- 83N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what training is available through the medium of Welsh for probation officers in Wales. (17190)

- 84N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Prime Minister, what plans he has to appoint a Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief. (17229)
- 85N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes in liability for inheritance tax on levels of tax avoidance. (17257)
- 86N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason the Fire and Rescue Service is not receiving the exemption from the rise in National Insurance contributions as the other Emergency Services. (17064)

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## Questions for Answer on Friday 6 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what her policy is on future funding arrangements for the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. (17444)
- 2N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether SEND schools will be exempt from proposed changes to charitable business rate relief. (17354)
- 3N **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the maximum number of months for which the Bereavement Support Payment can be paid beyond the existing cap of 18 monthly payments. (17417)
- 4N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the letter of 1 August 2024 from the hon. member for Yeovil on the closure of Yeovil District Hospital's hyper acute stroke unit. (17382)
- 5N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many cases of (a) HIV and (b) AIDS have been diagnosed due to mandatory opt-out testing in hospitals. (17255)
- 6N **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help support Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (a) to reduce waiting times, (b) limit the rejection of referrals and (c) improve trust in services by both (i) parents and (ii) children. (17424)
- 7N **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Prime Minister's 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 the Prime Minister has had discussions with her on the planning application for the proposed Chinese Embassy between 23 August and 18 October 2024.

[Transferred] (17009)

- 8N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has had discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on legislation on (a) leasehold and (b) freehold affecting properties in Northern Ireland. (17443)
- 9N **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that there is adequate (a) funding and (b) support for (i) forensic investigation teams and (ii) coroner services to help minimise delays. (17416)
- 10N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of changes in the number of firms offering bank accounts for trusts. (17258)

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 9 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure that touch screen card payment devices are made accessible for people with visual impairments. (17304)
- 2N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) the level of transport related social exclusion and (b) cuts to community transport by Derbyshire County Council on people in Bolsover constituency. (17291)
- 3N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of raising the bus cap to £3 on pensioners. (17495)
- 4N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many care homes were referred to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman in (a) Bolsover constituency and (b) Derbyshire in each of the last five years; and how many were (i) privately-owned and (ii) local authority-owned. (17290)

- 5N **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help (a) raise awareness of neglected tropical diseases and (b) tackle neglected tropical diseases. (17196)
- 6N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people are waiting for their asylum claims to be processed in Bolsover constituency. (17292)
- 7N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a time limit for claiming council tax exemption under Class F . (17425)