
PUBLISHED – FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2024

Questions tabled on Thursday 5 December 2024

Includes questions tabled on earlier days which have been transferred.

- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
 - † 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.
-

Questions for Answer on Friday 6 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health on the potential impact of the Advertising (Less Healthy Food Definitions and Exemptions) Regulations 2024 to (a) porridge oats, (b) pork rind-based snacks and (c) roast potatoes on the food and drink industry. [Transferred] (17624)
- 2 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of offering free bus travel for homeless (a) children and (b) adults living in temporary accommodation. [Transferred] (17867)
- 3 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Leader of the House, when she plans to update the Cabinet Office Guide to Making Legislation to provide guidance on the environmental principles duty in section 19(1) of the Environment Act 2021. [Transferred] (18013)
- 4 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of forthcoming changes to business rate relief on the viability of grassroots music venues. [Transferred] (17789)
- 5 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to freeze the small business rate relief multiplier while adjusting for the revaluation in 2026-27. [Transferred] (17824)

-
- 6 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the increased revenue to the public purse generated by the increase in business rates for private schools from 2025-26 onwards will be (a) kept in full by local government, (b) shared between central and local government through business rate retention or (c) retained by central government. [Transferred] (17827)
- 7 **Chris Kane** (Stirling and Strathallan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking taken to (a) encourage growth in, (b) support small scale craft produce in and (c) reduce barriers to entry to the spirits industry. [Transferred] (17964)
- 8 **Chris Kane** (Stirling and Strathallan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Spirit Drinks Verification Scheme on small-scale craft production. [Transferred] (17965)
- 9 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including renewable liquid gases in the green taxonomy. [Transferred] (17815)
-

Questions for Answer on Monday 9 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether there are plans for 10 Downing Street to communicate via the Blue Sky social media channel. (18214)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Civil Service Jobs advertisement reference 378636, why four positions are being recruited; whether they are new positions; and whether the former incumbents left since 4 July 2024. (18215)
- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has organised away days for Senior Civil Service officials since the dissolution of Parliament. (18216)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of variations in practice on the publication of Government Procurement Card and Electronic Purchasing Card transaction data by Government Departments. (18217)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Ministers are required to declare (a) spent and (b) unspent criminal convictions when they are formally appointed. (18218)

- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Conclusion of His Majesty The King's free Portrait Scheme, published on 28 November 2024, if he will list each (a) UK, (b) Welsh and (c) Scottish Government public body which was eligible for but did not order a free portrait. (18219)
- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the press release entitled Conclusion of His Majesty the King's free portrait scheme, published on 28 November 2024, which local authorities did not request a portrait, excluding town and parish councils. (18220)
- 8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for the Government's policies on departmental check-off arrangements of Supreme Court judgment [2024] UKSC 41 relating to (a) Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs v Public and Commercial Services Union [2023] UKSC 75; (b) Commissioners for His Majesty's Revenue and Customs v Public and Commercial Services Union [2023] UKSC 76 and (c) Secretary of State for the Home Department v Public and Commercial Services Union [2024] UKSC 77. (18221)
- 9 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what priorities on what timelines he has issued to the National Resilience Academy. (18319)
- 10 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of a redress scheme for victims of the Sodium Valproate scandal in line with recommendations in the Hughes Report. (18165)
- 11 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the BBC Eye Investigation televised on 2 December 2024, what recent discussions he has had with (a) Tesco, (b) Waitrose, (c) Asda and (b) Morrisons on product labelling. (18123)
- 12 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will meet with online consumers in Northern Ireland experiencing difficulties buying goods from Great Britain. (18260)
- 13 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how the National Wealth Fund will support developing port capacity. (18274)
- 14 **Mrs Sarah Russell** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to implement the provisions of the Neonatal Care (Leave and Pay) Act 2023. (18307)
- 15 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to reduce firework misuse in Makerfield constituency. (18239)

- 16 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many full-time-equivalent civil servants are working on the short-term let registration scheme. (18244)
- 17 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of re-establishing the Cultural Renewal taskforce. (18168)
- 18 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure animal welfare standards are (a) observed and (b) reviewed in the horse racing industry. (18329)
- 19 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to (a) help tackle anti-social behaviour and (b) cooperate with the police in communities that host large-scale sporting events other than football. (18330)
- 20 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the curriculum framework for primary school science as part of her Department's curriculum review. (18167)
- 21 **David Pinto-Duschinsky** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the press notice entitled £7 million to tackle antisemitism in education confirmed, published by her Department on 7 October 2024, how her Department plans to use this funding in (a) Hendon and (b) the UK. (18336)
- 22 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will undertake a review of further education funding, in the context of the pay dispute with teachers at non-academised sixth forms. (18252)
- 23 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support the education of pupils at non-academised sixth forms in the context of planned industrial action. (18253)
- 24 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of encouraging the Joint Council for Qualifications to include the Level 3 Core Maths qualification within the A level and Level 3 results documents to ensure their profile is aligned with similar sized qualifications. (18254)
- 25 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to (a) increase awareness and (b) raise the status with (i) universities and (ii) employers of the Level 3 Core Maths qualification. (18255)
- 26 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will take steps to ensure that additional funding for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in mainstream schools is equitably distributed in rural areas. (18331)

- 27 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support (a) language and (b) communication skills of children under three. (18261)
- 28 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the potential impact of workforce shortages in the early years sector on pre-school children's language and communication development. (18262)
- 29 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking through the Youth Guarantee to support care leavers at risk of dropping out of (a) education and (b) training. (18263)
- 30 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to provide transition pathways for oil and gas workers. (18174)
- 31 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to retain the Acoustic Fish Deterrent aspect of the Development Consent Order to the Hinkley Point C (Nuclear Generating Station) Order 2013. (18256)
- 32 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of material switching by food producers currently using metal food cans on (a) UK food security and (b) the (i) recyclability of and (ii) cost of recycling other types of packaging. (18182)
- 33 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help support farmers to receive higher prices for their produce. (18181)
- 34 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will review the issuing of licenses to export endangered European eels. (18290)
- 35 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to consult on Part G of the building regulations to improve water efficiency standards. (18304)
- 36 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to update the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016. (18305)
- 37 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many prosecutions there have been under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2019. (18303)

- 38 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of proposed changes to inheritance tax on (a) small family farm closures and (b) internal food production security. (18332)
- 39 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to tackle extreme flooding in (a) Tewkesbury constituency and (b) rural communities. (18333)
- 40 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to amend copyright legislation in relation to text and data mining. (18169)
- 41 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will have discussions with Meta on the potential impact of (a) the adequacy of its customer support team and (b) accounts being temporarily disabled on UK businesses; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of legislating minimum service standards in those areas to support UK businesses that rely on the services of (i) Meta and (ii) other online platforms. (18145)
- 42 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department is taking steps to use rail freight to help support the building of new homes. (18189)
- 43 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of people who have made journeys using the £2 cap on bus fares. (18190)
- 44 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions (a) she and (b) her predecessor has had with her counterpart in the Welsh government since July 2024. (18191)
- 45 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has (a) met and (b) had discussions with her counterpart in Scotland since July 2024. (18192)
- 46 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the proposed expansion of Stansted airport on regional airports. (18193)
- 47 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has for the future of rolling stock leasing agreements. (18194)
- 48 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps National Rail is taking to ensure the adequacy of cyber security at train stations. (18195)
- 49 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to ensure that cash payment remains an option for rail passengers. (18196)

- 50 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the planned timetable is for reopening the Northumberland Line between Newcastle and Ashington. (18197)
- 51 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the planned timetable is for opening (a) Bedlington, (b) Blyth Bebside and (c) Northumberland Park station on the Northumberland Line. (18198)
- 52 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what penalties can be applied to rail operators for failure to provide adequate support for disabled passengers to access train services; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing further potential penalties. (18199)
- 53 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2024 to Question 13063 on High Speed 2 Line: Construction, what information her Department holds on levels of compliance by contractors with the HS2 Environmental Minimum Requirements. (18200)
- 54 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2024 to Question 12975 on Department for Transport: Data Processing, what the operational scope is of her Department's Organisational AI programme; and which Departmental area it is placed within. (18201)
- 55 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding her Department plans to provide for rail infrastructure in Wales in each of the next three financial years; and whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of increasing the rate of electrification of railways in Wales. (18300)
- 56 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the (a) adequacy of the condition of the canal towpath network and (b) potential merits of enabling higher levels of use of the canal towpath network for (i) walking and (ii) cycling. (18275)
- 57 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many full-time equivalent civil servants are working on the Dawlish Rail resilience programme. (18243)
- 58 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of applications for exemption to allow civilian cargo planes that are (a) destined for Israel and (b) transporting munitions of war to overfly British sovereign airspace that have been (i) received, (ii) approved and (iii) rejected since 7 October 2023. (18277)
- 59 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a graded junction at the A30 Plusha junction. (18324)

- 60 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the oral contribution of 24 November 2024 by the then Secretary of State for Transport, Official Report column 369, when the road safety strategy will be implemented. (18325)
- 61 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing hon. Members to propose locations for funding from the Road Safety Strategy. (18327)
- 62 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of planned funding for (a) services and (b) infrastructure on C2C train routes in the period following its re-nationalisation. (18337)
- 63 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has allocated funding for step-free access improvements at stations on C2C routes. (18338)
- 64 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department plans to take to (a) establish and (b) monitor (i) customer service and (ii) other performance standards on the C2C train routes when they are under public ownership. (18339)
- 65 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of her planned ticket pricing policies on (a) affordability and (b) ridership for passengers using the C2C train routes in the period after its re-nationalisation. (18340)
- 66 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether it her policy that the proposed UKADS will assess the (a) environmental and (b) health impacts of new flight paths. (18164)
- 67 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 16304 on Pension Credit: South Derbyshire, how many pensioner households in receipt of Housing Benefit and identified as potentially entitled to but not claiming Pension Credit her Department has targeted in Bristol Central constituency; and how many of those pensioner households have since claimed Pension Credit. (18257)
- 68 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on (a) exemptions for and (b) flexibility in (i) sponsored visa and (ii) skilled workers visa guidance staff in her Department. (18226)
- 69 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure staff receive training on the Scottish benefits system. (18289)

- 70 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on what the (a) most common illnesses and (b) incidence of each of those illnesses experienced by babies and children in temporary accommodation were in the latest period for which data is available. (18177)
- 71 **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 impact of temporary accommodation on the mental health of children within that accommodation. (18178)
- 72 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy that health visitors should make routine visits to families with babies that are living in temporary accommodation. (18179)
- 73 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to implement the recommendations within the Blood Cancer UK report entitled, UK Blood Cancer Action Plan, published on 4 September 2024. (18293)
- 74 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of cancer in teenagers and young adults in the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and West Berkshire Integrated Care Board area. [R] (18279)
- 75 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that young people with cancer have equity of access to age-appropriate, specialist psychological support in the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire West Integrated Care Board area. [R] (18280)
- 76 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on (a) improving the process for clinical trials and (b) ensuring that those trials are more accessible for teenagers and young adults. [R] (18281)
- 77 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 12 November 2024 to Question 12590 on Breast Cancer: Genetics, what steps his Department is taking to reduce regional inequities in access to genetic counselling. [R] (18282)
- 78 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12587 on Breast Cancer: Nurses, whether his Department's plans to train clinical cancer staff will be included in the (a) forthcoming NHS ten-year plan and (b) national cancer plan. [R] (18283)
- 79 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what health pathways are available for people whose acquired brain injury is identified when they are in the criminal justice system. (18132)

- 80 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what social care pathways are available for people whose acquired brain injury is identified when they are in the criminal justice system. (18133)
- 81 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the National Insurance contributions rise on the provision of fast-track care to patients applying for Continuing Healthcare funding. (18308)
- 82 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024 on children's hospices. (18295)
- 83 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 16662 on NHS: Public Consultation, what the budget is for deliberative engagement by type of spend in the 2024-25 financial year. (18296)
- 84 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to oral answer of 13 November 2024 by the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, on Chagos Islands, Official Report, Column 793, what the evidential basis is for the statement that providing the costs of the Chagos settlement would put the future secure operation of the Diego Garcia base at risk. (18155)
- 85 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many times UK ambassadors have met Organisations of Persons with Disabilities in the past year. (18310)
- 86 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of legislation on tackling (a) tax evasion and (b) illicit financial transactions in British Overseas Territories; and what estimate his Department has made of when full public registers for British Overseas Territories will be published. (18294)
- 87 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help support humanitarian organisations in (a) Gaza and (b) Lebanon to prepare for winter. (18122)
- 88 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the report by Amnesty International entitled You feel like you are subhuman: Israel's genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. (18227)

- 89 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish the (a) environmental principles and (b) equalities impact assessment for the Chagos Islands handover decision. (18207)
- 90 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether Herzi Halevi was given special mission diplomatic immunity to visit the UK in November 2024. (18276)
- 91 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of UK sanctions on Chinese (a) people and (b) businesses. (17541)
- 92 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allocating confiscated proceeds from (a) sanctions breaches and (b) penalties for (i) human rights and (ii) humanitarian law violations towards reparations for victims. (18175)
- 93 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to increase resources for enforcement agencies to (a) investigate and (b) prosecute complex sanctions evasion schemes. (18176)
- 94 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had meetings with representatives of (a) police, (b) gun control groups, (c) British Shooting Sports Council and (d) British Association for Shooting and Conservation to discuss firearms licensing in England, Scotland and Wales. (18268)
- 95 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to require General Practitioners to place a marker on the medical notes of firearms certificate holders. (18269)
- 96 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number and proportion of GPs who have downloaded the IT update to allow the placement of markers on the medical notes of firearms certificate holders. (18270)
- 97 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the (a) effectiveness and (b) efficiency of the National Firearms Licensing Management System; and whether her Department plans to update the system. (18271)
- 98 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many sound moderators are held on firearms certificates. (18272)

- 99 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of e-passports that do not work at UK airports; and what steps she is taking to help resolve that issue. (181334)
- 100 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people aged (a) 14 to 17, (b) 18 to 25 and (c) 26 and older who enter police custody were screened for acquired brain injury in the most recent period for which figures are available. (18124)
- 101 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people aged (a) 14 to 17, (b) 18 to 25 and (c) 26 and older who were screened for acquired brain injury when they entered police custody were found to have a brain injury in the most recent period for which figures are available. (18125)
- 102 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department issues on the steps the police should take when someone who enters police custody is found to have had an acquired brain injury. (18126)
- 103 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to increase funding for R&D on Directed Energy Weapons. (18146)
- 104 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to undertake a full procurement of Radio Frequency Directed Energy Weapon capability. (18147)
- 105 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of (a) radio frequency directed energy weapons, (b) DragonFire lasers and (c) other directed energy weapons for the protection of (i) UK and (ii) United States Visiting Forces military bases on the UK mainland. (18148)
- 106 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the total number of heavy equipment transporters in service within the Army tabulated by those (a) currently available and (b) in maintenance. (18154)
- 107 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the capacity of the Army's fleet of heavy equipment transporters. (18156)
- 108 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has authorised any orders for Joint Air-to-Ground Missiles since the general election. (18157)
- 109 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department plans to spend on consultancy fees in (a) the 2024-25 financial year and (b) each remaining financial year of the Parliament. (18158)

- 110 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2024 to Question 3741 on Defence: Expenditure, how many additional documents have been included for consideration in Ministerial boxes as a result of changed thresholds for ministerial budgetary sign off since July 2024. (18159)
- 111 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of procuring the radio frequency directed energy weapon capability. (18160)
- 112 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had recent discussions with his international allies on the potential export of radio frequency directed energy weapons. (18161)
- 113 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on extending the range of radio frequency directed energy weapons. (18162)
- 114 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he plans to take to support (a) veterans and (b) bereaved service families in Northern Ireland, in the context of the closure of the Veterans' Support Office. (18297)
- 115 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 7499 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, what right of access to BIOT territorial waters will be permitted to third parties. (18107)
- 116 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, Pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 7499 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, whether he Mauritian government may permit foreign direct investment into the Chagos islands. (18108)
- 117 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, Pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 7499 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, whether the agreement covers the employment of third country nationals on the base on Diego Garcia. (18109)
- 118 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, Pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 7499 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, whether the agreement covers the employment of descendants of Chagos islanders on the base on Diego Garcia. (18110)
- 119 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department is holding discussions with (a) European and (b) EU counterparts on changes to binding PESCO commitments. (18111)

- 120 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, Pursuant to the Answer of 8 October to Question 5333 on Defence: Procurement, what other projects which align with UK interests his Department is exploring on a project-by-project basis. (18112)
- 121 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff at what grades are reviewing engagement with the EU through PESCO. (18113)
- 122 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his policy is on engagement with the (a) EU Single Intelligence and Analysis Capacity, (b) projected EU Rapid Deployment Capacity and (c) planned EU Military Planning and Conduct Capability. (18114)
- 123 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his policy is on legacy UK obligations arising from the triggering by an EU country of Article 42(7) of the Treaty on European Union. (18115)
- 124 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) mentors and (b) experts support projects backed through the Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic European Regional Office; and at what cost. (18116)
- 125 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 16455 on Nuclear-free Zones: Treaties, whether talks between the UK and Mauritius covered the obligations of Mauritius under the Treaty of Pelindaba. (18117)
- 126 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 16468 on LE TacCIS programme, what the reasons are for the delay in the Morpheus communications project. (18118)
- 127 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 16468 on LE TacCIS programme, what the cost is of the Morpheus communications programme as of 5 December 2024. (18119)
- 128 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has imposed (a) financial penalties and (b) adjustments to contract terms with General Dynamics in relation to the delay of the MORPHEUS project within the Land Environment Tactical Communication and Information Systems programme. (18120)
- 129 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 16506 on Israel Defence Forces, whether (a) UK-Israel military cooperation and (b) the sale of arms was discussed during the meeting between the Chief of the Defence Staff and his Israeli counterparts on 25 November 2024. (18144)

- 130 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the planners of the Strategic Defence Review were notified of the intention to retire (a) HMS Albion, (b) HMS Bulwark and (c) other assets. (18311)
- 131 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 8456 on Strategic Defence Review, whether the artificial intelligence software being used to assess responses to the Strategic Defence Review was sourced from UK programmers down to lowest sub contract level. [R] (18312)
- 132 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 8456 on Strategic Defence Review, if he will redraft guidelines on (a) submissions, (b) the use of executive summaries and (c) bullet pointed-recommendations in the context of the deployment of artificial intelligence software as part of submissions auditing. [R] (18313)
- 133 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 8456 on Strategic Defence Review, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the interpretation of recommendations relating to the use of artificial intelligence by the artificial intelligence software used to assess responses to the Strategic Defence Review. [R] (18314)
- 134 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to his Answer of 26 July to Question 198 on Defence, what the cost to date of the Strategic Defence Review is (a) in total and (b) by category of allowance or expenditure. (18315)
- 135 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 25 July to Question 189 on Defence, what steps he is taking to consult widely with (a) serving personnel and (b) veterans. (18316)
- 136 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the scale of Other Ranks regularly declining use of official catering facilities on camp. (18317)
- 137 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on (a) transporting and (b) housing illegal migrants. (18318)
- 138 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department's artificial intelligence software is Defence Writing compatible. [R] (18320)
- 139 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's policy is on reporting Unidentified Aerial Phenomena; and whether new material has been classified on the subject since the UK's declassification programme. (18321)

- 140 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the condition of (a) former UK military sites and (b) monuments of registered historic importance in Hong Kong. (18322)
- 141 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many net additional full time equivalent roles will be required to staff the Military Strategic Headquarters; and at what cost. (18323)
- 142 **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 impact of temporary accommodation on the (a) mental and (b) physical health of families in that accommodation. (18180)
- 143 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the amount of social housing available for families in need of housing support who need four or more bedrooms. (18291)
- 144 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the written statement by the Minister of State for Housing and Planning entitled Leasehold and Commonhold Reform of 21 November 2024, HCWS244, when the consultation on the detail of the ban on buildings insurance remuneration under the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 will commence. (18136)
- 145 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the written statement by the Minister of State for Housing and Planning entitled Leasehold and Commonhold Reform of 21 November 2024, HCWS244, when the consultation on (a) service charges and (b) legal costs under the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 will commence. (18137)
- 146 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of urgent provision of legal aid for leaseholders facing unfair charges. (18138)
- 147 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's statistics entitled Social housing lettings in England, tenancies: April 2023 to March 2024, published on 5 December 2024, if she will make an estimate of the number of people from (a) EEA countries and (b) other nationalities who have purchased social housing through right-to-buy schemes since 2007. (18264)
- 148 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's statistics on Social housing lettings in England, April 2023 to March 2024, published on 5 December 2024, whether her Department is taking steps to reduce the number of (a) EEA and (b) other nationals entering social housing. (18265)

- 149 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's statistics on Social housing lettings in England, April 2023 to March 2024, published on 5 December 2024, if she will make an estimate of the number of social housing properties in which the lead tenant was a (a) UK, (b) EEA and (c) other national in each year since 2010. (18266)
- 150 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's statistics entitled Social housing lettings in England, tenancies: April 2023 to March 2024, published on 5 December 2024, if she will breakdown other in table 3g by (a) home country left by refugee, (b) discharged from prison and (c) housed by national asylum support service in each year since 2007. (18267)
- 151 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding to local authorities to support them to meet their statutory homelessness duties effectively. (18298)
- 152 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support people who do not qualify for council funding and are (a) homeless and (b) at risk of homelessness. (18341)
- 153 **David Pinto-Duschinsky** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support leaseholders with rises in (a) ground rent, (b) service charges and (c) building insurance in Hendon. (18335)
- 154 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the UK Shared Prosperity Funding allocation will be for Fylde Borough Council for the 2024/25 tax year. (18245)
- 155 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the UK Shared Prosperity Funding allocation will be for Wyre Borough Council for the 2024/25 tax year. (18246)
- 156 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the UK Shared Prosperity Funding allocation will be for Lancashire County Council for the 2024/25 tax year. (18247)
- 157 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of rape trial waiting times on people who have made allegations of rape. (18285)

- 158 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people aged (a) 14 to 17, (b) 18 to 25 and (c) 26 and older who were sentenced to community orders were screened for an acquired brain injury in the most recent period for which figures are available. (18127)
- 159 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidance her Department has issued to probation professionals on the steps they should take if someone with a community order is found to have previously had an acquired brain injury. (18128)
- 160 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidance her Department has issued to probation professionals on the steps they should take if someone under post-custodial supervision is found to have previously had an acquired brain injury. (18129)
- 161 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what support the commissioned probation services for neurodiverse needs provides to people with an acquired brain injury. (18130)
- 162 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of service users of the commissioned probation services for neurodiverse needs have a (a) known and (b) suspected brain injury. (18131)
- 163 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisons in England and Wales operate (a) a Linkworker Scheme and (b) another dedicated support scheme for people with acquired brain injury. (18134)
- 164 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many probation delivery units in England and Wales operate (a) a Linkworker Scheme and (b) another dedicated support scheme for people with acquired brain injury. (18135)
- 165 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when her Department was informed that former employees of (a) ISG and (b) ESS had access to the layout of prison estates; for what reason former employees were able to access the plans following the cessation of their employment; what assessment her Department has made of whether the former employees of other companies have had similar access; and what steps her Department is taking to prevent a similar security breach in the future. (18278)
- 166 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the potential impact of the General Product Safety Regulations 2023 on the ability of consumers in Northern Ireland to buy goods from Great Britain. (18258)

-
- 167 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment he has made of the impact of the General Product Safety Regulations on the ability of consumers in Northern Ireland to buy goods from Great Britain. (18259)
- 168 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to publish his tax return on gov.uk for 2023-24. (18203)
- 169 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, when Sue Gray's employment as a special adviser ended. (18210)
- 170 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, whether members of the Lobby may take photographs on flights travelling with the Prime Minister. (18211)
- 171 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, how many special advisers in 10 Downing Street cover foreign affairs. (18212)
- 172 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has a policy on appointing Ministers of the Crown with (a) spent and (b) unspent criminal convictions. (18213)
- 173 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of freezing Income Tax thresholds until 2028 on the number of people who will begin paying (a) Income Tax and (b) the higher rate of Income Tax in each financial year of this Parliament. (18292)
- 174 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans she has to amend the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991. (18209)
- 175 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of financial support for people paying increased water bills in the South West. (18326)
- 176 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will include section 17(5) of the Environment Act 2021 in the Green Book. (18306)
- 177 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending deemed reseller rules to cover UK-established sellers. (18228)
-

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 10 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to ensure that landlords who are found liable for rent repayment orders in tribunal pay back monies owed. (18102)
- 2N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has assessed the potential merits of nationalising the British Steel plant in Scunthorpe during its negotiations on that matter. (18248)
- 3N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an estimate of the cost of nationalising the British Steel plant in Scunthorpe. (18249)
- 4N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has a gender action plan. (18184)
- 5N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to tackle sexual harassment in the workplace. (18185)
- 6N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to stop third party discrimination. (18186)
- 7N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many trusts submitted grant applications for the Trust Capacity Fund in the most recent funding window. (18187)
- 8N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of carbon prices in 2030. (18202)
- 9N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications for the capital grant scheme were received by his Department in each month since July 2024. (18141)
- 10N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications for the capital grant scheme were approved by his Department in each month since July 2024. (18142)
- 11N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the average award received through his Department's capital grant scheme was in (a) July, (b) August, (c) September, (d) October and (e) November. (18143)

- 12N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many meetings he had with the (a) National Farmers' Union, (b) Country Land and Business Association, (c) Countryside Alliance and (d) Central Association for Agricultural Valuers before 30 October 2024. (18231)
- 13N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what meetings he has had with the (a) National Farmers Union, (b) Country Land and Business Association, (c) Countryside Alliance and (d) Central Association for Agricultural Valuers since 30 October 2024. (18232)
- 14N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent (a) meetings and (b) other discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on proposed changes to (a) Agricultural and (b) Business Property Relief. (18233)
- 15N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to provide additional funding to publicly-owned rail operators for the cost of changes to employer National Insurance contributions made at the Autumn Budget 2024. (18188)
- 16N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of fires as a result of batteries in electric bikes reported to emergency services. (18229)
- 17N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to reduce the number of fires caused by batteries in electric bikes. (18230)
- 18N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 15335 on High Speed 2 Line: Complaints, how HS2 Ltd differentiates between enquiries and complaints; and how enquiries are escalated to complaints. (18240)
- 19N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps this Department is taking to reduce (a) drug- and (b) alcohol-related deaths. (18170)
- 20N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to ensure the availability of rehabilitation treatment for people with (a) drug and (b) alcohol dependencies in (i) Slough constituency and (ii) Berkshire. (18171)
- 21N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to raise awareness of the harms of (a) drug and (b) alcohol misuse. (18172)
- 22N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will visit the Griffin Institute at Northwick Park Hospital in Brent West constituency. (18101)

- 23N **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending the funding for local authorities to provide drug and alcohol support services. (18284)
- 24N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take to tackle money laundering through cryptocurrencies, in the context of the National Crime Agency's Operation Destabilise investigations. (18173)
- 25N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) requests for quotation and (b) requests for proposal were issued by his Department for new capabilities for the armed forces since July 2024 that were not (i) initiated by the previous Government and (ii) related to procurements in progress before the general election. (18149)
- 26N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 15458 on Military Aircraft: Helicopters, what capability gaps will exist in the interim period. (18150)
- 27N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the RAF budget is for autonomous collaborative platforms in (a) 2024-25, (b) 2025-26, (c) 2026-27, (d) 2027-28, (e) 2028-2029 and (f) 2029-30 broken down by (i) R&D, (ii) procurement of platforms, (iii) support for platforms and (iv) other expenditure. (18151)
- 28N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his planned timetable is for publishing the next Equipment Plan. (18152)
- 29N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November to Question 16232 on Global Combat Air Programme, whether his Department plans to separately ring-fence global combat air programme expenditure for (a) the core platform and (b) associated uncrewed platforms including directly related technology and software development. (18153)
- 30N **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 16051 on Storms: Disaster Relief, how she defines exceptional. (18286)
- 31N **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Minister for Water and Flooding following her visit to Chippenham on 26 November 2024; and if she will publish a note of those discussions. (18287)
- 32N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the number of cases in which location data for out-of-area placements made while discharging a homelessness duty is (a) not recorded or (b) unknown, in each of the last five years. (18121)

- 33N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of her Department's regional office closures on (a) staff who are unable to relocate and (b) all staff. (18234)
- 34N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the level of support available to domestic abuse victims and their children in the Family Court system. (18235)
- 35N **Fred Thomas** (Plymouth Moor View): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what is the net change in prison places since 5 July 2024. (18273)
- 36N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, what information he holds on how many Ministers have criminal convictions. (18204)
- 37N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his oral contribution of 4 December 2024, Official Report, column 291, on what evidential basis he stated that two of the Leader of the Opposition's predecessors had convictions for breaking covid rules. (18205)
- 38N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, what discussions he has had with (a) representatives of the British Museum and (b) the Greek government on the Elgin Marbles. (18206)
- 39N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, when he became aware of the previous fraud conviction of the former Transport Secretary, the Rt Hon. Member for Sheffield Heeley. (18208)
- 40N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what meetings she had with the (a) National Farmers Union, (b) Country Land and Business Association, (c) Countryside Alliance, (d) Tenant Association Farmers and (e) Central Association for Agricultural Valuers before 30 October 2024. (18139)
- 41N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what meetings she has had with the (a) National Farmers Union, (b) Country Land and Business Association, (c) Countryside Alliance, (d) Tenant Association Farmers and (e) Central Association for Agricultural Valuers since 30 October 2024. (18140)
- 42N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October to Question 6418 on Further Education: VAT, for what reason further education colleges do not meet the rationale for admission to either refund scheme. (18166)
-

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 11 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to ensure that the Insolvency Service investigates landlords that do not follow tribunal rent rulings to pay back monies owed. (18103)
- 2N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department has issued to sixth form academies on securing capital funding for new school buildings when existing buildings are no longer fit for purpose. (18241)
- 3N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to announce the allocation by local authority for the £740 million of SEND funding. (18242)
- 4N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many fines for school absence were issued to the parents of neurodiverse children who missed school for a reason relating to their condition in the last 12 months; and if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of those trends. (18183)
- 5N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have made a (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful application for Pension Credit in each Parliamentary constituency since 1 April 2024; and how many people are awaiting a decision on their claim in each constituency. (18163)
- 6N **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding is available for patients to receive the immunotherapy drug Futibatinib through the NHS; and what criteria his Department uses to determine whether a patient is eligible for any funding. (18237)
- 7N **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the NHS supply of Futibatinib. (18238)
- 8N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 7499 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, whether (a) assets and (b) staff of the Mauritian armed forces will be (i) proximately and (ii) co- located with (A) UK and (B) US personnel. (18104)
- 9N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, Pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 7499 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, what right of (a) access, (b) inspection and (c) veto the Mauritian Government will have to the Chagos base. (18105)

- 10N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 7499 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, whether the Mauritian government will have the right to allow (a) basing on, (b) occupancy of and (c) access to other BIOT islands by other (i) countries and (ii) organisations. (18106)
- 11N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of sourcing military uniforms from China. (18328)
- 12N **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has determined the appropriateness of central recovery support following flooding in Chippenham after Storm Berk. (18288)
- 13N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the support available to people who have left coercive relationships but continue to be subject to attempts at (a) financial and (b) other control by their ex-partners with whom they share parental responsibilities. (18250)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 11 December. (901749)
- 2 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): (901750)
- 3 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): (901751)
- 4 **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): (901752)
- 5 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): (901753)
- 6 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): (901754)
- 7 **Katrina Murray** (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch): (901755)
- 8 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): (901756)
- 9 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): (901757)
- 10 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): (901758)
- 11 **Frank McNally** (Coatbridge and Bellshill): (901759)
- 12 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): (901760)
- 13 **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): (901761)
- 14 **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): (901762)

15 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): (901763)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 12 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of including long covid as an industrial illness for people working the NHS during the covid-19 pandemic. (18301)
- 2N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff in her Department are on sponsored visas; and how many will not meet the skilled worker visa salary threshold at the end of their visa term. (18222)
- 3N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, in which of her Department's offices there are staff employed on sponsored visas who will not meet the salary threshold at the end of the current visa term. (18223)
- 4N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff in her Department are required to pay the NHS Health Surcharge. (18224)
- 5N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish (a) staff turnover, (b) the number of new recruits and (c) the number of vacancies in her Department in each of the last three months. (18225)
- 6N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to ensure that the National Wealth Fund is equipped to provide offtake finance and hedging instruments for the critical minerals industry. (18302)
-

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- 1 **Dr Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): What steps he is taking to support the steel industry in South Yorkshire. (901764)
- 2 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): What steps his Department is taking to help increase the number of businesses exporting goods and services. (901765)
- 3 **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): What steps he is taking to help businesses reduce their costs. (901766)
- 4 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): What steps he is taking to help improve business confidence. (901767)

- 5 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): What steps he is taking to encourage business confidence. (901768)
- 6 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): If he will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Education of the potential merits of introducing a right to paid employment leave for kinship carers. (901769)
- 7 **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): What steps his Department is taking to support high streets. (901770)
- 8 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): What steps he is taking to support the hospitality sector. (901771)
- 9 **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): What recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of free trade deals on farmers. (901772)
- 10 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): What steps he is taking to support the hospitality sector. (901773)
- 11 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): What steps his Department is taking to support small and medium-sized businesses. (901774)
- 12 **Fred Thomas** (Plymouth Moor View): What steps his Department is taking to support small businesses. (901775)
- 13 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): What steps his Department is taking to support the delivery of the funding plans outlined in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Mansion House speech. (901776)
- 14 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): What steps his Department is taking to help increase the size of the cooperative sector. (901777)
- 15 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): What steps he is taking to support businesses in Northern Ireland. (901778)
- 16 **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): What steps his Department is taking to support small businesses. (901779)
- 17 **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): What steps his Department is taking to support high streets. (901780)
- 18 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): What steps he is taking to support high street businesses. (901781)
- 19 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of levels of take up of parental leave. (901782)
- 20 **Baggy Shanker** (Derby South): What steps his Department is taking to support high streets. (901783)
- 21 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): What recent estimate he has made of the contribution of creative industries to the economy. (901784)

- 22 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): What steps his Department is taking to support the delivery of the funding plans outlined in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Mansion House speech. (901785)
- 23 **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): What steps his Department is taking to support high streets. (901786)
- 24 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): What steps his Department is taking to support high street businesses. (901787)
- 25 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of Post Office closures on high streets. (901788)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- T1 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (901789)
- T2 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): (901790)
- T3 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): (901791)
- T4 **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): (901792)
- T5 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): (901793)
- T6 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): (901794)
- T7 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): (901795)
- T8 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): (901796)
- T9 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): (901797)
- T10 **Oliver Ryan** (Burnley): (901798)

Questions for Answer on Monday 16 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the National Security Unit for Procurement plans to publish guidance for contracting authorities. (18299)

- 2N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help resolve pay disputes with non-academised sixth forms who were not included in the 5.5% pay award announced for teachers. (18251)
- 3N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of the monthly payment of war pensions. (18309)
- 4N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to use (a) robots and (b) AI to help support training on innovative surgical techniques. (18099)
- 5N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a national training centre for robotic surgery within the NHS to provide surgical training that is independent of the manufacturers of robotic surgery equipment. (18100)
- 6N **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Government plans to review the impact of alcohol on mental health.. (18236)
- 7N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to tackle delays in approvals for Gateway (a) 2 and (b) 3 submissions to the Building Safety Regulator. (18097)
- 8N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on when the Building Safety Regulator plans to respond to the applications for (a) Gateway 2 and (b) Gateway 3 approval for the two high rise blocks on the Wembley Park Quintain Development in Brent West constituency. (18098)