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Questions tabled on Friday 6 December 2024

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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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 the Prime Minister plans to publish his tax return on gov.uk for 2023-24.
[Transferred] (18203)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans he has to amend the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991.
[Transferred] (18209)
- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when Sue Gray's employment as a special adviser ended.
[Transferred] (18210)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether members of the Lobby may take photographs on flights travelling with the Prime Minister.
[Transferred] (18211)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many special advisers in 10 Downing Street cover foreign affairs.
[Transferred] (18212)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Government has a policy on appointing Ministers of the Crown with (a) spent and (b) unspent criminal convictions.
[Transferred] (18213)
- 7 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he 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.
[Transferred] (18275)

- 8 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of financial support for people paying increased water bills in the South West. [Transferred] (18326)
- 9 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure animal welfare standards are (a) observed and (b) reviewed in the horse racing industry. [Transferred] (18329)
- 10N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on G20 states that have set a target to end the sale of new (a) solely internal combustion engine powered vehicles and (b) hybrid vehicles powered in part by internal combustion engines. [Transferred] (17904)
- 11 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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. [Transferred] (18165)
- 12N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many of the Sri Lankan asylum seekers on Diego Garcia have been transferred to the UK. [Transferred] (17914)
- 13N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any of the Sri Lankan asylum seekers on Diego Garcia have been excluded from travel to the UK on the grounds of (a) their criminal convictions and (b) ongoing criminal investigations. [Transferred] (17915)
- 14N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has provided information to UK police forces on the Sri Lankan asylum seekers in Diego Garcia transferred to the UK. [Transferred] (17916)
- 15N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12545 on Asylum: Sri Lanka, what the serious welfare and safeguarding concerns for (a) children and (b) other people were on Diego Garcia. [Transferred] (17917)
- 16N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12545 on Asylum: Sri Lanka, whether his Department sought information from the Sri Lankan government on the criminal records of Sri Lankan nationals in Diego Garcia before they were transferred to the UK. [Transferred] (17918)
- 17 **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 mental health of children within that accommodation. [Transferred] (18178)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 10 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information the Government holds on how many Ministers have criminal convictions.
[Transferred] (18204)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Prime Minister's 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.
[Transferred] (18205)
- 3N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Prime Minister became aware of the previous fraud conviction of the former Transport Secretary, the Rt Hon. Member for Sheffield Heeley.
[Transferred] (18208)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 13821 on Infrastructure and Projects Authority: Departmental Responsibility, which Minister will be responsible for the National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority.
(18398)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's transparency data on meetings with senior media figures, whether (a) Meta, (b) X and (c) other social media organisations are classed as media.
(18399)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants work in the Government People Group; and what the annual cost of the Group is.
(18401)
- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled Freedom of Information - FOI Clearing House Review, updated on 14 December 2023, if he will make it his policy to produce a regular digest of Round Robin lists.
(18402)
- 8 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Prime Minister's speech entitled Plan for Change of 5 December 2024, what each of the 150 major infrastructure projects are.
(18359)
- 9 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to make it a criminal offence to create fake online media accounts for public bodies and organisations where the communication of official and public information is necessary for civic order and resilience.
(18357)

- 10 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will install productivity tracking software to monitor work from home employment practices in the Civil Service. (18358)
- 11 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he is taking steps to ensure that small businesses in Great Britain are aware of his Department's guidance entitled General product safety regulations: Northern Ireland: Guidance for businesses on Regulation 2023/988, published on 5 December 2024. (18434)
- 12 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to monitor the application of the guidance entitled General product safety regulations: Northern Ireland: Guidance for businesses on Regulation 2023/988, published on 5 December 2024. (18435)
- 13 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many full time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the Competition and Markets Authority. (18343)
- 14 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what contingency measures his Department has should negotiations with Jingye on the future of steel blast furnaces collapse. (18457)
- 15 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to limit the value of prizes offered by large-scale commercial Prize Draws. (18386)
- 16 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled High stakes: gambling reform for the digital age, published on 27 April 2023, when she plans to introduce consumer protections for players of large-scale commercial prize draws. (18387)
- 17 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to bring forward secondary legislation to regulate large-scale commercial prize draws. (18388)
- 18 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of a national bank of lesson and curriculum resources for primary and secondary school teachers. (18474)
- 19 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including further education colleges under the remit of the School Teacher Review Body from 2025-26. (18379)
- 20 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including further education providers under the remit of the School Teacher Review Body in her Department's contribution to the Spending Review. (18380)

- 21 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to implement the 5.5% pay award for teachers in all sixth form colleges. (18350)
- 22 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a recent estimate of how many primary school children in England were born overseas. (18342)
- 23 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many fixed penalty notices have been handed out for school non-attendance in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) England in each of the last five years. (18347)
- 24 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that there is adequate careers (a) advice and (b) guidance in schools on maritime career pathways. (18348)
- 25 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teachers have had their employment terminated, broken down by reason, for each year in the last five years. (18453)
- 26 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to prevent the teaching of gender ideology in schools. (18454)
- 27 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many complaints have been received by Ofsted from parents on teaching practices in schools in each of the last five years broken down by reason. (18456)
- 28 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to carry out kinship carers pilot trials in eight local authority areas. (18430)
- 29 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to produce a national kinship carers strategy. (18431)
- 30 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to Plan for Change: Milestones for mission-led government, published on 5 December 2024, CP 1210, what energy infrastructure projects are under consideration; and whether the Norwich to Tilbury Great Grid Upgrade project is included. (18361)
- 31 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when Ministers next plan to meet trustees of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme. (18468)
- 32 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle trends in the (a) number of abandoned pets and (b) pressure on animal rescue centres. (18475)

- 33 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Independent Water Commission will have powers to approve natural water management approaches. (18461)
- 34 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of a water meadow on the flow from South Tunbridge Wells Waste Treatment Works into the River Grom. (18462)
- 35N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the £100million Frequently Flooded Allowance will continue to be ringfenced funding. (18410)
- 36 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to speed up the pace of repairs to damaged broadband cables in rural areas. (18428)
- 37 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help support people in areas where (a) there is damage to broadband cables and (b) other repairs are required to access to broadband services. (18429)
- 38 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the number of road fatalities. (18464)
- 39 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to enforce stricter penalties for (a) unsafe driving and (b) speeding. (18465)
- 40 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the barriers are to delivering a half hourly service on the Mid Cheshire line between Northwich and Manchester. (18459)
- 41 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with the Mayor of London on the potential merits of connecting Clapham Junction station to the Northern line. (18391)
- 42 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to Plan for Change: Milestones for mission-led government, published on 5 December 2024, CP 1210, what transport infrastructure projects are under consideration; and whether the (a) A12 Widening Scheme and (b) A120 dualling scheme are included. (18360)
- 43 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 16758 on A12: Essex, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of delays to the implementation of the A12 widening Scheme on (a) the economy, (b) road safety and (c) the projected cost to the public purse of the A12 widening scheme. (18366)

- 44 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to increase uptake of Pension Credit in winter 2024-25. (18381)
- 45 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Get Britain Working White Paper on the services provided by Jobcentres in Liverpool Walton constituency. (18382)
- 46 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of young people out of (a) work, (b) education and (c) training in Liverpool Walton constituency. (18383)
- 47 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Youth Guarantee on young people in Liverpool Walton constituency. (18384)
- 48 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when her Department plans to decide (a) how and (b) when people affected by the loss of the enhanced disability premium when migrating to Universal Credit will receive the additional amount prescribed in the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2023. (18471)
- 49 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to tackle online sites advising people to claim for sickness and disability payments they are not entitled to. (18345)
- 50 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to tackle people fraudulently claiming Personal Independence Payments. (18346)
- 51 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 16633 on Department for Work and Pensions: Freedom of Information, if he will publish a breakdown of refugees in receipt of Universal Credit in 2023 by nationality. (18439)
- 52 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of recent changes to the eligibility criteria for the Winter Fuel Payment on trends in the level of pensioners living in (a) relative and (b) absolute poverty. (18407)
- 53 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Pension Credit awareness campaign. (18408)
- 54 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve early detection of breast cancer in women under 50 who do not routinely undergo mammogram screenings. (18463)

- 55 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce medication wastage. (18466)
- 56 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle medication shortages. (18467)
- 57 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that patients living with rare inherited retinal diseases receive (a) timely and (b) equitable access to new treatments. (18392)
- 58 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the supply of GLP-1 receptor agonist medications for diabetic patients in Shipley constituency. (18473)
- 59 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many under 18 year olds have undergone gender reassignment surgery in each of the last ten years. (18455)
- 60 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of implementation of NICE guideline NG206 on myalgic encephalomyelitis. (18389)
- 61 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the provision of care for people with ME. (18390)
- 62 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposed increase in the rate of employers' National Insurance contributions on dental practices which provide NHS dentistry. (18353)
- 63 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure sufficient supplies of (a) lamotrigine, (b) Epilim Chronosphere and (c) other epilepsy medication. (18354)
- 64 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure NHS Trusts admit early liability and compensate victims of medical negligence whilst under NHS Care. (18355)
- 65 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of (a) doctors, (b) nurses and (c) other medical professionals were struck off from practicing in the NHS in 2022-23; and if he will publish the country of origin of their baseline medical qualifications. (18356)

- 66 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many incidents of self-harm using (a) paracetamol, (b) aspirin and (c) ibuprofen were recorded amongst (i) 16 and (ii) 17 year olds in each of the last five years. (18469)
- 67 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 210 on Development Aid, what fiscal circumstances are required for the restoration of the Official Development Assistance budget to 0.7% of gross national income. (18476)
- 68 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions his Department has had with representatives of the (a) national unity government and (b) ethnic revolutionary organisations in Myanmar on the delivery of aid to people most in need. (18349)
- 69 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking in response to the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East. (18427)
- 70 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) productivity, (b) efficiencies and (c) savings he plans to meet the 2% target for departmental productivity, efficiencies and savings; how much of his budget for 2025/26 is in scope of this target; and what the cash level is of savings targeted. (18362)
- 71 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what third party contracts are scheduled for commissioning from 2025/26; and what estimate he has made of the value of each such contract. (18363)
- 72 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what cash levels of Official Development Assistance he plans to provide in each of the next five financial years. (18364)
- 73 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will list the meetings (a) he and his Ministers and (b) officials have had with representatives of the Chagossian community since 5 July 2024. (18365)
- 74 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the firearms licensing departments that have taken a year or more to process applications for (a) grants and (b) renewals in each of the last five years. (18458)
- 75 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the timeline is for members of the Immediate Choice Police pension group to receive their McCloud remedy pension payments. (18472)

- 76 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many family visas have been granted where the sponsor holds refugee status, broken down by nationality, in each of the last ten years. (18440)
- 77 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department takes to determine the nationality of irregular migrants who do not have documentation. (18441)
- 78 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were granted asylum by the reason for which asylum was granted in each of the last 10 years. (18442)
- 79 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the total cost to the public purse was of English language courses for refugees in each of the last ten years. (18443)
- 80 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were granted asylum by age in each of the last 10 years. (18444)
- 81 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department takes steps to communicate with the country of origin of asylum seekers to verify the validity of asylum claims. (18445)
- 82 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many to asylum claims were (a) made and (b) refused in each of the last five years; and how many people who had made an unsuccessful asylum claim were deported in each of those years. (18447)
- 83 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of refugees are (a) employed, (b) unemployed, (c) in receipt of Universal Credit and (d) in receipt of other social security benefits. (18448)
- 84 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of irregular migrants that entered via small boats have received refugee status in each year since 2018. (18449)
- 85 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Foreign National Offenders eligible for deportation have been denied deportation as a result of holding refugee status in each of the last ten years. (18452)
- 86 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his planned timetable is for publication of the response to the financial award section of the LGBT Veterans Independent Review, published on 19 July 2023. (18352)

- 87 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will have discussions with the Electoral Commission on the potential implications for (a) her and (b) the Commission's policies of Transparency International's position paper entitled Cheques and balances: Countering the influence of big money in UK politics, published in December 2024. (18385)
- 88 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of raising the baseline accessibility standard for new build homes to Part M4(2) of the building regulations. (18470)
- 89 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people are living in emergency accommodation in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (18344)
- 90 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 28 November 2024 on Local Government Finance, HCWS265, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Government's programme of devolution and reorganisation on the scheduling of elections in May 2025. (18369)
- 91 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 8 November 2024 to Question 11925 on Council tax: Greater London and with reference to the Urgent Question on Council Tax of 14 November 2024, Official Report, column 907, what assumption her Department used of the (a) pound and (b) proportionate increase of the police precept in the context of the council tax receipts figure within the core spending power calculation for the 2025-26 financial year. (18370)
- 92 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has received representations from (a) trade unions and (b) local authorities other than South Cambridgeshire District Council on a potential four day week on full pay for local government since 5 July 2024. (18371)
- 93 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to respond to Question 9070 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Civil Servants, tabled by the hon. Member for Bridgwater on 14 October 2024. (18372)
- 94 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether trade unions were consulted on her Department plans to close its offices in (a) Birmingham, (b) Exeter, (c) Truro, (d) Sheffield, (e) Warrington and (f) Newcastle; and whether she has received any notifications of industrial action on the matter. (18373)

- 95 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many (a) teams and (b) staff work in her Department's offices in (i) Birmingham, (ii) Exeter, (iii) Truro, (iv) Sheffield, (v) Warrington and (vi) Newcastle. (18374)
- 96 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has plans to move additional staff from (a) her Department and (b) arms length bodies to office locations outside London. (18375)
- 97 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many staff will be affected by the closure of her Department's Birmingham office; and whether she plans to co-locate staff in the Government Hub in Birmingham. (18376)
- 98 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answers of 16 October 2024 to Questions 6111 and 6401 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Civil Servants, of 17 October 2024 to Question 6147 on Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Civil Servants, of 18 October 2024 to Question 6124 on Department for Education: Civil Servants, and of 14 October 2024 to Question 6116 on Department for Transport: Civil Servants, if she will publish the job titles of each of the appointments made under exception 1. (18377)
- 99 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6112 on MHCLG: Public Appointments, if she will name the four public appointees who left their posts; and whether they were asked to resign. (18378)
- 100 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what (a) guidance and (b) support her Department provides to local (i) councillors and (ii) authorities on voter eligibility requirements. (18404)
- 101 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support her Department provides to (a) voter groups and (b) civil society organisations on changes to voter eligibility requirements under the Elections Act 2022. (18405)
- 102 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she (a) is taking and (b) plans to take to communicate to eligible (i) EU, (ii) migrant and (iii) other voters the provisions of the Elections Act 2022. (18406)

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- 103 **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, what the ten most common non-UK nationalities were in social housing since 2007. (18437)
- 104 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of abolishing residential leaseholds. (18426)
- 105 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners (a) have been released under the early release scheme and (b) are housed in (i) hotels and (ii) other contingency accommodation. (18438)
- 106 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many crimes were committed by people with refugee status in the UK in each of the last 10 years; and what those crimes were. (18446)
- 107 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of Foreign National Offenders have held refugee status in each of the last five years. (18450)
- 108 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Foreign National Offenders in prison hold refugee status. (18451)
- 109 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of excluding violent offenders who have breached lifetime restraining orders while in custody from the early release scheme. (18425)
- 110 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to ensure that (a) banks and (b) financial services providers increase access to (i) products and (ii) services through the Financial Inclusion Strategy. (18436)
- 111 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of appointing a representative from Northern Ireland to the Financial Inclusion Committee. (18432)
- 112 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had on the potential merits of appointing a Northern Ireland representative to the Financial Inclusion Committee. (18433)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 11 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 15230 on 10 Downing Street: Government Art Collection, whether the Government Art Collection website shows what artworks have been removed from 10 Downing Street since 5 July 2024. (18400)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question HL2359 on Ministers: Pay, which Minister is paid by the Labour Party; and whether they receive a Ministerial pension contribution. (18403)
- 3N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what budget his Department has allocated to the creation of the award tiers as part of the new Fair Payment Code. (18414)
- 4N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many businesses he expects to (a) apply for and (b) be granted awards under the new Fair Payment Code award tiers. (18415)
- 5N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what budget his Department has allocated for the first year of the process of assessing applications for awards as part of the new Fair Payment Code. (18416)
- 6N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many (a) desks and (b) chairs have been procured for use by his Department since 5 July 2024. (18417)
- 7N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what progress his Department has made on including an ambitious intellectual property protection framework in the UK-Swiss free trade deal. (18393)
- 8N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing regulations to enhance financial transparency within the hairdressing industry. (18418)
- 9N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she take steps to delegate powers to local authorities to (a) identify and (b) automatically register all children eligible for free school meals. (18419)
- 10N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps with local authorities to extend provision of free school meals to school holidays. (18420)

- 11N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of launching a (a) comprehensive and (b) holistic review of the causes of dog attacks. (18394)
- 12N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is to introduce legislation to end (a) puppy and (b) kitten smuggling. (18395)
- 13N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to review the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018. (18396)
- 14N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of funding (a) water meadows and (b) other natural water management strategies. (18460)
- 15N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether communities flooded in Storm Bert will be eligible to access funding from the Frequently Flooded Allowance. (18409)
- 16N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when a second round of schemes benefitting from the Frequently Flooded Allowance will be announced. (18411)
- 17N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he will continue to provide £25 million for the Natural Flood Management Fund. (18412)
- 18N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to reduce the minimum age for bowel screening to 50 by the end of 2025. (18351)
- 19N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the level of financial support provided to medical students through the NHS bursary. (18413)
- 20N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (18250)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 12 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) he and (b) his Department has had discussions with representatives of the vaping industry since the general election. (18397)
- 2N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to prevent the religious persecution of Christians in Syria. (18367)
- 3N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts in (a) November and (b) December on the security situation for Christians in Syria. (18368)

Questions for Answer on Monday 16 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to review the list of conditions eligible for free prescriptions by working age people. (18477)
- 2N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will reinstate the availability of medications previously available on prescription for (a) households on low incomes and (b) pensioners so that they are free of charge. (18478)
- 3N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department paid in paternity pay to (a) civilian and (b) military staff in each of the last five years; and to how many fathers. (18421)
- 4N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people left the armed forces in each of the last five years, and what information his Department holds on the different types of departure. (18422)
- 5N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what information his Department holds on the reasons why staff leave the armed forces; and what the most common reasons are. (18423)
- 6N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has conducted qualitative research into recruitment barriers in the Armed Forces. (18424)

- 7N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that the next local government finance settlement includes additional funding to meet higher costs arising from changes to (a) the national minimum wage and (b) employer National Insurance contributions for (i) social care, (ii) respite, (iii) hospice, (iv) charitable, (v) occupational and (vi) other health providers that have been contracted by (A) local authorities and (b) the NHS. (18479)