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Questions tabled on Tuesday 10 December 2024

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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 11 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle rogue builders. [Transferred] (18841)
- 2 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the use of single-use plastic. [Transferred] (18723)
- 3 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications for his policies of the national security risks of (a) electric vehicles and (b) connected cars using (i) Chinese and (ii) Russian software. [Transferred] (18759)
- 4 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a hardship fund for parents of children who have been diagnosed with chronic illnesses and have been hospitalised for more than 2 months. [Transferred] (18718)
- 5 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of making allergen training a mandatory requirement for hospitality venues. [Transferred] (18576)
- 6 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to increase the availability of allergen information in hospitality venues where food is not pre-packed. [Transferred] (18577)

- 7 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of severe food allergy labelling requirements for hospitality venues. [Transferred] (18578)
- 8 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will extend the Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2019 to (a) restaurant menus and (b) non-pre-packed food. [Transferred] (18579)
- 9 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) foreign national offenders were deported and (b) UK citizens were returned following imprisonment abroad for each country with which the UK has prisoner transfer agreements in each of the last ten years. [Transferred] (18747)
- 10N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing regulations to enhance financial transparency within the hairdressing industry. [Transferred] (18418)
- 11 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to reduce (a) delays and (b) complexities in obtaining the necessary information to purchase additional years of National Insurance contributions to maximise their state pension (a) faced by women and (b) generally. [Transferred] (18823)
- 12 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on levels of unemployment. [Transferred] (18672)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 12 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Solicitor General, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the Serious Fraud Office. (18883)
- 2 **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the National Audit Office's report entitled Managing conflicts of interest: value for money, published on 22 November 2024, whether the Government plans to introduce central electronic registers for all public bodies. (19166)
- 3 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much each Department has spent on recruitment agencies in each of the last five years. (19129)
- 4 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse was of civil service pensions in each of the last ten years. (19130)

- 5 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much was spent on consultants across Government Departments in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (18886)
- 6 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much his Department spent on consultants in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (18887)
- 7 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help reduce the number of nightclub closures. (18963)
- 8 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to ensure a just transition for oil and gas (a) communities and (b) workers. (19144)
- 9 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending UK workers rights to people working offshore on renewable energy projects. (19145)
- 10 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what information his Department holds on the number and proportion of senior civil servants within his Department that have (a) historic and (b) current directorships listed on Companies House. (19133)
- 11 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with Ofcom on the future of Royal Mail's delivery of the Articles for the Blind service. (19208)
- 12 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if his Department will consult on the closure and franchising of Crown Post Offices. (19032)
- 13 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much his Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18909)
- 14 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of a ban on gambling (a) sponsorship and (b) advertising in football. (18876)
- 15N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support holiday home facilities for disabled people in (a) Bolton North East constituency and (b) the rest of the UK. [Transferred] (18728)

- 16 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the change to the rate of employer National Insurance contributions on Charlton Athletic football club. (19086)
- 17 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the number of nightclub closures in the UK since 2020. (18962)
- 18 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to decriminalise non-payment of the BBC licence fee. (19131)
- 19 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what information her Department holds on the number of enforcement visits there were for non-payment of the BBC licence fee in each of the last three years. (19132)
- 20 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support the growth of women's grassroots football in West Dorset constituency. (19206)
- 21 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to respond to the consultation on the Enterprise Act 2002 (Mergers Involving Newspaper Enterprises and Foreign Powers) Regulations 2024, published in May 2024. (19210)
- 22 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much her Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18919)
- 23 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) living in temporary accommodation, (b) being a child at risk, (c) being a looked-after child and (d) being a child of UK armed services personnel on the educational attainment of children at each of the key stages from early years to KS4. (18993)
- 24 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the nature is of her Department's consultation with (a) charities representing disabled children and (b) disabled young people on the development of the Child Poverty Strategy. (19215)
- 25 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with which charities representing disabled children her Department has consulted on the development of the Child Poverty Strategy. (19216)

- 26 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to fund the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools programme beyond 2025. (19217)
- 27 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve further education opportunities for people with Down syndrome. (18923)
- 28 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that people with learning disabilities can access work experience opportunities. (18924)
- 29 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that people with learning disabilities are able to access as many work experience opportunities as people without learning disabilities. (18925)
- 30 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for Wokingham on the British Psychological Society campaign for reform of the SEND system, dated 10 October 2024. (19163)
- 31 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of postgraduate students currently studying in UK universities that are (a) UK citizens and (b) non-UK citizens. (19136)
- 32 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of private schools have been provided with a VAT number. (18930)
- 33 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of (a) primary and (b) secondary schools secured academy status in each year since 2010; and how many of these were in a multi-academy trust. (19004)
- 34 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to extend home-to-school transport for SEND students to include those in post-16 education. (19120)
- 35 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had recent discussions with local authorities on the future of the Holiday Activities and Food programme after March 2025. (18921)
- 36 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase the safety of teachers. (18941)
- 37 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much her Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18916)

- 38 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to (a) end funding for the Ring Fence Expenditure Supplement for oil and gas companies and (b) redirect any savings to international climate finance. (19177)
- 39 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure that the deployment of offshore renewables does not impact on blue carbon stores. (19180)
- 40 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Marie Curie report Dying in Poverty, published on 12 November 2024, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) tackle fuel poverty and (b) reduce the number of people who die in fuel poverty in Liverpool each year. (19070)
- 41 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for (a) his policies and (b) the IPCC's seventh assessment cycle of negotiations on the Global Stocktake at COP29 in Baku. (19186)
- 42 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his Written Statement of 12 November 2024 on the UK's 2035 Nationally Determined Contribution emissions reduction target under the Paris Agreement, HCWS206, what steps his Department is taking to assess the potential health impacts of different pathways for implementing mitigation ambitions. (19187)
- 43 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of zero emission domestic boilers on the transition to net zero. (19211)
- 44 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps the Government is taking to reduce the number of people dying in fuel poverty in Lambeth. (19034)
- 45 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much his Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18910)
- 46 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what funding is available for individual property-level flood protection for frequently-flooded communities. (18932)
- 47 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to regulate cat breeding. (19207)

- 48 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the UK's (a) biosecurity and (b) border control measures for imported goods. (19192)
- 49 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will introduce legislative proposals to ban wet wipes containing plastic. (19106)
- 50 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to increase the use of nature-based solutions to tackle climate change. (19181)
- 51 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to reduce time taken for (a) sanitary and (b) phytosanitary checks at border control posts for horticultural produce. (18884)
- 52 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many plant health inspection staff were employed at UK Border Control Posts in (a) England and (b) Wales as of 10 December 2024. (18885)
- 53 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled Ensuring good waste collection services for households, published on 29 November 2024, and the consultation outcome on exemptions and statutory guidance for simpler recycling in England entitled Government response, published on 9 May 2024, for what reason that guidance does not specify minimum levels of service frequency for residual waste collections. (18949)
- 54 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of water bill increases on coastal communities that are affected by sewage dumping. (19201)
- 55 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that people who live in coastal areas that experience high levels of sewage dumping do not face higher water bills as a result. (19202)
- 56 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of (a) the potential merits of compensating coastal communities disproportionately affected by sewage discharges for the environmental and economic damage caused and (b) whether such compensation could be funded through the water company regulatory framework. (19203)
- 57N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of restrictions on the use of single-use plastic. [Transferred] (18725)

- 58 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the levels of yellow virus on sugar beet; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the use of Cruiser SB on sugar beet on wildlife. (18922)
- 59 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to take steps to support a fluoridation scheme in Macclesfield constituency. (19189)
- 60 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to enhance the protection of (a) ancient and (b) veteran trees. (19113)
- 61 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential impact of her policies on (a) agricultural and (b) business property relief on ancient woodlands. (19115)
- 62 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent progress has been made by Building Digital UK on the roll-out of Project Gigabit in West Worcestershire; and how many additional premises will be connected to full fibre broadband in that constituency by the end of 2025. (18933)
- 63N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the impact of Innovate UK's Small Business Research Initiative on Northern Ireland in the last two years. [Transferred] (18501)
- 64 **David Pinto-Duschinsky** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department plans to take steps with industry to help improve (a) broadband and (b) other internet speed in Hendon. (19218)
- 65 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much his Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18911)
- 66 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with local authorities to develop integrated transport systems in rural areas. (19026)
- 67 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of making it mandatory for cyclists to have lights on their bikes. (19197)
- 68 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing funding for new rolling stock for Southeastern metro services. (19084)

- 69 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by High Speed Two Limited. (18880)
- 70 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the Office of Rail and Road. (18881)
- 71 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 3112 on Motor Vehicles: Lighting, whether the independent research has begun; when the results of that research are expected; and whether she plans to introduce new regulations to limit glare from motor vehicle headlights. (19164)
- 72 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made changes to the membership of the Aviation, Maritime and Security Group since 4 July 2024. (19007)
- 73 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made changes to the membership of the Public Transport and Local Group since 4 July 2024. (19008)
- 74 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made changes to the membership of the Decarbonisation, Technology and Strategy Group since 4 July 2024. (19009)
- 75 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made changes to the (a) scope and (b) responsibilities of the Corporate Delivery Group since 4 July 2024. (19010)
- 76 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to change how her Department assesses proposals for funding local authority road improvement projects. (19011)
- 77 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of Northern Powerhouse Rail. (19012)
- 78 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the M621 Junction 1-7 enhancements. (19013)
- 79 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the A63 Castle Street improvement project. (19014)

- 80 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the A19 Down Hill Lane RP2 project. (19015)
- 81 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the A1 Birtley to Coal House RP2 project. (19016)
- 82 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the A66 Northern Trans-Penning RP2 project. (19017)
- 83 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool RP2 project. (19018)
- 84 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange RP2 project. (19019)
- 85 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the A61 Westwood Roundabout RP2 project. (19020)
- 86 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the A5036 Princess Way RP2 project. (19021)
- 87 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the Mottram Moor Link Road and A57 Link Road RP2 project. (19022)
- 88 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the A46 Newark Bypass RP2 project. (19023)
- 89 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the A38 Derby Junctions RP2 project. (19024)
- 90 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the completion date of the M54-M6 Link Road RP2 project. (19025)
- 91 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the consultation entitled Smarter regulation: proposed changes to legislation for electrically assisted pedal cycles, which closed on 25 April 2024, what

assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of amending regulations on (a) the classification of and (b) enabling throttle assistance for electrically-assisted pedal cycles. (18989)

92 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to replace end-of-life rolling stock on South Western Railways. (19198)

93 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department plans to take to help fund the replacement of end-of-life rolling stock on South Western Railways. in the context of the planned establishment of Great British Railways. (19199)

94 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department plans to take to help support the transition to Great British Railways. (19200)

95 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her timeline is for the establishment of Great British Railways; and what key milestones she expects to reach in the next 12 months. (19204)

96 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the time taken to establish Great British Railways on long-term (a) investment and (b) planning in the rail industry. (19205)

97 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of the use of hydrogen for decarbonising heavy goods vehicles. (19096)

98 **Michael Payne** (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the total allocation given to each Local Authority is for pothole repairs. (19123)

99 **Michael Payne** (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraph 3.19 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, how much of the £500 million funding for pothole repairs will be awarded to each local authority. (19124)

100 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will provide extra funding to the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency to help tackle backlogs in driving tests. (19118)

101 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to criminalise the practice of bots reselling driving tests at inflated prices. (19119)

102 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much her Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18912)

- 103 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support older workers in rural settings. (19027)
- 104 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with disabled children's charities, in the context of the development of a child poverty strategy. (19212)
- 105 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with disabled young people, in the context of the development of a child poverty strategy. (19213)
- 106 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the additional costs to families for raising a disabled child. (19214)
- 107 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many full-time equivalent staff are currently working on her Department's response to the report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024. (19105)
- 108 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the Health and Safety Executive. (18882)
- 109 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): 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 Scarborough and Whitby constituency. (19178)
- 110 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the report entitled Dying in Poverty, published by Marie Curie in November 2024, what steps she is taking to tackle the levels of people dying in poverty in Liverpool. (19069)
- 111 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish a list of companies contracted by her Department to undertake training for staff. (19125)
- 112 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff employed by her Department are responsible for staff welfare; and whether her Department has any contracts with external organisations for staff welfare services. (19128)
- 113 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many contacts to the Pension Service there were in each month of the last five years. (19134)
- 114 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of pension payments made to deceased recipients in each of the last ten years. (19135)

- 115 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to improve access to employment opportunities for disabled people in Knowsley constituency. (19104)
- 116 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people were referred by job centre advisors to a course to improve their English language skills in each year since 2015. (19001)
- 117 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Government is taking to reduce the number of people dying in poverty in Lambeth. (19033)
- 118 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much her Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18915)
- 119 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the level of women in employment since 2010. (19074)
- 120 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of limiting eligibility for the covid-19 vaccination in autumn 2025 on (a) the economy, (b) workforce absenteeism and (c) productivity losses. (19193)
- 121 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of deaths of babies from families in temporary accommodation where the type of accommodation was officially recorded as a factor in that death since 2019. (18992)
- 122 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the health of the carer of a (a) child and (b) baby is assessed (i) generally and (ii) for the impact of (A) sexual and (B) domestic violence when moving into temporary accommodation. (18994)
- 123 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether families including a (a) baby and (b) young child in temporary accommodation are able to remain registered at their GP surgery if they still live (i) in the area and (ii) outside the area but within reasonable travelling distance. (18995)
- 124 **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that vaginal mesh implant procedures do not result in removal surgery. (18894)

- 125 **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the UK Rare Diseases Framework, published on 9 January 2021, on reducing the time it takes to diagnose rare diseases. (18897)
- 126 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) raise awareness of Postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS), and (b) support children with this condition in York Outer constituency. (19155)
- 127 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will require NHS England to publish Referral To Treatment waiting times for (a) glaucoma, (b) macular degeneration and (c) other irreversible sight loss conditions separately from minor and reversible eye condition waiting times. (18997)
- 128 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) improve support, (b) ensure equitable access to specialist services and (c) promote workplace adjustments for people living with migraine; and what plans he has to work with local health boards to (i) review the level of need for migraine-specific services and (ii) ensure appropriate provision. (19182)
- 129 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of standardising of NHS IT systems to help increase levels of efficiency. (19109)
- 130 **Jeremy Hunt** (Godalming and Ash): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of NHS Secondary Care Trusts are reporting all of the legally required elements of the Learning from Deaths national guidance. [R] (18920)
- 131 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to implement the recommendations of Bowel Cancer UK's report entitled Delivering the ambitions of the NHS Long Term Plan: A review of progress of bowel cancer in England, published on 3 December 2024. [R] (19157)
- 132 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of dentistry provision in Knowsley constituency for (a) children and (b) adults. (19099)
- 133 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) children and (b) adults are registered with an NHS dentist in Knowsley constituency. (19100)
- 134 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people are living with (a) arthritis and (b) musculoskeletal conditions in Knowsley constituency. (19101)

- 135 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of people living with Alzheimer's in Knowsley constituency; and what plans his Department has to improve dementia (a) diagnosis and (b) care for those people. (19102)
- 136 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of dental practices that accept new NHS patients in Knowsley constituency. (19103)
- 137 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of free school breakfast programmes on children's health outcomes. (19176)
- 138 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to publish the work his Department commissioned from the Adult Social Care Research Unit on updating the 2013 Adult Social Care Relative Needs Formula. (19000)
- 139 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2024 to Question 12940 on Non-surgical Cosmetic Procedures: Regulation, whether he has made an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse of rectifying unregulated cosmetic procedures. (18946)
- 140 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on outlining the clinical scope of the (a) role and (b) duties undertaken by (i) physician and (ii) anaesthesia associates. (19194)
- 141 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support hospices that rely on charitable donations, in the context of changes to National Insurance thresholds. (19209)
- 142 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence on its decision to not proceed with the approval of Durvalumab for recovering cancer patients. (18937)
- 143 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that pharmacies are accessible. (18942)
- 144 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women are on long term sick leave due to menopausal symptoms. (18943)
- 145 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increases in employers National Insurance contributions on the (a) provision and (b) resilience of air ambulance services. (19146)

- 146 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increases in employers' National Insurance contributions on the (a) retention and (b) recruitment of salaried GPs. (19147)
- 147 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increases to employers National Insurance contributions on the (a) retention and (b) recruitment of nurses in GP surgeries. (19148)
- 148 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to National Insurance contributions on the retention and recruitment of non-clinical staff in GP surgeries. (19149)
- 149 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to improve the study of tropical diseases in medical school curricula. (19150)
- 150 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of climate change on instances of malaria in the United Kingdom. (19151)
- 151 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support NHS Trusts to speed up access to innovative therapies before MHRA approval through Early Access Programmes. (19191)
- 152 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether Thor drones manufactured in the UK are being used in Gaza operations by Israel Defence Forces. (19049)
- 153 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether Magni-X drones manufactured in the UK are being used in Gaza operations by Israel Defence Forces. (19050)
- 154 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any Thor drones have been exported from the UK by Elbit Systems UK to partner companies in Israel. (19051)
- 155 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any Magni-X drones have been exported from the UK by Elbit Systems UK to partner companies in Israel. (19052)
- 156 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any products made by Lockheed Martin UK are being used by Israel Defence Forces in operations in Gaza. (19053)

- 157 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any products made by BAE Systems are being used by Israel Defence Forces in operations in Gaza. (19054)
- 158 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any products made by Leonardo UK are being used by Israel Defence Forces in operations in Gaza. (19055)
- 159 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any products made by Mission Systems Wimborne Ltd are being used by Israel Defence Forces in operations in Gaza. (19056)
- 160 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 16475 on China: Mauritius, whether he plans to monitor the (a) implementation and (b) potential implications for his policies of paragraph 3.4.4.2 of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Beijing Action Plan 2025-27; and what information his Department holds on the commitment of the government of Mauritius to these aims for Diego Garcia. (18987)
- 161 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the security of Buddhists in Tibet in (a) November and (b) December 2024. (19179)
- 162 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the persecution of Christians in Iran; and what diplomatic steps he is taking to help tackle that issue. (19075)
- 163 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on forced labour involving Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang; and what steps he is taking to help prevent goods produced by forced labour entering the UK market. (19076)
- 164 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the (a) identification and (b) destruction of Captagon production facilities in Syria. (19061)
- 165 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the UK is participating in international action to (a) identify and (b) destroy chemical weapon (i) production sites and (ii) depots in Syria. (19062)

- 166 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to send justice and accountability experts to Syria to collect evidence of (a) war crimes and (b) crimes against humanity by the regime led by Bashar Al-Assad. (19063)
- 167 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts about (a) the role the UK will play in restarting Syria's political process and (b) a timeline for political transition that enables free elections. (19185)
- 168 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his planned timetable is for laying the agreement with Mauritius before Parliament for ratification. (18944)
- 169 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Bangladeshi counterpart on the recent arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das. (19107)
- 170 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of recent pay rises for police officers on trends in the level of police numbers. (19068)
- 171 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what headcount cap has she set for the National Crime Agency for financial year (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (19121)
- 172 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure the safety of British Pakistanis speaking out about human rights violations in Pakistan. (19110)
- 173 **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing ring-fenced funding for taking criminal enforcement measures against professional enablers of economic crimes. (19167)
- 174 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prevent domestic abusers convicted of other offences from being released early. (19064)
- 175 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing a migration data dashboard showing information on (a) immigration and (b) irregular migration. (19127)
- 176 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle antisocial behaviour in Knowsley constituency. (19097)

- 177 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of antisocial behaviour in Knowsley constituency. (19098)
- 178 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to update the LGB asylum data tables, last updated on 25 August 2022. (19005)
- 179 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many visas were granted to (a) people and (b) family dependents in each quarter since January 2021. (19006)
- 180 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she is taking steps to support the National Crime Agency to implement a recruitment strategy for meeting operational challenges presented by small-boat crossings in the English Channel. (18940)
- 181 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November to Question 14520 on Compulsorily Detained Psychiatric Patients, how many people have been held in Section 136 suites for over 24 hours in the last five years; and under which section of the Mental Health Act 1983 they were held. (19112)
- 182 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much her Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18918)
- 183 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average processing time was for a (a) Skilled Worker and (b) Skilled Worker Dependent Visa in each of the last five years. (19175)
- 184 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many individual Service Family Accommodation properties will have received a damp and mould treatment (a) between 5 July 2024 and 10 December 2024 and (b) in the remainder of the current financial year. (18969)
- 185 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what types of damp and mould treatment are used for Service Family Accommodation. (18970)
- 186 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many individual Service Family Accommodation properties will have received new windows (a) between 5 July 2024 and 10 December 2024 and (b) in the remainder of the current financial year. (18971)

- 187 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many individual Service Family Accommodation properties will have received new external doors (a) between 5 July 2024 and 10 December 2024 and (b) in the remainder of the current financial year. (18972)
- 188 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many individual Service Family Accommodation properties will have received new double glazing windows (a) between 5 July 2024 and 10 December 2024 and (b) in the remainder of the current financial year. (18973)
- 189 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many individual Service Family Accommodation properties will have received new boilers (a) between 5 July 2024 and 10 December 2024 and (b) in the remainder of the current financial year. (18974)
- 190 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many individual Service Family Accommodation properties will have received new extractor fans (a) between 5 July 2024 and 10 December 2024 and (b) in the remainder of the current financial year. (18975)
- 191 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October to Question 1829, on Armed Forces: Housing, how many of the 600 home insulation improvements have (a) been completed before 14 October 2024 and (b) will be completed in the remainder of the financial year. (18976)
- 192 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October to Question 1829, on Armed Forces: Housing, how many of the 1,000 long-term damp and mould remediations (a) were completed by 14 October and (b) will be completed in the remainder of the financial year. (18977)
- 193 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October to Question 1829, on Armed Forces: Housing, how many of the 200 long-term empty home refurbishments (a) were completed by 14 October 2024 and (b) will be completed in the remainder of the financial year. (18978)
- 194 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October to Question 1829 on Armed Forces: Housing, how many minor damp and mould improvement packages (a) were completed before 14 October 2024 and (b) will be completed in the remainder of the financial year. (18979)
- 195 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October to Question 1829 on Armed Forces: Housing, how many upgraded hearing solutions (a) were complete before 14 October 2024 and (b) will be completed in the remainder of the financial year. (18980)

- 196 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November to Question 11939 on Ministry of Defence: Employers Contributions, how much of the cost of employer National Insurance Contributions will be covered by additional direct funding from HM Treasury. (18984)
- 197 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with his US counterparts on the application of the Treaty of Pelindaba to Diego Garcia. (18988)
- 198 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many private recruitment agencies his Department uses to fill senior vacancies; what the potential cost to the public purse is of these services; and what steps his Department is taking to monitor performances. (18945)
- 199 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people seeking (a) asylum and (b) humanitarian protection are in accommodation on his Department's property. (19002)
- 200 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether a public sector organisation that has signed the Armed Forces Covenant may be removed as a signatory if the organisation has acted in contravention of the obligations and principles laid out in the Covenant. [R] (19122)
- 201 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the number and proportion of families placed in temporary accommodation outside their local authority area in each of the last five years. (18990)
- 202 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department has issued on steps local authorities should take to inform a child's (a) GP and (b) school when they are moved into temporary accommodation. (18991)
- 203 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's Remediation Acceleration Plan, published on 2 December 2024, whether her Department plans to set a deadline for the completion of cladding remediation works on 11 to 18 metre buildings. (18996)
- 204 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, What recent assessment the Department has made of the adequacy of public toilet provision; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of appointing a Public Toilet Commissioner to ensure (a) consistent standards and (b) accessibility for all communities. (19183)

- 205 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) providing support for victims to recover investments and (b) holding perpetrators accountable in cases of fraudulent property sales. (19111)
- 206 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much funding has been allocated to local authority planning departments in each of the last ten financial years. (19156)
- 207 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement entitled Local Government Finance of 28 November 2024, Official Report, HCWS265, how she plans to manage the debts of councils subject to Section 114 notice following the proposed reorganisation of local government. (18951)
- 208 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment has been made of potential risks to investment returns from the proposed Local Government Pension Scheme reforms. (18952)
- 209 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 16179 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Public Appointments, when she plans to deposit the correspondence in the Library of the House. (18954)
- 210 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the monthly amount payable to hosts under the Homes to Ukraine scheme will be in (a) 2024-25, (b) 2025-26 and (c) 2026-27. (18955)
- 211 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's notification entitled Update on Homes for Ukraine Thank You payments and the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme, published on 6 December 2024, whether her Department has made changes to the level of (a) funding, (b) thank you payments for hosts and (b) other support for the Homes for Ukraine Scheme since 5 July 2024. (18956)
- 212 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 16746 on Devolution: East of England, if she will make it her policy to ensure that the Devolution White Paper follows the principles of (a) subsidiarity and (b) double devolution when determining which level to devolve power and responsibility. (18957)
- 213 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 15206 on Leasehold Forfeiture, whether she plans to introduce backstop measures to ensure compliance with lease agreements. (18958)

- 214 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 3.35 of Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, in which financial years will the additional funding for the training and recruitment of planning officers be allocated; and whether that funding will be baselined into the Local Government Finance Settlement in future years. (18959)
- 215 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking with the Council for the Nations and Regions to support the (a) English national identity and (b) interests of England. (18960)
- 216 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 16736 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Public Expenditure, if she will list the activities previously undertaken by her Department that have been (a) curtailed, (b) suspended and (c) discontinued, in the context of the efficiency savings of £5 million. (18961)
- 217 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to support the Hindu community in the UK; and what steps she is taking to promote community cohesion. (19077)
- 218 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of (a) regulations and (b) enforcement mechanisms to hold landlords accountable for non-compliance with housing standards in the student sector. (19188)
- 219 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions she has had with her counterpart in the Northern Ireland Executive on tackling homelessness. (18938)
- 220 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department have made of the effectiveness of the Tree Protection Order regime in protecting (a) ancient and (b) veteran trees. (19114)
- 221 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of granting additional protections to (a) ancient and (b) veteran trees in planning policy. (19116)
- 222 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential role of (a) ancient and (b) veteran trees in place-making for (i) large-scale new towns and (ii) urban extensions. (19117)

- 223 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much her Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18914)
- 224 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the number of sharia councils operating in England and Wales. (18879)
- 225 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, on what date she signed the concordat on court sitting days. (19083)
- 226 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Child Arrangement Orders determined by a bench of lay magistrates have been appealed; and how many of those appeals were successful. (19152)
- 227 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of magistrates determining Child Arrangement Orders. (19153)
- 228 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing specialist family judges to determine all child arrangement orders. (19154)
- 229 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much her Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18913)
- 230 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the EU General Product Safety Regulations on (a) businesses and (b) consumers in (i) Northern Ireland and (ii) Great Britain; and what steps he is taking to mitigate that potential impact. (19184)
- 231 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to the answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 17009 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, whether (a) the Prime Minister and (b) 10 Downing Street had discussions with the (i) Deputy Prime Minister and (ii) her Department on the proposed Chinese Embassy before the Secretary of State's decision to call in the planning application. (18953)
- 232 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on the total value of investments in (a) cash, (b) stocks and shares, (c) innovative finance and (d) lifetime ISAs in each of the past five tax years, broken down by investors' income bracket. (19137)

- 233 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on the total market value of (a) cash and (b) stocks and shares ISA holdings in each of the past five tax years, broken down by investor income bracket. (19138)
- 234 **Torsten Bell** (Swansea West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 2nd December 2024 to Question 16634 on high rise building remediation taken on by the FSCS, how much and what proportion of the costs covered by East West Insurance Company policies relate to policies originally written by Zurich Insurance. (19108)
- 235 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her target level of economic growth is from the overall level of capital spending in the next five years. (18890)
- 236 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had recent discussions with the food and drink wholesale sector on the classification of wholesale premises as online retail warehouses in the Transforming Business Rates Policy Paper; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of this classification on the sector. (18903)
- 237 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the Chief Secretary to the Treasury plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for Wokingham on Orchestral Tax Relief, dated 24 September 2024. (19159)
- 238 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for Wokingham on Food Banks and Universal Credit, dated 4 October 2024. (19160)
- 239 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for Wokingham on funding for surplus food redistribution, dated 30 October 2024. (19161)
- 240 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the Economic Secretary to the Treasury plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for Wokingham on the Equitable Life Policy compensation scheme, dated 30 October 2024. (19162)
- 241 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will consult hon. Members with business experience on a cross-party basis in the spending review. (19126)
- 242 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of private schools have been provided with a VAT number. (18931)
- 243 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether, under amendments to the Government's business models for the (a) Net Zero Teesside Power (NZT) and (b) Northern Endurance Partnership (NEP) projects, money has been (i) ringfenced for and (ii) committed to compensation for losses that might be incurred by

(A) the National Wealth Fund, (B) lending banks, (C) BP, (D) Equinor, (E) Eni and (F) other investors or equity holders arising from the Judicial Review challenging the lawfulness of the decision by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to grant approval for the joint Development Consent Order underpinning NZT and NEP. (19195)

244 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with mortgage providers on the availability of low deposit mortgages for first time buyers. (18939)

245 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what total amount of expenditure was incurred on purchases (a) above £500 and (b) below £500 made on government procurement cards issued by (i) HM Treasury and (ii) HMRC net of any refunded payments in (A) 2022 and (B) 2023. (18917)

246 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to provide (a) guidance and (b) training to healthcare providers on welsh health regulations when providing cross-border healthcare services. (19196)

Questions for Answer on Monday 16 December

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much his Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18906)

2N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to amend the National Security and Investment Act 2021 to enhance the scrutiny of acquisition of entities that may pose national security risks. (18896)

3N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposed sale of Royal Mail on its ability to fulfil its obligations as a universal service provider. (19168)

4N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of costs associated with extended producer responsibility on small businesses. (19028)

5N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what financial services the Post Office provides at (a) Crown post offices and hosted Crown post offices, (b) franchise post offices, (c) Main post office, (d) Post Office Locals, (e) traditional sub-post office and (f) other types of post office branches. (19029)

- 6N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support workers facing potential job loss in the event of Crown Post Office (a) closures and (b) franchising. (19030)
- 7N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if the Government will take steps to ensure Crown Post Office Staff will not be (a) made redundant and (b) moved to roles with (i) poorer working conditions and (ii) lower pay after their branches are franchised. (19031)
- 8N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes in the Autumn Budget on the infrastructure sector. (19036)
- 9N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes in the Autumn Budget on the professional services sector. (19037)
- 10N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes in the Autumn Budget on the consumer goods sector. (19038)
- 11N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes in the Autumn Budget on the retail sector. (19039)
- 12N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes in the Autumn Budget on the hospitality sector. (19040)
- 13N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with representatives of the British Museum on the Elgin Marbles. (19067)
- 14N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Rugby Football Union on the future of rugby union in England. (19085)
- 15N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for its policies of the National Literacy Trust's report entitled Children and Young People's Reading in 2024, published in November 2024. (19139)
- 16N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of school libraries on pupils' (a) attainment and (b) wellbeing. (19140)

- 17N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of primary school libraries on social disadvantage. (19141)
- 18N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Office for National Statistics web page entitled How the population changed in Dartford: Census 2021, published on 28 June 2022, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for school funding of the recent growth in the population of Dartford constituency; and if she will take steps to reflect the growth in Dartford's population in future school funding allocations. (19173)
- 19N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to announce the ten pilot areas for the Kinship Care Allowance. (18926)
- 20N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people were working in the Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence team in (a) total, (b) the East of England, (c) the East Midlands, (d) the North West, (e) the North East, (f) the South East, (g) London, (h) the South West, (i) the West Midlands and (j) Yorkshire and the Humber on 10 December 2024. (18999)
- 21N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to publish a response to the consultation on Faith school designation reforms. (19003)
- 22 **George Freeman** (Mid Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans he has for the data collected by the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measurement and Modelling Advancement (GEMMA) programme; and if he will make it his policy to integrate that data into greenhouse gas emissions statistics. [R] (18927)
- 23N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans his Department has to use biomethane generated from mandatory food waste collections from 2026-27 for (a) injection into the gas grid and (b) combustion for electricity generation. (19094)
- 24N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the production of biomethane on farms using organic waste. (19095)
- 25N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support people affected by Storm Darragh. (19078)
- 26N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Transport on ensuring transport provision in areas affected by storms. (19079)

- 27N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the level of risk posed by foot and mouth disease to the UK. (19080)
- 28N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the level of the UK's disease response capability in relation to foot and mouth disease. (19081)
- 29N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the discovery of a case of atypical BSE in a cow in Scotland on UK agriculture. (19082)
- 30N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 17283 on Milk, how farmers are able to contribute to the engagement process. (19087)
- 31N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the capacity of anaerobic digestion facilities, in the context of the planned introduction of mandatory food waste collections in 2026-27. (19092)
- 32N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much his Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18908)
- 33 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the oral evidence to the Science, Innovation and Technology Select Committee of 3 December 2024, HC 504, whether the moratorium on government IT procurement decisions over £1 million is still in place; and how many requests for IT procurement have been (a) considered, (b) approved and (c) rejected since the implementation of the moratorium. (18934)
- 34 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the Government Office for Technology Transfer has a role in supporting his Department to provide digital expertise to other Government Departments. (18935)
- 35 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) housing costs and (b) the cost of living on (i) start-ups and (ii) innovation in the (A) science and (B) technology sectors. (18936)
- 36N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to review the implementation of the clean maritime plan in 2025. (18898)

- 37N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her expected timeline is for (a) hedgegrow maintenance and (b) vegetation clearance along the A21 in the Lamberhurst area. (19169)
- 38N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the A21 Safety Package will address visibility issues. (19170)
- 39N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department plans to take to monitor the effectiveness of the A21 Safety Package; and what metrics will be used to measure safety improvements. (19171)
- 40N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has had discussions with National Highways on the long-term plans for upgrading the A21. (19172)
- 41N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many noise important areas of the M25 there are within the Runnymede and Weybridge constituency; and what the location is of each. (19041)
- 42N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on when each concrete section of the M25 within Runnymede and Weybridge constituency is expected to reach the end of its serviceable life. (19042)
- 43N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with National Highways on when each concrete section of the M25 within the Runnymede and Weybridge constituency will be treated with next generation concrete surfacing. (19043)
- 44N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department plans to take to reduce the backlog in driving tests. (19091)
- 45N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of young people out of work education and training in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (19143)
- 46N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether there is a maximum time within which applications for NHS Continuing Healthcare funding to NHS Dorset must be actioned; and whether redress is available to applicants whose applications have not been decided within twelve months. (18878)
- 47N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to take steps to alter the messaging provided on cervical screening leaflets to make clear it does not screen for (a) ovarian cancer and (b) other gynaecological cancers. (19174)

- 48N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) newly-qualified GPs have been employed and (b) primary care networks have claimed reimbursement under the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme GP Sum in each integrated care board since August 2024. [R] (19158)
- 49N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much and what proportion of the increase in funding for his Department announced at the Autumn Budget 2024 will be spent on (a) National Insurance contribution increases, (b) pay increases, and (c) overspend by his Department. [R] (19165)
- 50N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help increase uptake of SGLT2 inhibitor treatments for people with chronic kidney disease. (19088)
- 51N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to SGLT2 inhibitor treatments for people with chronic kidney disease from underserved communities. (19089)
- 52N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18907)
- 53N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether F-35 fighter jets used by the Israel Defence Force in operations in Gaza contain components made in the UK. (19044)
- 54N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any (a) quadcopter aircrafts, (b) components for quadcopter aircrafts and (c) technology used by quadcopter aircrafts (i) made and (ii) developed in the UK are being used in Gaza operations by Israel Defence Forces. (19045)
- 55N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any (a) unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), (b) components for UAVs and (c) technology used by UAVs (i) made and (ii) developed in the UK are being used in Gaza operations by Israel Defence Forces. (19046)
- 56N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any (a) unmanned aircraft system (UASs), (b) components for UASs and (c) technology used by UASs (i) made and (ii) developed in the UK are being used in Gaza operations by Israel Defence Forces. (19047)
- 57N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any products made by Elbit Systems are being used by Israel Defence Forces in operations in Gaza. (19048)

- 58N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has commissioned external legal advice on Israel's compliance with international humanitarian law. (18964)
- 59N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of his Department's reporting timelines on Israel's compliance with international humanitarian law in the Middle East. (18965)
- 60N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has negotiated legal agreements with Mauritius that preserve the operational freedom of the military base on Diego Garcia in relation to nuclear-related activities. (18899)
- 61N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in Mauritius on (a) Mauritius' policy on nuclear weapons and (b) the future operation of the military base in Diego Garcia. (18900)
- 62N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his US counterpart on the potential impact of transferring sovereignty over Diego Garcia on existing agreements on (a) nuclear capabilities and (b) other matters governing the operation of the UK-US base. (18901)
- 63N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the transfer of sovereignty over Diego Garcia to Mauritius on restrictions on the (a) storage, (b) deployment and (c) transit of (i) nuclear weapons and (ii) nuclear-powered vessels at the UK-US base. (18902)
- 64N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much his Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18904)
- 65N **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government recognises the Golan Heights as Syrian territory. (18888)
- 66N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of levels of net migration in (a) 2024-25, (b) 2025-26, (c) 2026-27, (d) 2027-28, (e) 2028-29 and (f) 2029-30. (19065)

- 67N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will list (a) all the contracts for asylum accommodation and support services the Department has agreed since 2017 and (b) the (i) value of, (ii) regions covered by and (iii) period covered by each contract. (18998)
- 68N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to paragraph 6.37 of the 5th Annual Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, published on 28 November 2024, whether her Department is taking steps to implement the recommendation to introduce facial recognition for all arrivals at Western Jet Foil. (18966)
- 69N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many migrants entering the country illegally claimed to be children since 5 July 2024; how many and what proportion of those migrants were subsequently assessed to be (a) under and (b) over 18; and whether those migrants were assessed using scientific age assessments. (18967)
- 70N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of allowing Sri Lankans based on Diego Garcia to the UK on the number of people who will begin to attempt to reach the UK via Diego Garcia; and whether any of the 60 Tamil migrants recently arrived have made applications for family to join them. (18968)
- 71N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Written Statement by the then Minister for Defence Procurement on 13 November 2023 on Service Family Accommodation and Winter Planning, HCWS28, whether he plans to make a Ministerial Statement outlining his Department's planned programme of work to support service accommodation this winter. (18981)
- 72N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November to Question 11939 on Ministry of Defence: Employers Contributions, if he will list the total cost to his Department from the employer National Insurance Contributions announced in the Autumn Budget for each remaining financial year of this Parliament. (18982)
- 73N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish an assessment of the potential impact of VAT on school fees on children of service families who are (a) in receipt of Continuity of Education Allowance and (b) attending an independent school but not in receipt of that Allowance. (18983)
- 74N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2024 to Question 12029 on Army and with reference to the keynote recording of the Chief of the General Staff at the RUSI Land Warfare Conference 2024, published on 23 June 2024, whether it is a formal departmental target to double the lethality of the British Army by 2027 and treble it by 2030. (18985)

- 75N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): 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 the proposed treaty with Mauritius on the sovereignty of the Chagos Islands will include an exemption for the military base at Diego Garcia from all protocols, with the exception of protocols I and II, of the Treaty of Pelindaba. (18986)
- 76N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on government procurement card purchases (a) above and (b) below £500 net of refunded payments in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (18905)
- 77N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to increase the supply of social housing in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (19142)
- 78N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 21 November 2024 on Leasehold and Commonhold Reform, HCWS244, what discussions she has had with the Leader of the House on bringing forward legislation to amend the operation of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024. (18875)
- 79N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate her Department has made of the number of houses that will be built in the (a) 2024-25, (b) 2025-26, (c) 2026-27, (d) 2027-28, (e) 2028-29 and (f) 2029-30 financial years. (19066)
- 80 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the previous Government's submission to the then Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee entitled Improving the home buying and selling process, published in April 2024, whether it remains her Department's policy to bring forward legislative proposals to increase the information provided by sellers when a home is marketed for sale as set out in the April 2024 proposals. (18947)
- 81 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the policy set out in the Written Ministerial Statement entitled Protecting Public Money of 23 February 2015, HCWS292, on the payment of lobbyists by local authorities remains her Department's policy; and if she will take steps to ensure that local authorities do not pay lobbyists for work on (a) local government restructuring, (b) the local government finance settlement and spending review and (c) devolution deals. (18948)
- 82 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the requirements set out in the interim planning guidance on the consideration of the Environment Act PM2.5 targets in planning decisions, published in November 2024, on the (a) viability and (b) cost of new developments. (18950)

- 83N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support waste collection authorities to deliver mandatory household food waste collections from 2026-27. [R] (19093)
- 84N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what changes have been made to prisoner recalls following the review of Probation Recall Culture and Practice, published in December 2020. (18895)
- 85N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2024 to Question 14304 on Prisoners Escort, how her Department collects data on prisoner delays. (18928)
- 86N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2024 to Question 14304 on Prisoners Escort, how her Department defines agreed court start times. (18929)
- 87N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his speech entitled Keir Starmer's speech on fixing the foundations of our country: 27 August 2024, whether he plans to increase compensation for people impacted by the regulatory maladministration of Equitable Life. (18877)
- 88N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of R&D tax reliefs on (a) business investment and (b) economic growth. (18889)
- 89N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what metrics she plans to use to assess the value for money of capital spending allocated over the next five years. (18891)
- 90N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what (a) metrics and (b) fiscal multipliers she plans to use to take allocation decisions for capital spending to Departments in the next five years. (18892)
- 91N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of capital spending on economic growth in the next (a) five and (b) ten years, specifying (i) the fiscal multipliers targeted and (ii) the private sector investment included. (18893)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- 1 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Get Britain Working white paper on people with a long-term health condition or disability. (901799)

- 2 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on levels of unemployment. (901800)
- 3 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): What recent estimate she has made of the number of people who will be supported into work through the proposals outlined in the Get Britain Working white paper. (901801)
- 4 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of trends in inflation on pensioners' living standards. (901802)
- 5 **Chris Murray** (Edinburgh East and Musselburgh): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Get Britain Working white paper on employers and businesses. (901803)
- 6 **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): What plans she has to review Universal Credit. (901804)
- 7 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): What steps she is taking to help reduce levels of poverty. (901805)
- 8 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): Whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of Job Centres launching outreach initiatives in local communities. (901806)
- 9 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of levels of pension contributions for auto-enrolled pensions for lower earners. (901807)
- 10 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): What steps her Department is taking to support people newly recognised as refugees into work. (901808)
- 11 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the adequacy of levels of maternity and paternity pay and allowances. (901809)
- 12 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the rates of Universal Credit. (901810)
- 13 **Chris Vince** (Harlow): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Youth Guarantee on young people in Harlow constituency. (901811)
- 14 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): What steps she is taking to reform the health and disability benefits system. (901812)
- 15 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Get Britain Working white paper on people with a long-term health condition or disability. (901813)
- 16 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce the number of people in low-paid work. (901814)
- 17 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of means testing the Winter Fuel Payment on levels of pensioner poverty. (901815)

- 18 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): What estimate she has made of the number of young people out of work, education and training in North Durham constituency. (901816)
- 19 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): What progress she has made on implementing the proposals in the Get Britain Working white paper. (901817)
- 20 **Douglas McAllister** (West Dunbartonshire): What progress she has made on implementing the proposals in the Get Britain Working white paper. (901818)
- 21 **Mr Richard Quigley** (Isle of Wight West): What estimate she has made of the number of young people out of work, education and training in Isle of Wight West constituency. (901819)
- 22 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): What steps her Department is taking to help mitigate the impact of increases in the cost of living on disabled people. (901820)
- 23 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): What recent progress the Child Poverty Taskforce has made on developing strategies to help reduce child poverty. (901821)
- 24 **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): What recent estimate she has made of the level of child poverty in Bolton North East constituency. (901822)
- 25 **Catherine Atkinson** (Derby North): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Youth Guarantee on young people in Derby North constituency. (901823)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- T1 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (901824)
- T2 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): (901825)
- T3 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): (901826)
- T4 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): (901827)
- T5 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): (901828)
- T6 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): (901829)
- T7 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): (901830)
- T8 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): (901831)
- T9 **Peter Swallow** (Bracknell): (901832)
- T10 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): (901833)
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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients were in receipt of Givinostat through the Early Access Programme on 10 December 2024; and if he will make an assessment of the potential barriers to accessing the Early Access Programme by patients. (19190)
- 2N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) identify and (b) destroy Captagon (i) production and (ii) distribution facilities in Syria. (19060)
- 3N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to reject asylum applications from former government officials of the Syrian regime led by Bashar al-Assad. (19057)
- 4N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the United States' designation of Fawaz Al-Akhras for materially assisting, sponsoring, or providing financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, Bashar Al-Assad. (19058)
- 5N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will designate Fawaz Al-Akhras for providing support to the Bashar Al-Assad regime. (19059)
- 6N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many times officials from her Department have met with homelessness sector stakeholders since July 2024. (19071)
- 7N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to consult the homelessness sector on the work of the development of a cross-departmental strategy for ending homelessness. (19072)
- 8N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what (a) formal role and (b) ongoing involvement she will have in the (i) formulation and (ii) implementation of a cross-departmental strategy for ending homelessness. (19073)
- 9N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to publish the results of the consultation entitled Modern Leasehold: Restricting Ground Rent for Existing Leases, which closed on 17 January 2024. (18874)

- 10N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13623 on Agriculture: Inheritance Tax, whether she has made a comparative assessment of the potential impact of (a) agricultural property relief and (b) business property relief on tenant farmers in Scotland compared to the rest of the UK. (19035)
- 11N **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of adjusting the Lifetime ISA property price cap in line with (a) inflation and (b) average house prices. (19090)