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Questions tabled on Wednesday 11 December 2024

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 12 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether any Thor drones have been exported from the UK by Elbit Systems UK to partner companies in Israel. [Transferred] (19051)
- 2 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether any Magni-X drones have been exported from the UK by Elbit Systems UK to partner companies in Israel. [Transferred] (19052)
- 3 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of free school breakfast programmes on children's health outcomes. [Transferred] (19176)
- 4 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for Wokingham to the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury on funding for surplus food redistribution, dated 30 October 2024. [Transferred] (19161)
- 5 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many women are on long term sick leave due to menopausal symptoms. [Transferred] (18943)
- 6 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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. [Transferred] (19112)

- 7 **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 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. [Transferred] (18992)
- 8 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. [Transferred] (18994)
- 9 **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 17009 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, whether (a) the Prime Minister and (b) 10 Downing Street had discussions with (i) her and (ii) her Department on the proposed Chinese Embassy before her decision to call in the planning application. [Transferred] (18953)
- 10 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to prevent domestic abusers convicted of other offences from being released early. [Transferred] (19064)
- 11 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her 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. [Transferred] (19177)

Questions for Answer on Monday 16 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Solicitor General, how many alcohol industry representatives Ministers in her Department have met since July 2024. (19341)
- 2N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (18896)
- 3 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many victims of the infected blood scandal have received their full compensation. (19629)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Civil Service pension scheme administrator MyCSP is a public authority for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. (19411)

- 5N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information the Government Communications Service holds on the level of cross-government spending on external public relations firms in the last year for which figures are available. (19412)
- 6N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13746 on FCDO: Electronic Purchasing Card Solution, for what reason the Cabinet Office postponed the September 2024 transparency publication. (19413)
- 7N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many non-departmental public bodies has the Government (a) announced it will open, (b) opened, (c) announced it will close and (d) closed since 4 July 2024. (19414)
- 8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on whether the former Leader of the Opposition, the Rt. hon. Member for Doncaster North, accepted a severance payment upon his departure as Leader of the Opposition via the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991. (19415)
- 9N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to support people affected by Storm Darragh. [Transferred] (19078)
- 10N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing pension abatement rules on (a) public sector pensions and (b) re-employment earnings for public sector employees. (19558)
- 11N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people worked in the No. 10 foreign policy team on (a) 31 October 2024 and (b) 11 December 2024. (19408)
- 12 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's contract entitled Travel, Transport, Accommodation & Venue Solutions, reference RM6342 TTA&VS, published on 9 October 2024, how much and what proportion of the contract value relates to the provision of services for (a) asylum seekers, (b) refugees and (c) migrants. (19505)
- 13N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister raised the use of the death penalty for offences that do not meet international standards for the most serious crimes during his meeting with the (a) Prime Minister and (b) Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia. (19268)
- 14N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister discussed with the Prime Minister and Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia the (a) application of (i) Juvenile Law 2018 and (ii) Royal Decree 2020 and (b) risk of (A) the re-imposition of a death sentence on Abdullah al-Howaiti and (B) potential execution of Abdullah al-Derazi during their meeting on 9 December 2024. (19269)

- 15N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister made representations to the Prime Minister and Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia on the prison sentences given to (a) Salma al-Shehab and (b) Noura al-Qahtani during his meeting on 9 December 2024. (19270)
- 16 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many alcohol industry representatives Ministers in his Department have met since July 2024. (19340)
- 17 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many officials at each civil service grade have been allocated to the EU Directorate within his Department. (19470)
- 18 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what senior leadership positions are vacant in the EU Directorate within his Department. (19471)
- 19 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants have been suspended due to allegations of misconduct since in each year since 2020. (19479)
- 20 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish Public Sector Equality Duty implementation guidance for each (a) Government Department and (b) arms-length body. (19480)
- 21N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of his Department's research on the EU Green Taxonomy Framework, published on 29 November 2024. (19278)
- 22N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to publish transparency data on ministerial (a) gifts, (b) hospitality, (c) travel and (d) meetings the third quarter of 2024. (19279)
- 23N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on small and medium-sized businesses. (19280)
- 24N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to his Department's news story entitled, Ministers tell business leaders they will be involved every step of the way in Make Work Pay plans, published on 3 September 2024 which (a) people attended and (b) businesses were represented at that business breakfast. (19281)
- 25N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many applications his Department received for the Second Permanent Secretary for European Union and International Economic Affairs role advertised in November 2024. (19282)

- 26 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, where the Homebuilding Skills Hubs will be located. (19283)
- 27 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the impact of the Enhanced Trade Partnership between his Department and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on the local economy. (19284)
- 28 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 17621 on Stellantis, if he will publish the minutes of those meetings. (19285)
- 29 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many complaints his Department has received through its official complaints team between (a) July 2023 and July 2024 and (b) July 2024 and November 2024. (19286)
- 30 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when trade talks with India will commence. (19287)
- 31N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Invest 2035: The UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, published in October 2024, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of economic performance of sectors included in that strategy since 2019-20. (19242)
- 32N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much private investment he expects from the additional funding allocated to the automotive sector in the next five years. (19243)
- 33N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure value for money from additional funding allocated to the automotive sector in the next five years. (19244)
- 34N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much private investment he expects from the additional funding allocated to the aerospace sector in the next five years. (19245)
- 35N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure value for money from additional funding allocated to the aerospace sector in the next five years. (19246)
- 36N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support high streets in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (19530)

- 37 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to meet representatives of the hair and beauty industry to discuss the potential impact of the Budget on their sector. (19625)
- 38N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings he has had with representatives from British Steel since 11 November 2024. (19429)
- 39N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support the transition from SPIRE to LITE in relation to licence applications made to the Export Control Joint Unit. (19430)
- 40N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings he has had with representatives of sub-postmasters affected by failures of the Horizon Post Office IT system since July 2024. (19431)
- 41N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had meetings with the prosecuting authorities in relation to the Horizon scandal since July 2024. (19432)
- 42 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer prior to sending his letter dated 21 November 2024 to the Horizon Compensation Advisory Board. (19433)
- 43 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has met with his counterparts from (a) Canada and (b) Mexico on the UK's accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. (19434)
- 44 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what value of money assessment he has made of his Department's headcount and payroll data, published on 10 December 2024. (19435)
- 45 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to update the guidance on the UK subsidy control regime. (19436)
- 46 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many searches have been made on his Department's subsidy database since July 2024. (19437)
- 47 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many employment tribunals were heard relating to employees of his Department between 1 August 2024 and 1 December 2024. (19438)

- 48 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many foreign trips (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have made since 5 July 2024; and where these trips were to. (19439)
- 49 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to appoint any additional Special Advisers. (19440)
- 50 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many times (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have visited businesses in the UK since 5 July 2024. (19441)
- 51 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many new businesses were registered on Companies House in each month since July 2024. (19442)
- 52 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many applications for loans to the British Business Bank were made between July and November 2024. (19443)
- 53 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many applications for standard individual export licences were made between July and November 2024. (19444)
- 54 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what consultation was undertaken before publication of the (a) Fair Payment and (b) Disability Finance Code. (19445)
- 55 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee on Construction Industry Statistics on 28 October 2024, published on 2 December 2024. (19446)
- 56 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department awarded financial assistance to Vodafone during the 2020 lockdown. (19239)
- 57 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to prevent companies from changing commissions to franchisees at short notice. (19240)
- 58 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, on what occasions Ministers in his Department met representatives of Vodafone in the last five years. (19241)

- 59 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps ensure that the intellectual property chapter in a free trade agreement with India includes commitments to the (a) UN Sustainable Development Goals, (b) International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and (c) UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas. (19378)
- 60 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 26 November 2024 to Question 16140 on Nightclubs: Closures, what steps his Department plans to take to measure the effectiveness of the five point plan for high streets. (19350)
- 61N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2024 to Question 11619 on the Groceries Code Adjudicator: Finance, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of the £1 billion turnover threshold on farmers. (19467)
- 62 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to introduce incentives for (a) manufacturers and (b) motorists to encourage take-up of electric cars. (19406)
- 63 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of the UK's departure from the EU single market on the (a) administrative and (b) other costs faced by UK small businesses trading with EU customers; and what steps he plans to take with Cabinet colleagues to support the competitiveness of those businesses. (19614)
- 64 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of (a) leaving the EU single market and (b) ending free movement with the EU on economic growth; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of rejoining the EU single market. (19615)
- 65 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people aged under 21 have opened lifetime ISAs in the last 12 months. (19296)
- 66 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many alcohol industry representatives have Ministers in his Department met with since July 2024. (19329)
- 67 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to increase participation in rugby (a) union and (b) league amongst school children. (19447)
- 68 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with (a) the England and Wales Cricket Board and (b) County Cricket Clubs on the sustainability of the county cricket system. (19448)

- 69 **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 measures announced in the Autumn Budget on the horseracing industry. (19449)
- 70 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to promote participation in Rugby Union amongst (a) girls and (b) young women. (19451)
- 71 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps to promote greyhound racing. (19452)
- 72 **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 implications for her policies of the England and Wales Cricket Board's decision to revoke no objection certificates for English county cricket players. (19455)
- 73 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to increase participation in cricket amongst (a) women and girls and (b) young people in schools. (19456)
- 74N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many (a) Buddhist, (b) Jewish, (c) Muslim, (d) Sikh and (e) other non-Christian places of worship are listed in (i) England, (ii) Wales, (iii) Scotland and (iv) Northern Ireland for their architecture or historic interest. (19387)
- 75 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the British Film Institute on the position of Education/Film Programmer, Adult Community. (19227)
- 76 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the British Film Institute on a race equality impact assessment for the position of Education/Film Programmer, Adult Community. (19228)
- 77 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the British Film Institute on the potential impact on Black (a) communities and (b) audiences of the position of Education/Film Programmer, Adult Community. (19229)
- 78 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the British Film Institute on the potential adverse impacts on equality grounds of the position of Education/Film Programmer, Adult Community. (19230)
- 79 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the British Film Institute on public sector duties under the Equality Act 2010. (19231)

- 80 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many Foreign State Intervention Notices have been issued in the last six months. (19589)
- 81 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make it her policy to reintroduce The Enterprise Act 2002 (Mergers Involving Newspaper Enterprises and Foreign Powers) Regulations 2024. (19590)
- 82 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to widen the eligibility criteria for a (a) free and (b) discounted TV licence. [Transferred] (19293)
- 83 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many alcohol industry representatives Ministers in her Department have met since July 2024. (19330)
- 84N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to part 4 of Ofcom's publication entitled, Media Bill: Ofcom's roadmap to regulation, published in February 2024, whether Ofcom plans to publish its review of audience protection measures implemented by video-on-demand service providers. (19396)
- 85 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support early childhood education providers to ensure that three-quarters of five-year-olds are school ready in (a) under-resourced and (b) other areas. (19391)
- 86 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to financially support (a) nurseries and (b) early years providers for increases to (i) the National Minimum Wage and (ii) employer National Insurance contributions. (19579)
- 87 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will provide additional funding to help support kinship carers. (19527)
- 88N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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. [Transferred] (19143)
- 89 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of planned increases to (a) National Insurance Contributions and (b) the National Minimum Wage on the viability of early years providers; and what steps she plans to take to ensure nurseries are supported to prevent closures. (19578)
- 90 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether Ministers in her Department have met with representatives of the alcohol industry since July 2024. (19331)
- 91 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether teachers in post-16 education will be included in the teacher pay award. (19496)

- 92N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of the planned increase in employer National Insurance on the cost of home-to-school transport. (19397)
- 93 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether (a) private, (b) voluntary and (c) independent settings will be able to access (i) Early Years and (ii) workforce funding. (19501)
- 94 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of skills training for the (a) construction, (b) planning and (c) architecture sectors. (19392)
- 95 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure adequate numbers of skilled workers in the (a) construction, (b) planning and (c) architecture sectors. (19393)
- 96 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the (a) number and (b) proportion of people in fuel poverty in Ely and East Cambridgeshire constituency. (19528)
- 97 **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to publish his Department's assessment of the full systems costs of a fully decarbonised, renewables-based grid by 2030. (19410)
- 98 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the potential cost to the public purse is of the Government's international climate finance commitments since July 2024; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of this spending on the funding available for energy infrastructure projects. (19573)
- 99 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing equal incentives for homeowners to install (a) heat batteries and (b) other low-emission heat sources. (19576)
- 100 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department consulted (a) consumer groups and (b) energy providers on the reduction of off-peak tariff periods associated with smart meters. (19581)
- 101 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of reducing off-peak tariff periods from 12 to seven hours on households reliant on overnight energy use. (19582)
- 102 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential financial impact on (a) households reliant on Economy 7 and (b) other households using time-of-use tariffs of the reduction of off-peak periods to seven hours. (19583)

- 103N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will made an assessment of the potential merits of changing the Smart Energy Code licence restrictions to allow companies setting up smart meter connections for energy consumers to use the Cellular Network when the Radio Frequency Network is unavailable. (19323)
- 104 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to tackle fuel poverty in the Stratford-on-Avon constituency in winter 2024-25. (19498)
- 105 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department is taking steps to help develop deep geothermal energy resources. (19616)
- 106 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help improve the insulation of housing. (19617)
- 107 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many alcohol industry representatives have Ministers in his Department met with since July 2024. (19332)
- 108 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support off-grid properties to transition to clean fuels. (19489)
- 109N **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help small and medium high street businesses manage energy costs in Sutton and Cheam constituency. (19493)
- 110 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to require imported eggs to meet the UK's animal welfare standards. (19525)
- 111 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish his Department's consultation on a broader definition of irreplaceable habitat. (19560)
- 112 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of including priority grassland habitats in the list of Irreplaceable Habitats for biodiversity net gain. (19561)
- 113 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the overall (a) capital and (b) running costs are of the Inland Border Facility at Sevington; and what the budget is for that facility. (19524)

- 114 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of temporarily closing the Sustainable Farming Incentive schemes to new applications on farmers. (19401)
- 115 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the amount of electronic waste generated by the UK by (a) product type and (b) region in each year since 2013. (19385)
- 116 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the findings in the report by Which? entitled How to make big savings on a second-hand phone, published in October 2023. (19386)
- 117 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to align the UK's regulations with the EU's recent prohibition on exporting banned chemicals to countries where they remain permitted. (19564)
- 118 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Bassetts Cove. (19597)
- 119 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Bedruthan Steps Beach. (19598)
- 120 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Black Cliff Beach. (19599)
- 121 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Chapel Porth Beach. (19600)
- 122 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Constantine Bay. (19601)
- 123 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Crantock Beach. (19602)
- 124 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Fishing Cove. (19603)

- 125 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Fistral Beach. (19604)
- 126 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Fox Cove. (19605)
- 127 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Godrevy Beach. (19606)
- 128 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Great Western Beach. (19607)
- 129 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Greenbank Cove. (19608)
- 130 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Gwithian Beach. (19609)
- 131 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Harbour Cove. (19610)
- 132 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Harlyn Bay. (19611)
- 133 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether (a) he and (b) the Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit has had recent discussions with the Canal and River Trust on a proposal for (i) an order under the Transport and Works Act 1992 and (ii) other legislative proposals on the operation of inland waterways. (19225)
- 134 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to help ensure that the children of the families of boat dwellers without a permanent mooring are able to reasonably achieve daily access to education without the risk of (a) their boat licence being shortened or withdrawn for remaining too close to one place in term time, (b) seizure of their boat by the Canal and River Trust and (c) similar enforcement action by other navigation authorities. (19226)

- 135 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of (a) grants and (b) subsidies available to farmers for (i) adopting new technologies and (ii) improving farm infrastructure. (19630)
- 136 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of inheritance tax changes on the long-term sustainability of family farms in (a) South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency and (b) Essex. (19631)
- 137N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support waste collection authorities to deliver mandatory household food waste collections from 2026-27. [R] [Transferred] (19093)
- 138N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of costs associated with extended producer responsibility on small businesses. [Transferred] (19028)
- 139 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of job security in rural areas. (19295)
- 140 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of avian flu across the UK in the last 12 months. (19297)
- 141 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many alcohol industry representatives have Ministers in his Department met with since July 2024. (19333)
- 142 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to consult (a) angling clubs and (b) fishery owners on reforms to the Bathing Water Regulations 2013. (19476)
- 143 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to consult on the proposal in Wider Reform 1 to redefine multiple watercrafts and others as ‘bathers’. (19477)
- 144 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has carried out an impact assessment for proposed changes to the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 on (a) fisheries, (b) fish spawning grounds, and (c) riparian rights. (19478)
- 145N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the Semiconductor Advisory Panel will meet in Northern Ireland in 2025. (19249)

- 146 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into Hodgkin lymphoma in the 2023-24 financial year; and through which public bodies that funding was provided. (19538)
- 147 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government investment in myelodysplastic syndrome research was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (19539)
- 148 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding there was into stem cell research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (19540)
- 149 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding there was into haemophilia research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (19541)
- 150 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding there was into sickle cell research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (19542)
- 151 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding there was into thalassaemia research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (19543)
- 152 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding there was into human immunodeficiency disease research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (19544)
- 153 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding there was into vitamin B12 deficiency research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (19545)
- 154 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding there was into neural tube defect prevention research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (19546)
- 155 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding there was into malaria vaccination research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (19547)
- 156 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the Met Office. (19235)

- 157 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the UK Space Agency. (19236)
- 158 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department plans to take steps to support the UK Safer Internet Centre after March 2025. (19481)
- 159 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many alcohol industry representatives Ministers in his Department have met since July 2024. (19334)
- 160N **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help protect young people from the potential dangers of social media. (19533)
- 161N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will hold discussions with train operating companies on the adequacy of rail fare structures for passengers. (19251)
- 162N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy that local authorities issuing Blue Badges within her Department's guideline timescale of 12 weeks will be able to recover the full costs of delivering that service. (19234)
- 163 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2024 to Question 9263 on Pedestrian Areas: Visual Impairment, what recent discussions he has had with the Disabled Persons' Transport Advisory Committee on the (a) use and (b) safety of bus stop bypasses. (19403)
- 164 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions her Department has had with Active Travel England on the use of bus stop bypasses. (19404)
- 165 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled RVAR 2010 exemption: Chiltern Railways passenger information system, published on 3 December 2024. (19549)
- 166 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the Consultation on the merchant shipping (vessels in commercial use for sport or pleasure) regulations 2025, published on 4 December 2024. (19550)

- 167 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Consultation on the merchant shipping (EPIRB and PLB registration) regulations 2025, published on 5 December 2024. (19552)
- 168 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has for the provision of funding for the plug-in taxi grant from April 2025 onwards. (19453)
- 169 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has had discussions with Transport for London on the potential implications for her policies of Transport for London's planned revised Taxi and Private Hire Action Plan. (19454)
- 170 **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 Civil Aviation Authority. (19237)
- 171 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Camel Trail in North Cornwall to (a) Camelford and (b) beyond. (19596)
- 172 **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 A5 Dodwells to Longshoot RP2 project. (19388)
- 173 **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 M42 Junction 6 RP2 project. (19389)
- 174N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on funding improvements to Holyhead train station. (19487)
- 175N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to clear backlogs for driving licence renewal. (19595)
- 176 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) unregistered and (b) uninsured vessels do not (i) enter UK territorial waters and (ii) dock at UK ports. (19266)
- 177 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many (a) unregistered and (b) uninsured vessels have been boarded by UK authorities in UK territorial waters in 2024. (19267)

- 178 **Mike Reader** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to support the use of autonomous last-mile delivery robots on pavements. (19574)
- 179 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many alcohol industry representatives Ministers in his Department have met since July 2024. (19335)
- 180 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with (a) Stagecoach and (b) Stephensons on the frequency of buses in (i) England, (ii) the East of England and (iii) Suffolk. (19475)
- 181 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to take steps to reduce the clearance time for mandatory reconsiderations of Personal Independence Payment decisions. (19365)
- 182 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the mandatory reconsideration process. (19366)
- 183 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to ensure that disabled jobseekers can access the assistive technology they need to look for work. (19367)
- 184 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will ensure that every computer in a jobcentre is equipped with assistive technology. (19368)
- 185N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 17079 on Pension Credit: Social Security Benefits, what the average weekly cash total equivalent is of the additional qualifying benefits to which Pension Credit claimants are entitled. (19247)
- 186 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help young universal credit claimants into work. (19484)
- 187N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on data matching to establish a social tariff for vulnerable customers. (19526)
- 188 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to make caring a protected characteristic in employment law. (19621)
- 189 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will produce guidance for employers on how to support unpaid carers in the workplace. (19622)

- 190 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will review the eligibility rules for carer's benefits to enable more carers to combine paid work and unpaid care. (19623)
- 191 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will commission specialist support for carers who have not been in paid employment for some time on (a) managing finances, (b) work placements and (c) confidence building. (19624)
- 192 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will exempt military compensation as income when calculating entitlement to means-tested benefits. (19628)
- 193 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that planned reforms to the disability benefit system provide adequate (a) security and (b) support for (i) seriously ill and (ii) disabled people while enabling those who are able to work to access appropriate opportunities. (19563)
- 194 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many alcohol industry representatives Ministers in his Department have met since July 2024. (19336)
- 195 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many eligible pensioners have applied for Pension Credit in Sutton and Cheam constituency since 1 August 2024. (19490)
- 196 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of youth unemployment since 2010. (19420)
- 197 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to use technology to improve its productivity. (19421)
- 198 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that 92% of NHS patients are treated within 18 weeks. (19390)
- 199N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of patients who (a) were medically fit to be discharged and (b) were not discharged from hospital on 1 December 2024. (19319)
- 200N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many ambulances were in use in the NHS in (a) September, (b) October and (c) November 2024. (19320)

- 201N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what percentage of patients waited longer than four hours in A&E in (a) September, (b) October and (c) November 2024. (19321)
- 202N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS (a) 111 and (b) 999 call handlers there were on (i) 1 September, (ii) 1 October, (iii) 1 November and (iv) 1 December 2024. (19322)
- 203N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the report by (a) Baroness Cumberlege entitled Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review, published 8 July 2020 and (b) Dr Henrietta Hughes entitled Options for redress for those harmed by valproate and pelvic mesh, published on 7 February 2024; and whether he plans to establish a taskforce to improve patient advocacy services for those affected by vaginal mesh implants. (19419)
- 204 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of GP appointments that have been booked through online forms as a result of the Help Us Help you advertising scheme since the inception of that scheme. (19588)
- 205N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment of the probability of an increase in youth smoking rates of illegal tobacco products as a result of the implementation of a generational ban on tobacco sales. (19232)
- 206N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the probability of young people switching from vaping to smoking tobacco products as a result of the implementation of a generational ban on tobacco sales. (19233)
- 207 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will issue guidance to integrated care boards on representation for NHS Primary Care stakeholders. (19483)
- 208 **Jonathan Davies** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of prostate cancer screenings. (19562)
- 209 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an estimate of the cost to outpatient paediatric ophthalmology of (a) cancelled appointments and (b) appointments missed because the patient did not attend in 2023-24. (19383)
- 210 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many outpatient paediatric ophthalmology appointments for children under 19 years were (a) cancelled and (b) missed because the patient did not attend in 2023-24. (19384)

- 211 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support research in the pharmaceutical sector in Newbury. (19572)
- 212 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with NHS England on the future of the mental health investment standard. (19627)
- 213 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve NHS provision of (a) dental care for pregnant women, (b) radiography services for cancer patients, (c) GP access in areas with significant housing developments and (d) audiology services. (19577)
- 214N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the letter of 20 November 2024 from the hon. Member for Arundel and South Downs. (19428)
- 215 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency. (19238)
- 216 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 69 of the House of Lords Preterm Birth Committee report entitled Preterm Birth: reducing risks and improving lives, HL 30, published on 14 November 2024, if his Department will revise the national maternity safety ambition to reduce the (a) incidence and (b) impact of pre-term births. (19271)
- 217 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the proportion of patients that have received a colonoscopy and subsequently been referred to cancer treatment pathways in each of the last five years. [R] (19535)
- 218 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the potential cost to the public purse is of diagnostic colonoscopies per foundation trust in each year since since 2020. [R] (19536)
- 219 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps (a) his Department and (b) NHS England are taking to support the use of (a) medical devices and (b) diagnostic tools after piloting; and what funding his Department provides for such tools and devices. [R] (19537)
- 220 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his plans for a National Care Service include a review of training for carers in the use of musical techniques to help support people living with dementia. (19409)

- 221N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including people with post-Covid syndrome in the list of people qualified for an autumn booster vaccine. (19591)
- 222N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending the eligibility of Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation recommendations to include people over 79. (19592)
- 223N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment has his Department made of the potential merits of prioritising immunosuppressed children for eligibility of Covid-19 vaccinations. (19593)
- 224N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure timely (a) approval and (b) delivery of Novavax vaccine for immunosuppressed people. (19594)
- 225 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to address (a) recruitment and (b) retention in adult social care in rural areas. (19584)
- 226 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve mental health support for social care workers. (19585)
- 227N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide (a) comprehensive healthcare guidance on and (b) access to specialised gynaecological support for (i) the management of menstruation, (ii) contraception options, (iii) safe pregnancy care and (iv) other related matters for people with spinal cord injuries. (19457)
- 228N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce the risks of (a) uterine prolapse and (b) osteoporosis among women with spinal cord injuries through (i) improved access to preventive care, (ii) diagnosis and (iii) long-term management strategies. (19458)
- 229N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that women with spinal cord injuries receive adequate postnatal support including (a) breast feeding assistance and (b) tailored rehabilitation services. (19459)
- 230 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of changes made to employer National Insurance contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024 on access to palliative care. (19502)

- 231 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to ensure palliative care standards are maintained for an aging population. (19503)
- 232N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet the Blood Cancer Alliance to discuss the need to include specific measures to improve blood cancer (a) diagnosis, (b) treatment and (c) care in the forthcoming cancer strategy. (19460)
- 233 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many blood cancer patients have been diagnosed via Non-Specific Symptom pathways in each of the last three years. (19461)
- 234 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish (a) the number of blood cancer patients diagnosed via Non-Specific Symptom pathways and (b) other data on the performance of such pathways. (19462)
- 235N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will (a) introduce emergency presentation as a proxy staging measure for non-stageable blood cancers and (b) apply a corresponding national target to (i) measure and (ii) support reduction of late diagnosis of blood cancer. (19463)
- 236 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) medical professionals, (b) charities, (c) organisations and (d) other groups the Commission on Human Medicines consulted on the provision of puberty blockers. (19394)
- 237 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what services NHS England gender services provide for children and young people. (19395)
- 238 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing details of the GP contract earlier in the year to improve forward planning. (19565)
- 239 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that diagnostic results are transmitted promptly between NHS hospitals and GPs; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of using electronic communication for those results. (19619)
- 240 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) raise awareness of the symptoms and (b) reduce the number of misdiagnoses of pancreatic cancer. (19300)
- 241 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet the Alcohol Health Alliance to discuss what steps the Government can take to reduce alcohol related deaths. (19324)

- 242 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to meet (a) the Alcohol Health Alliance and (b) other public health representatives to discuss rates of alcohol harm. (19325)
- 243 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many public health representatives he has met to discuss (a) tobacco, (b) obesity and (c) alcohol harm; and whether he plans to meet more public health organisations in the New Year to discuss those issues. (19326)
- 244 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to tackle alcohol harms. (19327)
- 245 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Health Mission Board has taken to tackle rates of alcohol harm. (19328)
- 246 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many alcohol industry representatives Ministers in his Department have met since July 2024. (19337)
- 247 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve earlier diagnosis of hepatitis B (a) nationally and (b) within Devon Integrated Care System. (19568)
- 248 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve liver cancer surveillance among higher risk patients with chronic hepatitis B (a) nationally and (b) within Devon Integrated Care System. (19569)
- 249 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many incidents of self-harm using (a) paracetamol, (b) ibuprofen and (c) aspirin by 16 and 17-year-olds were recorded in each of the last five years. (19556)
- 250 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of progress made towards tackling desertification at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the United Nation Convention to Combat Desertification. (19301)
- 251 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of joining the School Meals Coalition. (19559)
- 252 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the 1972 Communiqué on the Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on an Exchange of Ambassadors, whether the Communiqué's position that Taiwan is a province of the People's Republic of China remains the position of the Government. (19224)

- 253 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans his Department has to support the work of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. (19400)
- 254 **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has provided the interim government in Bangladesh with support for the asset recovery of funds potentially misappropriated by the previous government. (19555)
- 255N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in Mozambique on (a) violence perpetrated against Christians by Islamic extremists in Cabo Delgado and (b) the effectiveness of the steps Mozambique is taking to tackle the humanitarian and security situation in that region, in the context of its freedom of religion and belief obligations. (19219)
- 256 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in the Middle East on the situation in Syria. (19304)
- 257 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help secure a peaceful political process in Syria. (19305)
- 258N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the humanitarian situation in Syria. (19306)
- 259 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to ensure access of humanitarian aid into Syria. (19307)
- 260 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help safeguard the rights of women and girls in Syria. (19308)
- 261 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure access to education for women and girls in Syria. (19309)
- 262 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support freedom of religion or belief for religious minorities in Syria. (19310)
- 263 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support (a) public institutions and (b) the civil service in Syria. (19311)

- 264N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many British nationals were in Syria on 11 December 2024. (19312)
- 265 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the BBC World Service on UK soft power and diplomacy. (19313)
- 266 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of UK sanctions on Belarus. (19314)
- 267N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in (a) Kosovo and (b) countries neighbouring Kosovo. (19315)
- 268 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he expects Baroness Shafik's strategic review of international development to be (a) completed and (b) published. (19316)
- 269 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of 5 December 2024, Official Report, column 519, what his planned timetable is for the introduction of a new right to consular assistance. (19317)
- 270 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a strategy to tackle the detention of UK dual-nationals by foreign countries. (19318)
- 271 **Katrina Murray** (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking as UN Security Council penholder for the 2016 Colombian Peace Agreement to maintain international community's support for implementation of that country's peace accords. (19571)
- 272 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many alcohol industry representatives Ministers in his Department have met since July 2024. (19338)
- 273 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been charged with alleged offenses relating to protests on arms sales to Israel since (a) 8 October 2023, (b) 26 January 2024 and (c) 2 September 2024. (19405)

- 274 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the £264 million additional core grant funding for police will support police stations to remain open. (19418)
- 275 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to place on a statutory footing the ability to redirect a portion of funds recovered from sanctions violations penalties to provide reparations for survivors of (a) human rights and (b) humanitarian law violations. (19221)
- 276 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will use her discretionary powers to redirect a portion of the cash and cryptocurrency seized by the National Crime Agency in Operation Destabilise for the benefit of survivors of the war in Ukraine. (19222)
- 277 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will use her discretionary powers to redirect a portion of the £783,827 recovered from Petr Aven to support survivors of the conflict in Ukraine. (19223)
- 278 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of police force reporting of dog on dog attacks. (19398)
- 279 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will (a) undertake a review of the recording of dog on dog attacks by police forces and (b) make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing guidance to ensure consistency of reporting of those attacks. (19399)
- 280 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a new public inquiry into the Windrush scandal. (19485)
- 281 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's contract entitled Services to Support Migrants Currently Living in the Community Who Do Not Have Permission to Live in the UK, reference C16116, published on 14 December 2020, how many migrants have used these services. (19504)
- 282 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish (a) the total cost to the public purse for, (b) a breakdown of services provided under contracts related to and (c) a list of companies contracted to deliver services for the Refugee Employability Programme. (19506)

- 283 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, if she will publish a breakdown of material sub-contractors for that contract. (19507)
- 284 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, if she will make an estimate of the number of social tension incidents reported per local authority associated to the contract. (19508)
- 285 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, what the potential cost to the public purse was of (a) translation and (b) interpretation costs associated with the contract. (19509)
- 286 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, what the potential cost to the public purse was of (a) taxi and (b) public transport associated with the contract. (19510)
- 287 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, if she will make an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse of (a) healthcare and (b) dental costs associated with the contract; and if she will make an estimate of the number of (i) GP and (ii) dental appointments arranged. (19511)
- 288 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, what the potential cost to the public purse was of food vouchers issued via this contract. (19512)
- 289 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, if she will breakdown service users by (a) sex and (b) age. (19513)
- 290 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published

on 9 April 2021, how many call outs for reactive maintenance services were made under the contract; and if she will make an estimate of the average waiting time for reactive maintenance services.

(19514)

- 291 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, what the potential cost to the public purse is of cash given to service users as an emergency measure associated to the contract.
- (19515)
- 292 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, what the potential cost to the public purse was of legal advice issued in relation to the contract.
- (19516)
- 293 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, if she will make an estimate of the number of (a) violent and (b) aggressive incidents reported by the provider to her Department.
- (19517)
- 294 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, if she will make an estimate of the number of (a) arrests and (b) enforcement notices reported to his Department as a result of the contract.
- (19518)
- 295 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, if she will make an estimate of the number of antisocial behaviour incidents reported to her Department via the contract provider.
- (19519)
- 296 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, what the potential cost to the public purse is of (a) furnishing and (b) decorating associated with the contract.
- (19520)
- 297 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, what the potential cost to the public purse is of cleaning services associated with the contract.
- (19521)

- 298 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, what the potential cost to the public purse was of recreational activities provided via the contract. (19522)
- 299 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's procurement contract entitled Asylum Accommodation & Support Services Contract NW, reference CF-0155600D58000000L5A4EAK3, published on 9 April 2021, if she will publish a copy of all information packs provided to service users. (19523)
- 300 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of shortening the application period for extending biometric residence permits from three months to 28 days on (a) all biometric residence permit holders and (b) biometric residence permit holders with children who are (i) taking exams and (ii) applying for university or apprenticeships. (19612)
- 301 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support Ukrainian biometric residence permit holders whose jobs may be affected by the revised biometric residence permit extension application period. (19613)
- 302 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of removing the referee requirement for UK citizenship applications, in the context of the introduction of biometric identity checks. (19381)
- 303 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Police National Computer retains nominal records for deceased people. (19427)
- 304N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has identified alternative accommodation to enable a reduction in the use of hotels to house asylum seekers. (19369)
- 305N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has written to Chief Constables setting out her priorities for policing. (19370)
- 306 **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested as a result of investigations by the Grooming Gangs Taskforce since 5 July 2024. (19371)

- 307N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of Foreign National Offenders challenged deportation in each of the last five years for which data is available; and how many and what proportion of those challenges were (a) successful and (b) based upon the European Convention on Human Rights. (19372)
- 308 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has for funding the (a) Revenge Porn Helpline and (b) StopNCII.org website in the next five years. (19482)
- 309 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many alcohol industry representatives Ministers in her Department have met since July 2024. (19339)
- 310 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with the Metropolitan Police to deploy educational awareness campaigns aimed at reducing youth-related knife crime in London. (19494)
- 311 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle car thefts in Sutton and Cheam constituency. (19495)
- 312 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce youth-related gang violence in London. (19497)
- 313 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what statutory basis the Special Escort Group is able to disapply (a) highways and (b) speeding restrictions; and whether she has a statutory role in this process. (19468)
- 314 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to remove (a) diversity and inclusion advisers and (b) champion positions in her Department. (19469)
- 315N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Sri Lankan nationals on Diego Garcia were excluded from transfer to the UK due to them having (a) criminal convictions and (b) allegations of criminal behaviour. (19472)
- 316N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information she obtained from the Sri Lankan government on the (a) criminal records of and (b) allegations of criminal behaviour made about the Sri Lankan nationals on Diego Garcia. (19473)
- 317N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to authorise the transfer of any remaining Sri Lankan nationals on Diego Garcia to the UK before the eventual handover to Mauritius. (19474)

- 318N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether F-35 fighter jets used by the Israel Defence Force in operations in Gaza contain components made in the UK. [Transferred] (19044)
- 319N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the potential cost to his Department of the Continuity of Education Allowance for financial year (a) 2024-25, (b) 2025-26, (c) 2026-27, (d) 2027-28 and (e) 2028-29. (19373)
- 320N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the Narew UK-Poland missile defence partnership. (19374)
- 321N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to publish his response to the Strategic Defence Review at the same time as the Spending Review. (19375)
- 322N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department plans to spend on (a) upgrading and (b) otherwise maintaining (i) single living accommodation and (ii) service families accommodation in (A) the 2024-25 financial year and (B) each remaining financial year of this Parliament. (19376)
- 323N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 12 March 2024 to Question 18057, how many such complaints his Department received between (a) 1 January and 31 March, (b) 1 April and 5 July and (c) 6 July and 11 December 2024. (19377)
- 324N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the (a) total, (b) procurement and (c) sustainment cost of the F-35 Lightning II programme; and whether that programme has been delayed from its original schedule. (19252)
- 325N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost of the Challenger 3 main battle tank development programme is including budget increases due to delays. (19253)
- 326N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost overrun is on the Type 26 frigate programme; and what steps he is taking to (a) mitigate further (i) delays and (ii) costs in the development of the fleet and (b) reduce the impact of delays on the Royal Navy's operational capacity. (19254)
- 327N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 16450 on Armed Forces: Workplace Pensions, what role his Department will play in the consultation process; and whether his Department plans to provide (a) input and (b) guidance on how inheritance tax proposals may impact the Armed Forces Pension Scheme. (19255)

- 328N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 16450 on Armed Forces: Workplace Pensions, whether his Department plans issue additional guidance to Armed Forces Pension Scheme (a) members and (b) nominees on potential changes to inheritance tax liabilities for death in service lump sums. (19256)
- 329 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that veterans residing in Northern Ireland receive the same level of support as those in Great Britain (a) in (i) health, (ii) housing, (iii) welfare, (iv) education and (v) employment and (b) generally. (19257)
- 330 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of maintaining an independent body such as the Veterans Support Office to (a) coordinate and (b) deliver support services for veterans in Northern Ireland. (19258)
- 331 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions his Department has had on the potential implications of Section 75 of the Belfast Agreement for (a) identifying and (b) supporting veterans in Northern Ireland; and whether he is taking steps to (i) ensure parity of care with veterans in Great Britain and (ii) adhere to the Agreement. (19259)
- 332 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of disparities in healthcare waiting times for veterans in Northern Ireland compared to those in Great Britain; and what steps he plans to take to help ensure timely access to critical care for veterans in Northern Ireland. (19260)
- 333 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the (a) Veterans Welfare Service and (b) Office of Veterans Affairs (i) operate independently and (ii) are trusted by veterans in Northern Ireland. (19261)
- 334 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to help tackle challenges faced by veterans in Northern Ireland in accessing support services. (19262)
- 335 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to establish pathways for veterans in Northern Ireland to access healthcare services in Great Britain where suitable care is unavailable locally. (19263)
- 336 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve coordination between (a) the Northern Ireland Office, (b) other government Departments and (c) support charities to ensure comprehensive care for veterans in Northern Ireland. (19264)

- 337 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what support is available for families of veterans in Northern Ireland; and if he will supply additional resources for such needs. (19265)
- 338 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether Ministers in his Department have met with representatives of the alcohol industry since July 2024. (19343)
- 339 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's target is for new build homes for social rent for (a) 2024/25, (b) 2025/26, (c) 2026/27, (d) 2027/28 and (e) 2028/29. (19382)
- 340 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the Community Wealth Fund benefits (a) Cinderford West in the Forest of Dean and (b) other deprived communities. (19580)
- 341N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress her Department has made on ending rough sleeping in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) the rest of England. (19532)
- 342 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department considers people living with HIV to have a priority need for housing. (19575)
- 343 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make a comparative assessment of the effect of the (a) proposals in Planning Reform Working Paper: Planning Committee on the applicability of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and (b) protections afforded to the (i) habitats and (ii) species listed in Section 41 of that Act. (19402)
- 344 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the Consultation on introducing permitted insurance fees for landlords, freeholders and property managing agents, published on 2 December 2024. (19548)
- 345 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Reforms to the Energy Performance of Buildings regime, published on 4 December 2024. (19551)
- 346 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to (a) amend and (b) repeal assimilated EU law on the Habitats Directive on (i) newts and (ii) other protected species. (19349)

- 347 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the deadline is for submitting representations to the planning application for the proposed Chinese Embassy in Tower Hamlets; and if she will make it her policy to ensure that (a) each representation and (b) information on whether each representation is from a resident in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets is published on the Planning Inspectorate website. (19351)
- 348 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to maintain small business rate relief from 2026-27. (19352)
- 349 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has issued guidance to local authorities on publicly disclosing the (a) names and (b) addresses of those who submit representations on planning applications. (19353)
- 350 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has a working definition of Islamism. (19354)
- 351 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the higher business rate surcharge on hereditaments above £500,000 Rateable Value will apply to film studios; and how this change will interact with film studio rate relief. (19355)
- 352 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for the Planning Inspectorate's inquiry into the Chinese Embassy planning application; and what the target date is for (a) the inspector's report to be submitted and (b) a final decision to be made. (19356)
- 353 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 28 November 2024 on Local Government Finance, HCWS265, what the (a) estimated and (b) assumed level in council tax receipts is in absolute terms in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 on which the settlement is based. (19357)
- 354 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether embassies are required to apply for planning permission for development within the curtilage of their land; and whether the Government has issued guidance for embassies on planning law. (19358)
- 355 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether embassies are subject to planning enforcement decisions. (19359)

- 356 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department issues on whether embassies are subject to planning enforcement decisions by (a) local authorities and (b) the courts. (19360)
- 357 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer of 6 December 2024, to Question HL2740 on English Language: Education, what steps the her Department is taking to help promote English language proficiency in the context of integration and community cohesion. (19361)
- 358 **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 16892 on Regional Planning and Development: Finance, what her Department's policy is on the (a) Oxford to Cambridge Pan-Regional Partnership and (b) coordination of planning across the OxCam Arc. (19362)
- 359 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether (a) her Department and (b) its agencies have had recent discussions with representatives of INTERREG on INTERREG programmes. (19363)
- 360 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2024 to Question 12772, if she will publish details of (a) discussions and (b) other meetings between officials and Hope Not Hate since 5 July 2024. (19364)
- 361 **Andy MacNae** (Rossendale and Darwen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing protections for buyers in the final stages of purchasing a home whereby the formal acceptance of an offer creates a legally binding contract between buyer and seller. (19499)
- 362 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to require new houses to be built to Passivhaus standards. (19618)
- 363 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of service charges by housing associations. (19292)
- 364 **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she is taking steps to ensure that local authorities remain democratically accountable for the provision of social care, in the context of her Department's plans for devolution. (19586)

- 365 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether ministers in her Department have met with representatives of the alcohol industry since July 2024. (19347)
- 366N **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support small and medium sized high street businesses with (a) rising rents, (b) business rates and (c) rises in employer National Insurance contributions in Sutton and Cheam constituency. (19491)
- 367 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the number of vacant shops on high streets in London. (19492)
- 368 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure local plans are in line with national housing targets. (19534)
- 369N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she has taken to communicate the recent changes to the Right to Buy scheme to eligible social housing tenants. (19500)
- 370 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of ring-fencing a proportion of the funding provided to Police and Crime Commissioners for the provision of (a) independent domestic violence advisers and (b) independent sexual violence advisers. (19272)
- 371 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment she has made of the prevalence of economic abuse of older people. (19273)
- 372 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on developing a strategy for preventing violence and abuse against older people. (19274)
- 373 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of legal protections against the (a) abuse and (b) neglect of older people. (19275)
- 374 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of HM Inspectorate of Prisons' report entitled Separation of children in young offender institutions – review of progress, published on 1 October 2024. (19557)
- 375 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners are on remand for (a) summary, (b) either way and (c) indictable offences, by (i) the date of custody and (ii) offence type. (19424)

- 376 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of (a) the total number and (b) the percentage of prisoners on remand of the total prison population in each of the next five years. (19425)
- 377 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when she plans to publish the impact evaluation for the acquisitive crime project. (19426)
- 378 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether Ministers in his Department have met with representatives of the alcohol industry since July 2024. (19346)
- 379 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to prevent transgender women being placed in male population prisons while their cases are reviewed. (19488)
- 380N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent estimate he has made of when the Northern Ireland Veterans' Commissioner will be appointed. (19248)
- 381 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Department for Economy on Northern Ireland growth deals. (19294)
- 382 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will hold further discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on tackling violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland. (19299)
- 383 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether Ministers in his Department have met with representatives of the alcohol industry since July 2024. (19348)
- 384 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, which Department is responsible for (a) leading on and (b) delivering blockchain technology. (19276)
- 385 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether Ministers in his Department have met with representatives of the alcohol industry since July 2024. (19345)
- 386N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the money the Government has promised to allocate to the public sector in Northern Ireland to enable it to pay for the increase in employer contributions to National Insurance from April 2025 will be allocated on the basis of Barnett consequentials. (19620)
- 387N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 4181 on Banking Hubs, when she expects the 350 banking hubs to be operational. (19250)

- 388N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Prime Minister's speech entitled Keir Starmer's speech on fixing the foundations of our country: 27 August 2024, whether she plans to increase compensation for people impacted by the regulatory maladministration of Equitable Life. [Transferred] (18877)
- 389N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she plans to take to help improve living standards in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (19531)
- 390 **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.76 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, when the next bi-annual fiscal forum with the Oil and Gas sector will take place; where that forum will take place; and who will attend on behalf of the Government. (19422)
- 391 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the highest possible marginal tax rate is. (19379)
- 392 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people were subject to a marginal tax rate (a) at and (b) above 100% in the last financial year. (19380)
- 393 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of reports that Chinese companies have registered more than 30,000 companies at UK addresses where the registered owners have no connection to the business concerned. (19220)
- 394 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to replace the public sector pay review bodies with collective bargaining. (19626)
- 395 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason it is her policy to exclude accessible taxi vehicles from the VAT exemption for disability-adapted motor vehicles. (19450)
- 396 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the ban on retail derivatives for crypto. (19277)
- 397 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to extend deemed reseller rules to cover UK-established sellers to help mitigate potential risks of unfair competition from overseas sellers. (19407)
- 398N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Summary of reforms to agricultural property relief and business property relief, published on 30 October 2024, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of widening the consultation to consider (a) allowing relief on agricultural and business assets to roll over to a proprietor's surviving

spouse, (b) decoupling agricultural property relief and business property relief and (c) determining a measure of agricultural trading income suitable for use as a threshold to allow agricultural property relief to be claimed. (19570)

399 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will issue guidance to (a) HSBC and (b) Standard Chartered on the validity of British National (Overseas) passports for Hong Kongers to use to secure early withdrawals of their Mandatory Provident Fund savings after permanently leaving Hong Kong. (19486)

400 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many alcohol industry representatives Ministers in her Department have met since July 2024. (19342)

401 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether ministers in her Department have met with representatives of the alcohol industry since July 2024. (19344)

402 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help protect religious minorities. [Transferred] (19298)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 17 December

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average pupil-to-teacher ratio is in (a) Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency, (b) North Yorkshire and (c) nationally. (19465)

2N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many incidents of flooding have been reported in (a) Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency and (b) North Yorkshire in the last 12 months. (19466)

3N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the efficiency of (a) traffic commissioners and (b) DVLA offices in processing licence renewals for C1 vehicle handlers. (19587)

4N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of GP-to-patient ratios in (a) Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency and (b) North Yorkshire in each of the last five years. (19464)

5N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of infants with hydrocephalus initially present symptoms after 8 weeks of age. (19567)

- 6N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many close relative marriage neonatal nurses are there in the NHS. (19416)
- 7N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding was provided by NHS England to the Culturally Sensitive Genetic Literacy project in the current financial year. (19417)
- 8N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her oral Answer to the Question from the hon. Member for Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend of 2 December 2024, Official Report, column 11, if she will publish the initial equality impact assessment. (19288)
- 9N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what account her Department took of the public sector equality duty in taking the decision to close six offices across its estate. (19289)
- 10N **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions her Department has had with Worcestershire County Council on (a) local government reorganisation and (b) devolution. (19529)
- 11N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Capital Gains Tax: Rates of tax — carried interest, published on 30 October 2024, what the evidential basis is for the cost of implementing a one year increase to Capital Gains Tax. (19423)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

- 1 **Lillian Jones** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme on the living standards of recipients. (901834)
- 2 **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme on the living standards of recipients. (901835)
- 3 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): What steps he is taking to support community energy projects. (901836)
- 4 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme on the living standards of recipients. (901837)

- 5 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): If he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a community benefit scheme for households near new energy infrastructure. (901838)
- 6 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme on the living standards of recipients. (901839)
- 7 **Amanda Hack** (North West Leicestershire): What steps he is taking to introduce a warm homes plan. (901840)
- 8 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): What steps he is taking to improve energy security. (901841)
- 9 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on potential opportunities for industry under the National Wealth Fund. (901842)
- 10 **Mrs Lorraine Beavers** (Blackpool North and Fleetwood): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on potential opportunities for industry under the National Wealth Fund. (901843)
- 11 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): Whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on nature-based solutions to help tackle climate change. (901844)
- 12 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): What steps he is taking to improve energy security. (901845)
- 13 **Kenneth Stevenson** (Airdrie and Shotts): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of Great British Energy on job creation in industrial communities. (901846)
- 14 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): Whether he has made an assessment of the potential role of heat batteries in decarbonising domestic heating. (901847)
- 15 **Irene Campbell** (North Ayrshire and Arran): What discussions he has had with energy suppliers on support for consumers in winter 2024-25. (901848)
- 16 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme on the living standards of recipients. (901849)
- 17 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): What steps he is taking to support job creation in the renewable energy sector. (901850)
- 18 **David Pinto-Duschinsky** (Hendon): What steps he is taking to introduce a warm homes plan. (901851)
- 19 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on potential opportunities for industry under the National Wealth Fund. (901852)
- 20 **Andrew Pakes** (Peterborough): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of Great British Energy on job creation in industrial communities. [R] (901853)

- 21 **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): What steps he is taking to improve the energy efficiency of homes in winter 2024-25. (901854)
- 22 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the development of large-scale solar farms. (901855)
- 23 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): What steps he is taking to support the development of carbon capture and storage technology. (901856)
- 24 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): What recent assessment he has made of the potential contribution of domestic solar energy generation to the UK meeting its net zero targets. (901857)
- 25 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): Whether he is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to support nature-based solutions to climate change. (901858)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

- T1 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (901859)
- T2 **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): (901860)
- T3 **Mr Gagan Mohindra** (South West Hertfordshire): (901861)
- T4 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): (901862)
- T5 **Kevin Bonavia** (Stevenage): (901863)
- T6 **Sam Rushworth** (Bishop Auckland): (901864)
- T7 **Matt Turmaine** (Watford): (901865)
- T8 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): (901866)
- T9 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): (901867)
- T10 **Amanda Hack** (North West Leicestershire): (901868)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 18 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of routine monitoring of infant head circumference after 8 weeks of age as a diagnostic tool for early identification of hydrocephalus. (19566)

- 2N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many nuclear veterans have (a) applied for and (b) been refused compensation under the War Pension Scheme. (19302)
- 3N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's timetable is for its review of the medical records of nuclear veterans. (19303)
- 4N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of her Department's proposed office closures on (a) disabled staff, (b) neurodiverse staff, (c) staff with caring responsibilities and (d) staff with other protected characteristics. (19290)
- 5N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has met with trade union representatives for staff in her Department since 5 July 2024. (19291)
- 6N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the eligibility for the Funeral Expenses Payment of unmarried partners. (19553)
- 7N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to require a minimum height for letterboxes in new build homes. (19554)