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Questions tabled on Thursday 12 December 2024

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Questions for Answer on Monday 16 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Torsten Bell** (Swansea West): To ask the Solicitor General, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November to Question 13792 on Insolvency: Assets, what information (a) HM Land Registry and (b) Companies House hold on the number of registered freehold titles excluding those dealt with by the Bona Vacantia division that have (i) apparently vested in the Crown and (ii) not been referred to the Bona Vacantia division by an interested party following dissolution of companies through (A) striking off by the Registrar of Companies and (B) formal liquidation to date. (19804)
- 2 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, and his Department's press release entitled Pat McFadden vows to make the state more like a start up as he deploys reform teams across country, published on 9 December 2024, which Department's budget allocation the £100m Innovation Fund will be drawn from. (19687)
- 3 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) his core Department and (b) executive agencies of his Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19654)
- 4 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, how much (a) the Church Commissioners distributed to and (b) was certificated by the Archbishops' Council under section 2(6) of the National Institutions Measure 1998 in each year since 1998; and how much was granted by the Church Commissioners pursuant to section 1 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2018 to the Archbishops' Council in each year since 2018. (19811)

- 5 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of enhancing the banking offer within Post Offices. (19893)
- 6 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will produce guidance for employers on how to support unpaid carers in the workplace. [Transferred] (19622)
- 7 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the locksmith industry in upholding standards of practice. (19807)
- 8 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) his core Department and its predecessor departments and (b) executive agencies of those departments at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19657)
- 9 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Post Office closures on local communities. (19875)
- 10 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help safeguard jobs in the UK automotive supply chain. (19877)
- 11 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to reduce regulation for businesses. (19878)
- 12 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on business rates. (19879)
- 13 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support the hospitality sector. (19880)
- 14 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to encourage business confidence. (19881)
- 15 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, 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. [Transferred] (19580)
- 16 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans there are for a third phase of the Youth Investment Fund to be launched in 2025. (19897)

- 17 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) her core Department and (b) executive agencies of her Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19667)
- 18 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, where the Homebuilding Skills Hubs will be located. [Transferred] (19283)
- 19 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of reintroducing maintenance grants on widening access to higher education. (19905)
- 20 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve staff wellbeing and retention in the education sector. (19632)
- 21 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December 2024 to Question 17084 on Schools: Per Capita Costs, how much and what proportion of the additional funding will be used for pay increases already awarded to teachers in the 2025-26 financial year. (19671)
- 22 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December 2024 to Question 17084 on Schools: Per Capita Costs, if she will provide these figures adjusted for inflation by the (a) retail price index and (b) consumer price index. (19672)
- 23 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a home education register. (19810)
- 24 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to verify that individuals that enter the country on student visas are attending their courses. (19942)
- 25 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the fees charged by (a) not-for-profit children's home providers and (b) independent fostering agencies; and whether the proposed financial transparency measures set out in the Department's policy paper entitled Keeping Children Safe, Helping Families Thrive, published on 18 November 2024, will apply to charitable organisations operating in the children's social care sector. (19798)
- 26 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Curriculum and Assessment Review is looking at disadvantages faced by boys at school. (19871)
- 27 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to tackle antisemitism at universities. (19872)

- 28 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of interest rates for university student loans on (a) students and (b) their families. [R] (19865)
- 29 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on providing oral health (a) education and (b) other support in schools. [R] (19834)
- 30 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children are in a residential children's home over 20 miles from their family home. (19957)
- 31 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of children being placed in residential children's homes more than 20 miles away from their family homes on their care. (19958)
- 32 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) her core Department and (b) executive agencies of her Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19664)
- 33 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of (a) the number of SEN pupils expected to transition to the state sector as a result of the introduction of VAT on independent school fees and (b) the cost to the state education system of those children moving from private to state schools. (19899)
- 34 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that (a) school and (b) higher education leavers are supported into meaningful employment, and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of piloting initiatives to address barriers to workforce entry for young people nationally. (19792)
- 35 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of standing charges issued by energy suppliers on low and middle-income households. (19845)
- 36 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions he has had with international partners on the future of the JET fusion project. (19670)
- 37 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his Department's announcement of 23 September 2024, on minimum energy efficiency standards, what assessment he has made of the average cost of making a listed dwelling meet the EPC 'C' requirements by 2030; and whether listed buildings will be required to meet that statutory target. (19705)

- 38 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his policy is on local highways authorities delivering carbon savings by turning off street lighting at night. (19706)
- 39 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Government ban on the sale of new petrol-fuelled vehicles from 2030 includes sit-on, petrol-fuelled lawnmowers for (a) domestic and (b) non-domestic use. (19707)
- 40 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his Department's press release of 23 September 2024 entitled Home upgrade revolution as renters set for warmer homes and cheaper bills announcement, if he will list the exemptions that will apply to the requirement for (a) private and (b) social rented sector homes to have an Energy Performance Certificate C or equivalent by 2030. (19708)
- 41 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) his core Department and its predecessor departments and (b) executive agencies of those departments at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19658)
- 42 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of UK carbon emissions from imports from (a) China and (b) the rest of the world in each year since 2010. (19976)
- 43 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department has taken to identify the (a) location and (b) severity of capacity constraints in the energy transmission network. (19978)
- 44 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department is taking steps to mitigate against the risk of potential price increases in (a) offshore wind, (b) onshore wind, and (c) solar energy. (19979)
- 45 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of expanding (a) offshore wind, (b) onshore wind and (c) solar energy on environmental conservation. (19981)
- 46 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether an assessment has been made of the potential impact of expanding (a) onshore wind and (b) solar energy on the availability of agricultural land. (19983)
- 47 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made a determination of the recommended safe distance between residential dwellings and solar PV farm battery energy storage systems. (19985)

- 48 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of (a) police, (b) ambulance and (c) fire rescue services located near solar photovoltaic farm battery energy storage systems. (19986)
- 49 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, which solar PV farm battery energy storage systems are deemed to be within an unsafe distance from a residential dwelling. (19987)
- 50 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much public investment has been directed to Sizewell C in each year since 2022. (19988)
- 51 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will publish an impact assessment for a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism on UK exporters. (19990)
- 52 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of UK carbon emissions by consumption in each year since 2010. (19991)
- 53 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he is taking steps to use maritime spatial planning to identify areas with high potential for the development of offshore wind energy. (19791)
- 54 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken with Cabinet colleagues to tackle trade barriers to farming exports. (19823)
- 55 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for (a) his policies on reducing Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide exposure in wildlife and (b) the Rodenticide Stewardship Scheme of the report entitled Lost nature, published by Wild Justice on 12 December 2024. (19851)
- 56 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to include ice age ponds in the list of Irreplaceable Habitats for biodiversity net gain. (19930)
- 57 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many dogs travelled to the UK under the Pet Travel Scheme by (a) sea, (b) tunnel and (c) air in each of the last 12 months. (19836)
- 58 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to (a) amend and (b) repeal assimilated EU law on the Habitats Directive on (i) newts and (ii) other protected species. [Transferred] (19349)

- 59 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will have discussions with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on the potential for joint working on the proposed food strategy. (19688)
- 60 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the National Food Strategy will include the role of (a) alternative proteins and (b) engineering biology in the food supply. (19689)
- 61 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the frequency of residual waste household collections on (a) public health and (b) local amenities. (19907)
- 62 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether any (a) grant scheme, (b) core departmental and (c) other funding for local authorities is linked to their recycling rates of household waste. (19909)
- 63 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on the frequency of household residual bin collections by local waste collection authorities. (19914)
- 64 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information (a) his Department and (b) its agencies holds on the number of household receptacles required for rubbish and recycling collections by each local waste collection authority. (19916)
- 65 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024, to Question HL2390, on Waste: Codes of Practice, when his Department plans to respond to the consultation on making the Code of Practice a statutory code. (19918)
- 66 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance has been produced by his Department on the issuing of fines by local authorities on householders who leave items by the curtilage of their property to be given away and re-used. (19922)
- 67 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what (a) his Department's policy is and (b) what guidance has been given to local authorities on the use of microchips in household wheelie bins. (19923)
- 68 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) his core Department and (b) executive agencies of his Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19656)

- 69 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 1 November 2024 to Question 11126 on National Landscapes: Environment Protection, what steps the Government is taking to make National Landscapes wilder and greener. (19824)
- 70 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applicants in South Devon constituency received capital grant funding in (a) 2022-23, (b) 2023-24 and (c) 2024-25. (19796)
- 71 **George Freeman** (Mid Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to paragraph 3.68 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, HC 295, what steps he plans to take to monitor the potential impact of the £20.4 billion R&D investment on economic and R&D business growth; and how much of that funding he plans to allocate to each (a) sector and (b) research and innovation cluster. (19674)
- 72 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what training has been provided to civil servants in his Department on the public sector equality duty. (19683)
- 73 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the State of the relationship report 2024, published by the National Centre for Universities and Business on 5 December 2024, what steps he is taking to increase the number of interactions between businesses and universities. (19684)
- 74 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to increase the transparency in the use of artificial intelligence by public bodies. (19685)
- 75 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) his core Department and its predecessor departments and (b) executive agencies of those departments at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19659)
- 76 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the safety of electric (a) cars, (b) bikes and (c) scooters. (19758)
- 77 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of making the temporary 38.4 tonnes and 44 tonnes weight arrangement permanent for volumetric concrete mobile plants. (19764)
- 78 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential economic impact of not making the 38.4 tonnes and 44 tonne weight arrangement permanent for volumetric concrete mobile plants. (19765)

- 79 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to her Answer on 9 December to UIN 17876 on motor insurance - young people, how many meetings of the cross-government motor insurance taskforce have taken place; and what progress has been made in reducing motor insurance premiums. (19766)
- 80 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December 2024 to Question 18188 on Railways: Employers' Contributions, whether she plans to increase regular contract payments in line with the cost of changes to employer National Insurance contributions made at the Autumn Budget 2024. (19812)
- 81 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure bus travel is accessible for people with disabilities. (19861)
- 82 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many train collisions with people have been reported in each train operating company's network area in the last 12 months; and how many people were involved in such collisions in each area. (19800)
- 83 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to encourage local authorities to apply for lane rental schemes. [R] (19801)
- 84 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will provide additional funding for Westmorland and Furness Council to maintain cycleways. (19669)
- 85 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate she has made of the (a) cost of building HS2 and (b) impact of HS2 on economic growth in the next 10 years; and what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the lessons learned from the construction of Crossrail. (19945)
- 86 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what restrictions she has placed on the Rail Delivery Group on attending (a) party political conferences, (b) international railway meetings overseas and (c) other lobbying activities. (19771)
- 87 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will make an assessment of the value for money of (a) the Rail Delivery Group, (b) Network Rail and (c) other publicly funded railway bodies engaging public affairs agencies for lobbying purposes. (19772)
- 88 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much (a) Network Rail and (b) the Rail Delivery Group spent on lobbying activities, including expenses related to attending party conferences and engaging public affairs consultancies, for financial years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19773)

- 89 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to introduce incentives for (a) manufacturers and (b) motorists to encourage take-up of electric cars. [Transferred] (19406)
- 90 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to give people with disabilities additional rights to use electric scooters in public spaces. (19928)
- 91 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 15346 on Driving under Influence: Drugs, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending section 5A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to include an option for an evidential roadside saliva sample. (19929)
- 92 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with (a) the Mayor of London and (b) Transport for London on the potential impact of pedicabs in central London using pavements on the safety and wellbeing of pedestrians. (19839)
- 93 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with (a) the Mayor of London and (b) Transport for London on the potential impact of banning pedicabs in central London on (i) levels of congestion, (ii) pavement safety and (iii) safety of cyclists. (19843)
- 94 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with (a) the Mayor of London and (b) Transport for London on regulating pedicabs to ensure they comply with the Highway Code. (19844)
- 95 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve the (a) frequency and (b) reliability of rail services between Wythall and Birmingham. (19866)
- 96 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) her core Department and (b) executive agencies of her Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19660)
- 97 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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. [Transferred] (19468)
- 98 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment has she made of the potential impact of the under occupancy charge on rates of poverty. (19859)
- 99 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of young people out of (a) work, (b) education and (c) training in Slough. (19753)

- 100 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2024 to Question 13145 on DWP: Buildings, how many staff were in attendance in Caxton House on average in the last week for which figures are available. (19970)
- 101 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications for Pension Credit were received between (a) 29 July 2024 and 30 November 2024, (b) 29 July 2023 and 30 November 2023 and (c) 29 July 2022 and 30 November 2022. (19699)
- 102 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to help disabled people into work. (19873)
- 103 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress she has made on implementing the Disability Action Plan. (19874)
- 104 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will have discussions with the Secretary of State for Transport on the potential for data sharing with the DVLA to enable applications for reduced rate vehicle excise duty to be made (a) online and (b) in post offices. (19833)
- 105 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) monitor and (b) reduce the average call waiting time for the Child Maintenance Service helpline. (19767)
- 106 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) her core Department and (b) executive agencies of her Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19663)
- 107 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will relaunch the Kickstart scheme. (19858)
- 108 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to introduce (a) mandatory training and (b) policies on surgical fires within all NHS hospital settings. (19864)
- 109 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for (a) autistic and (b) ADHD diagnostic assessments in the Cheshire and Merseyside area. (19761)
- 110 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the level of capital investment required for Warrington and Halton hospital campus sites. (19762)

- 111 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the availability of mental health support for men under 50. (19777)
- 112 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the (a) quality and (b) safety of social care services for children at home. (19832)
- 113 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the effect of access to nutritious, appetising hospital food on patient's health, recovery and time spent in hospital; and what plans he has to introduce policies to improve access to that food. (19884)
- 114 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 July 2024 to Question 403 on Health Professions: Regulation, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of expediting the removal of the five-year rule in relation to regulators being able to consider fitness to practise concerns where these involve allegations of historic sexual abuse. (19779)
- 115 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the private medical insurance industry's coverage of treatment for patients with rare cancers. (19780)
- 116 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has taken recent steps to reform the fixed recoverable costs for lower-value clinical negligence claims. (19960)
- 117 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of alternatives to Fixed Recoverable Costs for lower-value clinical negligence claims. (19961)
- 118 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of introducing Fixed Recoverable Costs in clinical negligence on vulnerable people's ability to access justice. (19962)
- 119 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the average cost of (a) bowel and (b) all cancer care at stage (i) 1, (ii) 2, (iii) 3 and (iv) 4 for patients referred by the NHS in England. [R] (19805)
- 120 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister of State for Health in response to the question from the hon. Member of Wokingham of Wednesday 11 December, Official Report, column 290WH, how his Department plans to collect evidence for the national cancer plan. [R] (19825)

- 121 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the future demand for cancer services in (a) the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire West integrated care board and (b) England. [R] (19827)
- 122 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve research capacity for cancer in the (a) Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and West Berkshire integrated care board and b) NHS in England. [R] (19828)
- 123 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the rebuild of the Royal Berkshire Hospital will include IT (a) infrastructure and (b) equipment necessary for greater research capacity. [R] (19831)
- 124 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the costs to the NHS of treating birth defects resulting from cousin marriage in each of the past ten years. (19989)
- 125 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the average waiting time for an autism diagnosis in Cornwall. (19802)
- 126 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to decrease the waiting times for diagnosis of (a) autism and (b) other (i) neurological and (ii) developmental disorders. (19803)
- 127 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the support provided via the NHS England Recovery Support Programme (RSP) to the Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation. (19902)
- 128 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 12696 on Primodos: Research, when the minutes and outcome of the November Commission on Human Medicines discussion will be published. (19678)
- 129 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that there is no discrimination in NHS IVF treatment. (19876)
- 130 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) his and (b) NHS policy is on the use of (i) BAME and (ii) BME (A) in public policy on health and (B) generally. (19886)
- 131 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has written to NHS Trusts on the use of sex-specific language in NHS guidance. (19887)

- 132 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce levels of obesity in (a) Jarrow and Gateshead East constituency and (b) other constituencies with high rates of obesity; and if he will take steps to support dietitian-led weight management programmes in such areas. (19782)
- 133 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding for community-based health initiatives in (a) Jarrow and Gateshead East constituency and (b) other constituencies with high rates of obesity. (19783)
- 134 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to integrate HIV (a) prevention and (b) care into the broader health system. (19784)
- 135 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide (a) funding and (b) resources to support a year-round online (i) HIV and (ii) STI postal testing service. (19785)
- 136 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will ensure that the new HIV Action Plan includes culturally competent interventions. (19786)
- 137 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what role the voluntary sector will play in the new HIV Action Plan; and what steps he will take to support that role. (19787)
- 138 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to (a) measure and (b) ensure improvements in the quality of life of people living with HIV. (19788)
- 139 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of mandating the display of restaurant food hygiene ratings in all English licenced premises assessed. (19912)
- 140 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a statutory food hygiene rating scheme in England. (19919)
- 141 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome. (19668)
- 142 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the delay to community pharmacy funding negotiations on community pharmacies. (19799)

- 143 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding (a) his Department and (b) NHS England has provided for the Global Majority Fellowship Programme in the last year for which figures are available. (19826)
- 144 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the impact of adult social care obligations on local authorities. (19904)
- 145 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) his core Department and (b) executive agencies of his Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19655)
- 146 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the rights of children in countries most impacted by climate change. (19947)
- 147 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help protect the rights of children in countries experiencing the worst impacts of climate change. (19794)
- 148 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of recent incursions by the Coastguard of the People's Republic of China into the restricted waters of the Kinmen islands. (19809)
- 149 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the expansion of immunisation programs in northern Nigeria. (19691)
- 150 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government plans to take in response to the July 2024 Atrocity Crimes report by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iran. (19948)
- 151 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) his core Department and (b) executive agencies of his Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19652)
- 152 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number of battery fires there have been relating to electric (a) cars, (b) bikes and (c) scooters since 2022. (19757)

- 153 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the press notice entitled More bobbies on the beat as PM puts people's priorities first, published on 4 December 2024, what steps her Department is taking to recruit 13,000 (a) police officers, (b) special constables and (c) Police Community Support Officers by the end of this Parliament. (19775)
- 154 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number of people who have been arrested in relation to protests against arms sales to Israel since (a) 8 October 2023, (b) 26 January 2024 and (c) 2 September 2024. (19789)
- 155 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested using counter terrorism powers for activity relating to protests on arms sales to Israel since (a) 8 October 2023, (b) 26 January 2024 and (c) 2 September 2024. (19847)
- 156 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been charged with offenses relating to protests against Elbit Systems UK's arms sales to Israel since (a) 8 October 2023, (b) 26 January 2024 and (c) 2 September 2024. (19848)
- 157 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested for activity relating to protests against Elbit Systems UK's arms sales to Israel since (a) 8 October 2023, (b) 26 January 2024 and (c) 2 September 2024. (19849)
- 158 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested under counter terrorism powers for activity relating to protests against Elbit Systems UK's arms sales to Israel since (a) 8 October 2023, (b) 26 January 2024 and (c) 2 September 2024. (19850)
- 159 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested using powers in the (a) Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2023 and (b) Public Order Act 2023 for activity relating to protests against Elbit Systems UK's arms sales to Israel since (i) 8 October 2023, (ii) 26 January 2024 and (iii) 2 September 2024. (19852)
- 160 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested using powers in the (a) Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2023 and (b) Public Order Act 2023 for activity relating to protests against arms sales to Israel since (i) 8 October 2023, (ii) 26 January 2024 and (iii) 2 September 2024. (19853)

- 161 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested using powers in the (a) the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2023 and (b) Public Order Act 2023 for activity relating to protests against climate change in the last year. (19855)
- 162 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested using counter terrorism powers for activity relating to protests against climate change in the last year. (19856)
- 163 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been charged with offences relating to protests on climate change in the last year. (19857)
- 164 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a maximum 28 days statutory time limit for immigration detention. (19867)
- 165 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including immigration status on crime reports. (19829)
- 166 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of spousal visas were issued to cousins in each of the previous ten years. (19992)
- 167 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the cost to the police service in (a) England and (b) Wales of the increase in Employers' National Insurance Contributions. (19676)
- 168 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the cost to the police service in (a) England and (b) Wales of the increase in minimum wage. (19677)
- 169 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans the Government has to tackle knife crime amongst (a) young people and (b) young people in the black community. (19888)
- 170 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) her core Department and (b) executive agencies of her Department, at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19666)
- 171 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff work in the Border Security Command; and how many of those staff were not previously working on small boat crossings. (19994)

- 172 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to promote the wider adoption of drones by police forces. (19882)
- 173 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to promote the wider adoption of drones by fire services. (19883)
- 174 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has for the redeployment of the Sky Sabre GBAD capability based in Rzeszow following the conclusion of Op STIFFTAIL. (19729)
- 175 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Typhoons will deploy to Poland in the spring as part of NATO Enhanced Air Policing. (19730)
- 176 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking with his Polish counterpart to progress the Future Common Missile programme. (19731)
- 177 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on providing a clear demand signal to the UK's sovereign complex weapons industrial base. (19732)
- 178 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 7495 on Global Combat Air Programme, what comparative estimate he has made of the future delivery timeline of the Tempest platform as a (a) uncrewed and (b) piloted platform. (19733)
- 179 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 7495 on Global Combat Air Programme, what comparative estimate he has made of the cost of the Tempest platform as a (a) uncrewed and (b) piloted platform. (19734)
- 180 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 7495 on Global Combat Air Programme, what comparative estimate he has made of the (a) cost and (b) time taken for (i) safety, (ii) training and (iii) certification from delivering the Tempest platform as (A) uncrewed and (B) piloted. (19735)
- 181 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 7495 on Global Combat Air Programme, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in (a) Italy and (b) Japan on the potential merits of the Tempest platform being delivered uncrewed. (19736)
- 182 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many artillery shells were procured for Ukraine (a) in 2022, (b) in 2023, (c) from 1 January 2024 to 5 July 2024 and (d) since 5 July 2024. (19737)

- 183 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many anti-tank weapons were procured for Ukraine (a) in 2022, (b) in 2023, (c) from 1 January 2024 to 5 July 2024 and (d) since 5 July 2024. (19738)
- 184 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many air defence systems were procured for Ukraine (a) in 2022, (b) in 2023, (c) from 1 January 2024 to 5 July 2024 and (d) since 5 July 2024. (19739)
- 185 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) offensive drones and (b) drones primarily for logistical use were procured for Ukraine (i) in 2022, (ii) in 2023, (iii) from 1 January 2024 to 5 July 2024 and (iv) since 5 July 2024. (19740)
- 186 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many small arms munitions were procured for Ukraine (a) in 2022, (b) in 2023, (c) from 1 January 2024 to 5th July 2024 and (d) since 5 July 2024. (19741)
- 187 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many helmets were procured for Ukraine (a) in 2022, (b) in 2023, (c) from 1 January 2024 to 5 July 2024 and (d) since 5 July 2024. (19742)
- 188 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many long range missiles were procured for Ukraine (a) in 2022, (b) in 2023, (c) from 1 January 2024 to 5 July 2024 and (d) since 5 July 2024. (19743)
- 189 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the Integrated Procurement Model will be fully introduced across all defence procurement processes. (19644)
- 190 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment has been made of the effectiveness of the Integrated Procurement Model in improving value for money for defence acquisitions. (19645)
- 191 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that the Integrated Procurement Model improves the delivery timelines of major defence projects. (19646)
- 192 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how the Integrated Procurement Model ensures equitable access for small and medium-sized enterprises in the defence supply chain. (19647)
- 193 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what measures are in place to mitigate cost overruns in projects managed under the Integrated Procurement Model. (19648)

- 194 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department is taking steps to encourage the use of small and medium-sized businesses in its defence procurement process; and what steps he is taking to improve the resilience of the defence supply chain. (19818)
- 195 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) his core Department and (b) executive agencies of his Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19653)
- 196 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what percentage of housing development on grey belt land will be required to be homes for social rent. (19759)
- 197 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of retaining new homes bonus payments. (19760)
- 198 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's Remediation Acceleration Plan, published on 02 December 2024, what is her planned timetable for working with insurers to consider the potential merits of supporting the industry with reducing fire-related liabilities for the duration of remediation programmes. (19763)
- 199 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that newly-built homes reflect the (a) family size and (b) income of the communities in each local area. (19774)
- 200 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to prioritise the allocation of affordable housing to UK citizens. (19776)
- 201 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to protect park home owners from charges by park owners when they sell their home. (19778)
- 202 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what changes have been made to the valuation of airports for business rates in the last 24 months; and what representations her Department has received on that issue in that period. (19700)
- 203 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 15447, on Empty Property and Second Homes: Council Tax, what steps he plans to take if a local authority does not meet the requirement in guidance to advertise in at least one local newspaper; and whether failure to advertise would make the scheme invalid. (19701)

- 204 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment Homes England has made of the viability of delivering the Government's 1.5 million housebuilding target in this Parliament. (19702)
- 205 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 25 of the document entitled Plan for Change, published on 5 December 2024, CP1210, which National Policy Statements she expects to update by next summer. (19703)
- 206 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 24 of the document entitled Plan for Change, published on 5 December 2024, CP1210, what her target is for the number of net additional dwellings that need to be delivered in each year to meet the 1.5 million homes target by the end of this Parliament. (19704)
- 207 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will have discussions with local authorities on increasing the level of consultation with local residents when calculating housing targets. (19932)
- 208 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will (a) make an assessment of the adequacy of local infrastructure in Great Yarmouth constituency and (b) reassess the housing target for that constituency following that assessment. (19933)
- 209 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that infrastructure investment is in place before any new building of homes. (19934)
- 210 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of houses planned to be built during this Parliament that will home new arrivals to this country. (19935)
- 211 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing restrictions on foreign (a) nationals and (b) companies purchasing new houses. (19936)
- 212 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will introduce legislation to prohibit non-resident foreigners from purchasing residential property in the UK. (19937)
- 213 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of planned housing development that will be located within the green belt. (19938)

- 214 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the support available to families living with children in temporary accommodation. (19903)
- 215 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many affordable homes were (a) started and (b) completed in Essex in 2023-24. (19906)
- 216 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking with local authorities to help ensure the suitability of temporary accommodation. (19908)
- 217 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help support the (a) mental and (b) physical health of families in temporary accommodation. (19910)
- 218 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many care homes were referred to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman in (a) South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency and (b) Essex in each of the last five years; and how many were (i) privately-owned and (ii) local authority-owned. (19911)
- 219 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to tackle (a) homelessness (b) rough sleeping in (i) Essex (ii) the South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (19913)
- 220 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the average length of time was that families stayed in temporary accommodation in (a) England and (b) Essex in (i) 2023 and (ii) 2024. (19921)
- 221 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of children living in temporary accommodation in (a) South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency and (b) Essex. (19924)
- 222 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to encourage investment in high streets in (a) Essex and (b) South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (19925)
- 223 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Planning Reform Working Paper: Planning Committees, published on 9

December 2024, whether it is her policy that Councillors would have a role in determining a reserved matters application where the outline approval was compliant with the Local Plan but a reserved matter may not be. (19980)

- 224 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to policy paper entitled Planning Reform Working Paper: Planning Committees, published on 9 December 2024, which individual would decide whether or not an application was compliant with a Local Plan; and what the process would be in the event of a disagreement on that matter, when deciding whether or not to delegate to planning officers. (19982)
- 225 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Planning Reform Working Paper: Planning Committees, published on 9 December 2024, what say ward councillors would have on a planning application in their ward; where they disagreed with the decision of the planning officer; and whether they could call-in the matter to a planning committee. (19984)
- 226 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential effect of the National Planning Policy Framework, announced on 12 December 2024, on infrastructure and services in (a) Fylde constituency and (b) other rural areas. (19895)
- 227 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department issues to planning authorities on (a) ensuring applications for lawful development certificates are properly assessed and (b) taking into account the views of local residents when assessing such applications. (19927)
- 228 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that future housing is designed to a beautiful standard, following the closure of the Office for Place. (19901)
- 229 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) her core Department and (b) executive agencies of her Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19662)
- 230 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 17651 on Parking: Regulation, what options her Department is reviewing to drive up standards in the private parking industry. (19896)
- 231 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has received representations from the Solicitor Regulation Authority on the adequacy of the level of financial penalties for those solicitors found to be in breach of money laundering regulations. (19781)

- 232 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the (a) effectiveness and (b) value for money the privatised prison maintenance service. (19860)
- 233 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2024, to Question 12889 on Ministry of Justice: Ministers' Private Offices, if he will provide a breakdown of the (a) goods and services purchased and (b) cost of each. (19963)
- 234 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many civil servants are assigned to work in the Land Registry's London office; and how many desks there are for those civil servants. (19964)
- 235 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many desks in 102 Petty France offices are made available for (a) HMCTS and (b) Ministry of Justice staff. (19965)
- 236 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many departmental staff, expressed as a numeric headcount, assigned to 102 Petty France, occupied a desk in 102 Petty France, on average, in the last week for which figures are available. (19966)
- 237 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many HMCTS staff, expressed as a numeric headcount, assigned to 102 Petty France, occupied a desk in 102 Petty France, on average, in the last week for which figures are available. (19967)
- 238 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Probation Service staff are assigned to work in each office in London; and how many desks are there in each office. (19968)
- 239 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of all sentences under the Single Justice Procedure were fines in each of the last five financial years. (19943)
- 240 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of magistrates' court sentences were fines in each of the last five financial years. (19944)
- 241 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of sentences handed out in open magistrates' courts were fines in each of the last five financial years. (19949)
- 242 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a review of which nationalities proportionately commit the largest number of crimes. (19995)

- 243 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing sentences for offenders guilty of Unlawful act manslaughter. (19971)
- 244 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) her core Department and (b) executive agencies of her Department at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19661)
- 245 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 3666 on Private Education: VAT, what steps she plans to take to monitor the impact of the policy changes on military families. (19808)
- 246 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the recommendations of the report entitled Releasing Mortgage Prisoners: proposed solutions and illustrative costings, published by the LSE in February 2023; and whether she plans to implement those recommendations. (19675)
- 247 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17780 on Employers' Contributions, if she will make an estimate of the (a) median and (b) mean average number of people employed by the employers that she expects will pay (i) the same and (ii) less in employer National Insurance contributions. (19673)
- 248 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to maintain small business rate relief from 2026-27. [Transferred] (19352)
- 249 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (19355)
- 250 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the average Rateable Value is of a pre-school nursery. (19709)
- 251 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the average Rateable Value is of an independent school. (19710)
- 252 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment (a) her Department and (b) the Valuation Office Agency has been of the potential impact on airports of the (a) surcharge on business hereditaments above £500,000 Rateable Value from 2026-27 and (b) 2026 rates revaluation. (19711)
- 253 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of trends in the level of council tax on Real Household Disposable Income per person. (19712)

- 254 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information other than address and rateable value the Valuation Office Agency holds on pubs for business rate purposes. (19713)
- 255 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Valuation Office Agency holds data on the average rateable value of municipal swimming pools. (19714)
- 256 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans she has to continue the 2024 to 2034 film studio business rate relief announced in March 2024 at the rate announced at that time. (19715)
- 257 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the forecast gross cost is of film studio business rate relief in (a) 2024-25, (b) 2025-26 and (c) 2026-27. (19716)
- 258 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of applying a working farm test which would exempt estates actively being used for farming from changes to Inheritance Tax rules at the Autumn Budget 2024. (19797)
- 259 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her 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. [Transferred] (19631)
- 260 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people aged under 21 have opened lifetime ISAs in the last 12 months. [Transferred] (19296)
- 261 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many government procurement cards were held by staff within (a) HM Treasury and (b) HMRC at the end of calendar years (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (19665)
- 262 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will have discussions with representatives from the banking sector on the adequacy of property valuations for mortgage applications. (19891)
- 263 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question 13970 on Wales Office: Buildings, how many staff attended the Department's HQ building in that period; and how many staff are assigned to that workplace. (19969)
- 264 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, how she plans to monitor the effectiveness of the new preventative duty on sexual harassment. (19755)

- 265 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to consult with (a) disabled and (b) Black peoples' organisations on the planned implementation of the draft Equality (Race and Disability) Bill. (19756)
- 266 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps the Government is taking to help tackle post-separation economic abuse. (19862)
- 267 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to reduce suicide levels amongst men. (19854)
- 268 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent progress the Government has made on implementing the recommendations of the report by Dr Hilary Cass entitled Independent review of gender identity services for children and young people, published in April 2024. (19863)
- 269 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether her Department plans to provide funding for the Community Security Trust. (19868)
- 270 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will publish Public Sector Equality Duty implementation guidance for each (a) Government Department and (b) arms-length body. [Transferred] (19480)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 17 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November 2024 to Question 11837 on Integrated Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy Review, if he will set out for each review (a) the planned timeline for completion and (b) whether the findings will be published. (19634)
- 2N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November 2024 to Question 11837 on Integrated Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy Review, if he will set out for each of those reviews (a) the process for establishing the evidence base and (b) whether it will be undertaken (i) internally and (ii) include external consultation. (19635)
- 3N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the remuneration package is for the National Security Adviser. (19728)
- 4N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has met with the US Chamber of Commerce. (19679)

- 5N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has met with the UK High Streets Taskforce. (19680)
- 6N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to ensure the accuracy of his Department's headcount and payroll data. (19681)
- 7N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has met with business representatives to discuss the Control Subsidy Regime. (19682)
- 8N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps he has taken to ensure that imported products containing banned ingredients are not sold in shops in the UK. (19754)
- 9N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many of his counterparts from G20 nations (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have met. (19950)
- 10N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with (a) the ONS (b) the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Public Services Productivity Review. (19951)
- 11N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to prepare for the potential imposition of trade tariffs by the US. (19952)
- 12N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets attended any of the meetings held by his Department with Stellantis. (19953)
- 13N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department takes to monitor the productivity of officials when they work from home. (19955)
- 14N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many letters his Department has sent informing postmasters and former postmasters that their conviction has been rescinded under the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Act 2024. (19972)
- 15N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support foreign direct investment in the north of England. (19974)

- 16N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many meetings Ministers in his Department have had with trade union officials since 5 July 2024. (19977)
- 17N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department has taken to support small businesses with meeting the requirements of the EU Regulation on General Product Safety (2023/988). (19821)
- 18N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of EU Regulation on General Product Safety (2023/988) on small businesses. (19822)
- 19N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Statutory levy and online slot stake limits to be introduced to tackle gambling harm, published on 27 November 2024, what steps she plans to take to monitor the spending of the 30% of levy funding allocated for prevention. (19926)
- 20N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many representations her Department has received from (a) organisations, (b) hon. Members and (c) individuals on the future of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. (19770)
- 21N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact on the freedom of the press of the recent IPSO ruling in relation to a complaint made by Juno Dawson against the Spectator newspaper. [R] (19954)
- 22N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure the financial resilience of the (a) university and (b) colleges sectors. (19813)
- 23N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to issue an official apology on behalf of the Government to lesbian mothers who had their custody rights affected between the 1970s and 1990s because of their sexuality. (19820)
- 24N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what cost comparison he has made of repairing (a) overhead and (b) underground power lines following storm damage. (19917)
- 25N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans his Department has to bring forward a consultation on a Renewable Heating Fuel Obligation as required by section 159 of the Energy Act 2023. (19744)

- 26N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including hybrid heat pumps as an available measure under the Boiler Upgrade Scheme. (19745)
- 27N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many low-income households have (a) applied and (b) received vouchers for measures under the Boiler Upgrade Scheme from qualifying rural postcodes. (19746)
- 28N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to help tackle rural fuel poverty under the Warm Homes Plan. (19747)
- 29N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his oral Answer to the Question from the hon. Member for Fylde of 8 October 2024, Official Report, column 140, whether his Department has made an assessment of the viability of (a) Stanah in Blackpool North and Fleetwood constituency and (b) other alternative routes for connecting the Morgan and Morecambe windfarm to the national grid. (19898)
- 30N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 in regulating the welfare of cats in England. (19768)
- 31N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has consulted (a) canine and feline behaviourists, (b) manufacturers of electronic shock collars and (c) farming bodies on the use of electronic shock collars on dogs and cats in England. (19769)
- 32N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to increase the resilience of farm businesses by improving biodiversity. (19915)
- 33N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to increase the financial resilience of farms in the wake of increasing extreme weather. (19920)
- 34N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to his Department's press release of 12 December 2024 entitled £100 million public-private health research boost from which budget is the public sector funding coming; and what proportion is public investment. (19686)

- 35N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with (a) the Mayor of London and (b) Transport for London on the potential impact of the lights and loud noises made by pedicabs in central London on people with neurological conditions affected by sound and light. (19841)
- 36N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish the equality impact assessment carried out prior to the introduction of the Advances Model artificial intelligence system. (19693)
- 37N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what timetable her Department has for conducting a fairness analysis on the Advances Model artificial intelligence system in respect of potential bias according to race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, pregnancy, maternity or gender reassignment status. (19694)
- 38N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether entitlement to a defined benefit occupational pension affects entitlement to Universal Credit if that pension is not drawn. (19835)
- 39N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding was allocated to promote the update of the influenza vaccine in (a) 2022, (b) 2023 and (c) 2024. (19698)
- 40N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure access to (a) comprehensive healthcare guidance and (b) specialised gynaecological support for people with spinal cord injury including (i) management of menstruation, (ii) contraception options and (iii) safe pregnancy care. (19748)
- 41N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase access to (a) preventative care, (b) diagnosis and (c) long term management strategies for women with spinal cord injury who are at increased risk of (i) uterine prolapse and (ii) osteoporosis. (19749)
- 42N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that women with spinal cord injuries receive adequate (a) breast feeding assistance, (b) breast feeding assistance and (c) other postnatal support. (19750)
- 43N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of his Department collecting information on how many (a) abattoirs and (b) food processing plants in (i) England and (ii) the UK are family-owned businesses. (19815)

- 44N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 18797 on Coronavirus: Vaccination, how many of the claims relating to Covid-19 vaccination that have gone to tribunal have resulted in the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme Payment being awarded to the applicant. (19956)
- 45N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with representatives of the incoming U.S. President on the appointment of a US Special Envoy to Northern Ireland. (19636)
- 46N **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 the UK's use of soft power to support free and fair elections worldwide. (19695)
- 47N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with Baroness Shafik on consulting with (a) parliamentarians, (b) NGOs and (c) other stakeholders, in the context of her strategic review of international development. (19696)
- 48 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Hong Kong on the Hong Kong National Security Law. (19697)
- 49N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the UK-Nigeria joint communiqué, published on 6 November 2024, what support for humanitarian action is included in the new UK-Nigeria Strategic Partnership. (19690)
- 50N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to ratify the Global Oceans Treaty. (19806)
- 51N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to convene an inaugural meeting in London to support civil society in Israel-Palestine in working towards a two-state solution. (19837)
- 52N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the report by the UN Special Rapporteur entitled Atrocity Crimes and grave violations of human rights committed by the Islamic Republic of Iran (1981–1982 and 1988), published on 17 July 2024. (19946)
- 53N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people who arrived in the UK by small boats are (a) male and (b) female since 5 July 2024. (19637)

- 54N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of police officers in (i) Epping Forest constituency and (ii) Essex. (19814)
- 55N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on visas for (a) scientists and (b) researchers. (19692)
- 56N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on returning Syrians (a) seeking and (b) granted asylum if that country becomes safe. (19721)
- 57N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish a breakdown of crimes committed by nationality in each of the last five years for which data is available. (19722)
- 58N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will increase the salary threshold for family visas. (19723)
- 59N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to improve the effectiveness of data collection from mobile phones by the police in relation to crime. (19790)
- 60 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking with Cabinet colleagues to strengthen communities in the aftermath of the recent riots. (19795)
- 61N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Major defence reforms launched, with new National Armaments Director to tackle waste and boost industry, published on 25 October 2024, what the rank of the National Armaments Director will be. (19724)
- 62N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Major defence reforms launched, with new National Armaments Director to tackle waste and boost industry, published on 25 October 2024, how the new National Armaments Director (NAD) role will defer in practice in their (a) duties and (b) responsibilities from the current NAD role. (19725)
- 63N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Major defence reforms launched, with new National Armaments Director to tackle waste and boost industry, published on 25 October 2024, what the remuneration package will be for the new National Armaments Director role; and how that package will differ from the current one. (19726)

- 64N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6342 on Skynet, whether SKYNET 6A satellite procurement remains on schedule. (19727)
- 65N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 17776 on Armed Forces: Recruitment, how the Army measures Capita's performance against key performance indicators in the Recruitment Partnering Programme contract; and what the results have been in each of the last five years. (19639)
- 66N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what specific actions were taken following the performance audit reviews of Capita's role in military recruitment in (a) May and June 2021 and (b) July and August 2023. (19640)
- 67N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 17776 on Armed Forces: Recruitment, if his Department will publish the monthly measurements against key performance indicators for Capita's performance in military recruitment over the last five years. (19641)
- 68N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 17776 on Armed Forces: Recruitment, whether Capita met its key performance indicators in each of the last five years under the Recruitment Partnering Programme contract. (19642)
- 69N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 17776 on Armed Forces: Recruitment, what financial penalties have been applied to Capita under the Recruitment Partnering Programme contract for failure to meet contractual performance standards in the last five years. (19643)
- 70N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support councils in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England to reduce homelessness. (19869)
- 71N **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 in rural areas receive higher levels of funding in the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2025-26, in the context of her Department's plans to repurpose funding allocated for the Rural Services Delivery Grant. (19793)
- 72N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of paragraph 2.45 of the Office for Budget Responsibility's report entitled Economic and fiscal outlook – October 2024, published on 30 October 2024. (19889)

- 73N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential effect of removing the role of elected councillors from certain planning processes under the new National Planning Policy Framework on trust in local democratic services. (19890)
- 74N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps the Government will take with respect to councils who do not meet the targets set out in the National Policy Planning Framework, announced on 12 December 2024. (19892)
- 75N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure the reforms set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, published on 12 December 2024, safeguard the beauty and character of (a) Fylde constituency and (b) other rural areas. (19894)
- 76N **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will take steps to re-establish a separate department for International Development. (19751)
- 77N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the Office of Budget Responsibility is next due to have an external review. (19638)
- 78N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help increase the supply of affordable housing in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (19870)
- 79N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the pensions of former Allied Steel and Wire workers. (19900)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 18 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, whether the Church plans to amend the Table of Kindred and Affinity to exclude first cousins from marriage. (19830)
- 2N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment process his Department uses to determine if solar companies operating in the UK have supply chain links to forced labour. (19973)
- 3N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many solar companies based in the UK his Department has assessed to have supply chain links to forced labour. (19975)

- 4N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the eligibility for the Funeral Expenses Payment of unmarried partners. [Transferred] (19553)
- 5N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 17570 on Pension Funds: Environment Protection, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a legal obligation for UK-based pension schemes to divest from companies that are not compliant with the UK's climate commitments. (19718)
- 6N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions the recent UK Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition meeting had on (a) ultra-processed foods and (b) future policies to reduce consumption of those foods. (19959)
- 7N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when the Government plans to ratify the Global Oceans Treaty. (19633)
- 8N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to tackle delays in processing ARAP applications (a) from people at immediate risk of harm in Afghanistan and (b) generally. (19939)
- 9N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applicants to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme are awaiting a response; and what the average time taken is to process applications under that scheme. (19940)
- 10N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what resources have been allocated to ensure that the ARAP scheme is functioning (a) efficiently and (b) effectively. (19941)
- 11N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of housing associations in England that are charging tenants for a 53 week rent year. (19993)
- 12N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of new housing targets on sewerage infrastructure. (19717)
- 13N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 17571 on Fossil Fuels: Insurance, whether her Department has taken steps with the Prudential Regulation Authority to ensure Lloyd's of London's underwriting activities are compliant with the UK's legal climate commitments. (19719)

- 14N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 17571 on Fossil Fuels: Insurance, whether the Prudential Regulation Authority is responsible for enforcing the (a) development and (b) implementation of transition plans for (i) UK regulated financial institutions and (ii) FTSE 100 companies. (19720)

Oral Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

- 1 **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle the potential impact of socio-economic disadvantage on future earnings. (901922)
- 2 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle the potential impact of socio-economic disadvantage on future earnings. (901923)
- 3 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle violence against women and girls. (901924)
- 4 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): What steps she is taking to ban conversion practices. (901925)
- 5 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): What steps she is taking to help end discrimination against ethnic minority people. (901926)
- 6 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): What recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Justice on the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to create domestic abuse-aggravated offences. (901927)
- 7 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): What steps the Government is taking to help tackle misogyny on social media platforms. (901928)
- 8 **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle the potential impact of socio-economic disadvantage on future earnings. (901929)
- 9 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): What steps she is taking to help end discrimination against disabled people. (901930)
- 10 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce levels of food insecurity amongst disabled people. (901931)
- 11 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle the potential impact of socio-economic disadvantage on future earnings. (901932)
- 12 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): What steps she is taking to ban conversion practices. (901933)
- 13 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): If she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the equality of access to public services in rural areas. (901934)

- 14 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the length of paternity leave taken by men on women. (901935)
- 15 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): What discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Education on SEND provision. (901936)
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Topical Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

- T1 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon and Consett): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (901937)
- T2 **Rosie Wrighting** (Kettering): (901938)
- T3 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): (901939)
- T4 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): (901940)
- T5 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): (901941)
- T6 **Lee Pitcher** (Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme): (901942)
- T7 **Daniel Francis** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): (901943)
- T8 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): (901944)
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Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 18 December. (901907)
- 2 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): (901908)
- 3 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): (901909)
- 4 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): (901910)
- 5 **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): (901911)
- 6 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): (901912)
- 7 **John Grady** (Glasgow East): (901913)
- 8 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): (901914)
- 9 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): (901915)
- 10 **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): (901916)
- 11 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): (901917)

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| 12 | Jo White (Bassetlaw): | (901918) |
| 13 | Peter Prinsley (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): | (901919) |
| 14 | Debbie Abrahams (Oldham East and Saddleworth): | (901920) |
| 15 | Richard Foord (Honiton and Sidmouth): | (901921) |
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 19 December

Questions for Written Answer

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| 1N | Gareth Bacon (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to publish her Department's plans to decarbonise (a) shipping and (b) the wider maritime sector. | (19816) |
| 2N | Gareth Bacon (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to provide funding for support for maritime training beyond March 2025. | (19817) |
| 3N | Shaun Davies (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of exemption to the rules preventing anyone previously sentenced to more than 12 months in custody from obtaining visas for performing artists who have had clean records for the past 10 years. | (19885) |
| 4N | Manuela Perteghella (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the introduction of voter ID on specific migrant communities. | (19846) |
| 5N | Freddie van Mierlo (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 26 November 2024 to Question 14870 on National Landscapes and with reference to section 245 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023, for what reason that Answer states that local authorities should have regard to rather than seek to further the purposes of national landscapes. | (19819) |
| 6N | Mr Peter Bedford (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the hon. Member for Warrington North, representing the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, if the Committee will make a comparative assessment of the value for money provided by (a) IPSA and (b) the pre-2010 system for reimbursing MPs' staffing and business costs. | (19838) |
| 7N | Mr Peter Bedford (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the hon. Member for Warrington North, representing the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, how many employee settlement agreements there were in IPSA in each year since 2020; and what the total value of such agreements was. | (19840) |

- 8N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the hon. Member for Warrington North, representing the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, if the Committee will make an assessment of the potential merits of commissioning an independent review of (a) IPSA's operational effectiveness and (b) the value for money provided by that organisation. (19842)
- 9N **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much the late filing penalties from companies failing to file their annual accounts within the deadline were in each financial year between 2018-19 and 2023-24. (19931)
- 10N **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the independent review into the loan charge will include consideration of the issuing of section 684 notices prior to 2011. (19752)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- 1 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): What reforms he has made to funding for flood protection. (901869)
- 2 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): What recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending the Rural England Prosperity Fund. (901870)
- 3 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): What assessment he has made of the impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on family farms. (901871)
- 4 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): Whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of putting the Drinking Water Inspectorate's guidance on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances on a statutory footing. (901872)
- 5 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support the well-being of farmers. (901873)
- 6 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): What recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Bathing Water Regulations 2013. (901874)
- 7 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): What steps he is taking to improve food security. (901875)
- 8 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): What reforms he has made to funding for flood protection. (901876)
- 9 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): What funding is available from his Department for farming. (901877)
- 10 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): What his planned timetable is for the introduction of legislation to ban imports of hunting trophies. (901878)

- 11 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): What progress he has made on reducing pollution in waterways. (901879)
- 12 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): What progress he has made on reducing electronic waste. (901880)
- 13 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): Whether he plans to take steps to help improve the water quality near Teddington Lock. (901881)
- 14 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): What steps his Department is taking to improve the dredging of rivers. (901882)
- 15 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): What assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of safeguarding high grade agricultural land. (901883)
- 16 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of temporarily closing the capital grants scheme for new applications on farmers. (901884)
- 17 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): What steps he is taking to improve the water quality of chalk streams. (901885)
- 18 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): What reforms he has made to funding for flood protection. (901886)
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Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- T1 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (901887)
- T2 **Jeremy Hunt** (Godalming and Ash): (901888)
- T3 **John Milne** (Horsham): (901889)
- T4 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): (901890)
- T5 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): (901891)
- T6 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): (901892)
- T7 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): (901893)
- T8 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): (901894)
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Oral Questions to the Solicitor General

- 1 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on prosecuting knife offences. (901895)

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- 2 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): What steps she is taking to help ensure increased prosecution rates for rural crime. (901896)
 - 3 **Martin Vickers** (Brigg and Immingham): What steps she is taking to help ensure the effective prosecution of perpetrators of misdemeanours. (901897)
 - 4 **Louise Jones** (North East Derbyshire): What steps her Department is taking to support the Serious Fraud Office in tackling fraud and economic crime. (901898)
 - 5 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on prosecuting knife offences. (901899)
 - 6 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): What steps the Crown Prosecution Service is taking to improve support for victims of crime. (901900)
 - 7 **Matthew Patrick** (Wirral West): What steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates in cases of violence against women and girls. (901901)
 - 8 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on prosecuting knife offences. (901902)
 - 9 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): What steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates in cases of violence against women and girls. (901903)
 - 10 **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): What steps she is taking to increase prosecution rates of freight crime. (901904)
 - 11 **Mike Tapp** (Dover and Deal): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help increase prosecution rates in cases of people smuggling. (901905)
 - 12 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South and South Bedfordshire): What steps she is taking to help ensure increased prosecution rates for rural crime. (901906)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 6 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to initial diagnostic blood tests for coeliac disease in primary care settings. (19649)
- 2N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of diagnostic delays on the long-term health of patients with undiagnosed coeliac disease; and what steps he is taking to reduce those delays. (19650)

- 3N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to raise awareness of the average waiting time of 13 years for a diagnosis of coeliac disease. (19651)