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## Questions tabled on Friday 13 December 2024

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  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Monday 16 December

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many applications his Department received for the Second Permanent Secretary for European Union and International Economic Affairs role advertised in November 2024. [Transferred] (19282)
- 2 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of young people out of (a) work, (b) education and (c) training in Slough. [Transferred] (19753)
- 3 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of police force reporting of dog on dog attacks. [Transferred] (19398)
- 4 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will (a) undertake a review of the recording of dog on dog attacks by police forces and (b) make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing guidance to ensure consistency of reporting of those attacks. [Transferred] (19399)
- 5 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the requirements set out in the interim planning guidance on the consideration of the Environment Act PM2.5 targets in planning decisions, published in November 2024, on the (a) viability and (b) cost of new developments. [Transferred] (18950)

- 6 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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. [Transferred] (19976)
- 7 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of UK carbon emissions by consumption in each year since 2010. [Transferred] (19991)
- 8 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her policy is on local highways authorities delivering carbon savings by turning off street lighting at night. [Transferred] (19706)
- 9 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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. [Transferred] (19707)
- 10 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of legal protections against the (a) abuse and (b) neglect of older people. [Transferred] (19275)
- 11 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce suicide levels amongst men. [Transferred] (19854)
- 12 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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. [Transferred] (19863)
- 13 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of trends in the level of council tax on Real Household Disposable Income per person. [Transferred] (19712)
- 14 **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. [Transferred] (19964)
- 15 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the private medical insurance industry's coverage of treatment for patients with rare cancers. [Transferred] (19780)
- 16 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to place on a statutory footing the ability to redirect a portion of funds recovered from sanctions violations penalties to provide reparations for survivors of (a) human rights and (b) humanitarian law violations. [Transferred] (19221)

- 17 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (19700)
- 18N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing pension abatement rules on (a) public sector pensions and (b) re-employment earnings for public sector employees. [Transferred] (19558)
- 19 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will publish an impact assessment for a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism on UK exporters. [Transferred] (19990)
- 20 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to make caring a protected characteristic in employment law. [Transferred] (19621)

## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 17 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse was of all non-departmental bodies in the last financial year. (20085)
- 2 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many death certificates mentioning steroids were issued in each of the last five years. (20049)
- 3 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support British-based businesses to appoint a responsible person under the General Product Safety Regulations to access to Northern Ireland and EU markets. (20075)
- 4 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help support grassroots live music venues in Liverpool. (20044)
- 5 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the (a) scope of and (b) timeline for producing the National Youth Strategy is. (20114)
- 6 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle persistent absence in schools in Slough constituency. (20022)

- 7 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children entered (a) primary and (b) secondary school in Great Yarmouth constituency in each of the last 10 years. (20081)
- 8 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of school places in Great Yarmouth constituency (a) available and (b) requested in the next academic year. (20083)
- 9 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase levels of retention of educational psychologists beyond the minimum period they are required to remain in their local authority after their training is completed. (20119)
- 10 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made representations to Drax on the increase in whistleblower reports recorded by the organisation between 2022 and 2023. (20029)
- 11 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of reclaiming any portion of the subsidies provided to Drax Power Limited, in the context of the finding by Ofgem that Drax had misreported data in relation to their annual profiling submission between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, published on 29 August 2024. (20030)
- 12 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to (a) prioritise a roofs first approach to solar panel installation to ensure efficient use of urban spaces and (b) incentivize homeowners and businesses to adopt rooftop solar technology. (20059)
- 13 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has identified the (a) location and (b) severity of capacity constraints in the energy distribution network. (20051)
- 14 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the findings on trends in the level of rat poison found in birds of prey in the report by Wild Justice entitled The Rodenticide Stewardship Scheme, published on 10 November 2024, whether his Department is taking steps to help ensure that non-target species are not harmed by rat poison. (20106)
- 15 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many cats were imported under the Balai Directive in each month of (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (20053)
- 16 **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 in each month of 2023. (20054)

- 17 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many cats travelled to the UK under the Pet Travel Scheme in each month of (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (20055)
- 18 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many cats travelled to the UK under the Pet Travel Scheme via (a) sea, (b) tunnel and (c) air in 2023 and 2024. (20056)
- 19 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December 2024 to Question 17203 on Flood Control, what the cost to the public purse is of the University of Hull and Humberside Fire and Rescue Service's proposal to establish a National Flood Resilience Centre; what percentage of his Department's forecast spending on flood resilience over the next decade that cost represents; and what proportion of his Department's spending on flood resilience goes on (a) training and (b) flood research. (20025)
- 20 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that farmers can engage in environmentally sustainable farming projects during winter 2024-25. (20007)
- 21 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support farmers with managing flooding in winter 2024-25. (20008)
- 22N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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. [Transferred] (19815)
- 23 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with the Scottish Government on revisions to firework safety legislation to include provisions on (a) community safety and (b) noise-level controls. (20101)
- 24 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merit of bringing forward legislative proposals to protect (a) wildlife parks and (b) zoos from the impact of firework usage. (20102)
- 25 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to prevent further damage following coastal erosion in Hemsby; and what his Department's timetable is for reviewing the funding formula for flood defences. (20079)
- 26 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department uses sewage to estimate population changes. (20080)

- 27 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will ensure (a) internships and (b) job opportunities in (i) his Department and (ii) its non-departmental public bodies are open to all applicants. (20086)
- 28 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that the Summer Development Internship Programme 2025 is open to all applicants. (20087)
- 29 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support his Department provides farmers to (a) research and (b) implement natural defences to aphids instead of neonicotinoid pesticides. (20123)
- 30 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much the Environment Agency spent on road vehicle fleet maintenance by (a) vehicle type, (b) fuel type and (c) non-essential modifications in each of the last three financial years. (20097)
- 31 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much the Environment Agency has spent on custom wheel lug nuts for Agency vehicles in each of the last three years; and for what purpose. (20098)
- 32 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the ratio of staff to road vehicles in the Environment Agency (a) is and (b) was in each of the last three years. (20099)
- 33 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when the third round of Landscape Recovery will open for applications. (20095)
- 34 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will have discussions with the National Farmers' Union on their statistical information relating to changes to agricultural property relief. (20067)
- 35 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the closure of Capital Grant Applications on (a) farm productivity and (b) food security. (20070)
- 36 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to ensure timely payments from the Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier. (20071)
- 37 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has conducted an impact assessment of the decision to accelerate reduction of direct payments to farming businesses. (20072)
- 38 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the impact of family farms on food security. (20073)



- 39 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to (a) agricultural property relief and (b) business property relief on farm business productivity. (20074)
- 40 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what projects the full-time equivalent civil servants working on rail projects in the South West are working on; and what proportion of their time is spent on each project. (20052)
- 41 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the measures in the Employments Rights Bill on working rights for private hire drivers. (20023)
- 42 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to increase awareness of the changes to the hierarchy of road users in Highway Code Rules H1 to 3. (20100)
- 43 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many scheduled trains with destinations in Cornwall were cancelled due to lack of crew in the last 12 months. (20125)
- 44 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of capacity on Chiltern Railways services. (20036)
- 45 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of the timing of the funding for phase five of the Dawlish Rail Resilience Programme on the cost of phase four of that programme; and whether she plans to seek additional funding through the spending review for those costs. (20068)
- 46 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what criteria her Department is using to assess the viability of the fifth phase of the Rail Resilience Programme for Dawlish. (20069)
- 47 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Trade Union Congress report entitled Sick pay that works, published February 2021, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of (a) current Statutory Sick Pay policies and (b) planned Statutory Sick Pay reforms on ethnic minority workers; and what steps her Department is taking to ensure Statutory Sick Pay covers those in insecure work. (20050)
- 48 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Pension Credit applications have been made in each region since 29 July 2024. (20111)

- 49 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many agricultural workers claim Universal Credit. (20105)
- 50 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help tackle poverty experienced by older people, in the context of changes to the eligibility criteria for the winter fuel payment. (20093)
- 51 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what guidance her Department has issued on people requiring emergency assistance while they wait for a benefit claim to be assessed. (20092)
- 52 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024, if she will make it her policy to implement the recommendations of that report in full. (20094)
- 53 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): SUGGESTED REDRAFT Question 1: To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reduce levels of child poverty in Leicester. (20057)
- 54 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of compensating women impacted by changes to women's State Pension age in Leicester; and what steps she is taking to support the women impacted. (20058)
- 55 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support low-income families by (a) improving access to opportunities for children to play and learn, and (b) enhancing financial independence and living standards. (20061)
- 56 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of patients admitted to hospital this year with (a) Covid, (b) flu (c) RSV and (d) norovirus; and what those figures were for the same period in (i) 2023 and (ii) 2022. (20019)
- 57 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to increase awareness of bowel cancer symptoms among people under 50. (20024)
- 58 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to raise awareness of sudden deaths in young people due to undiagnosed heart conditions. (19998)
- 59 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to increase access to heart screening for young people through sports and community clubs. (19999)



- 60 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme. (20091)
- 61 **Kim Leadbeater** (Spenneth Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve the process for families to obtain a diagnosis for foetal alcohol spectrum disorder. (20048)
- 62 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse is of Change NHS. (20088)
- 63 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of youth services on (a) the Government's prevention agenda and (b) achieving positive outcomes for public health. (20122)
- 64 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the average time taken for deaths to be reviewed under the national medical examiner system since 9 September 2024; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken for deaths to be reviewed on the time taken to arrange funerals. (20028)
- 65 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many first-cousin marriages were recorded in each of the last three years, broken down by the nationalities of the parties involved. (20089)
- 66 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many birth defects were reported among children born to couples who are first cousins in each of the last three years, broken down by the nationality of the parents. (20090)
- 67 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) progress towards a resolution, (b) support civilians and (c) work diplomatically with regional partners to secure peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (20124)
- 68 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether officials of the UK Mission to Afghanistan have asked the Taliban to reconsider its decision to ban women from accessing midwifery education. (20031)
- 69 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing data on whether illicit objects were found during strip searches (a) in police custody and (b) during police stop and searches by (i) police force and (ii) the (A) age, (B) sex and (C) ethnicity of the person. (20027)

- 70 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to reduce antisocial behaviour in Great Yarmouth constituency. (20082)
- 71 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to implement the recommendations of the consultation entitled Review of the Computer Misuse Act 1990, which closed on 6 April 2023. (20112)
- 72 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were (a) killed and (b) wounded by a (i) licensed and (ii) previously licensed firearm in each of the last ten years. (20113)
- 73 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of police officers in 2027. (20043)
- 74 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of people with the right to remain in the UK have registered for an e-Visa. (20038)
- 75 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of people with the right to remain in the UK have reported issues registering for an e-Visa. (20039)
- 76 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many complaints her Department has received on systems for registering for an e-Visa. (20040)
- 77 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many registrations for an e-Visa have (a) failed to complete the process and (b) experienced technical difficulties. (20041)
- 78 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to extend the deadline for registering for an e-Visa. (20042)
- 79 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, whether the work for vehicle entry and exit in New Palace Yard is on (a) time and (b) budget. (20032)
- 80 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of awarding the (a) Op Herrick Operational Service Medal and (b) Civilian Service Medal (Afghanistan) to (i) personnel of the 908 Labour Support Unit RLC and (ii) other Afghan locally employed civilians. (20017)

- 81 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17507 on Veterans: Radiation Exposure, when (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have met (i) nuclear veterans and (ii) campaigners to update them on the progress of his review since 13 September 2024. (19997)
- 82 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on (a) weapons, (b) ammunition and (c) armoured fighting vehicles in (i) 2022/2023 and (ii) 2023/24; and what estimate he has made of such spending in 2024/25. (20117)
- 83 **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 assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of providing support to volunteer directors of Resident Management Companies and Right to Manage Companies in the event of enforcement action being taken at their building. (20026)
- 84N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. [Transferred] (19870)
- 85 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had recent discussions with the Migration Advisory Committee on (a) population growth projections and (b) her Department's housebuilding targets. (20000)
- 86N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many letters her Department has sent informing postmasters and former postmasters that their conviction has been rescinded under the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Act 2024. [Transferred] (19972)
- 87 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many foreign national offenders were arrested in Great Yarmouth constituency in each of the last 10 years. (20084)
- 88 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to (a) ensure that current prison expansion plans are sufficient to meet projected demand and (b) prevent potential overcrowding in prisons serving Leicester and the surrounding areas. (20060)
- 89 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential (a) social and (b) economic impact of increasing investment in preventative upstream services such as youth work. (20115)

- 90 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the (a) effectiveness of the processes put in place by HMRC to register private schools for VAT and (b) adequacy of the time taken for those schools to receive a VAT number. (20009)
- 91 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle the impact of socio-economic disadvantage on future earnings. (20021)

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 18 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, what plans he has to (a) engage and (b) inform Parliament on each review. (20001)
- 2N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate his Department has made of the potential impact of public funding for the steel industry on levels of private-sector investment in that industry in each of the next five years. (20002)
- 3N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department plans to take to maximise the value for money from public funding for the steel industry over the next five years. (20003)
- 4N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how the Official Development Assistance expenditure managed by the former Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy was redistributed following the machinery of Government changes in February 2023. (20010)
- 5N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of introducing a standalone employment right to disability-related leave. (20045)
- 6N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to help support musical acts from Africa to perform in the UK. (20103)
- 7N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to provide additional funding to non-academised sixth form colleges for increasing the pay of teachers to the same level as teachers in academised sixth form colleges. (20104)

- 8N **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Communities, Housing and Local Government on the potential impact of targets for newly-built homes on the capacity of smaller sewage pumping stations. (20121)
- 9N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the equality of access to public services in rural areas. [Transferred] (901934)
- 10N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Official Development Assistance (ODA) expenditure has been provided to the (a) Newton Fund and (b) Global Challenges Research Fund (i) in total and (ii) in each year since their launch; when each fund will close; and how ODA funding previously allocated to each fund will be redirected once these funds close. (20011)
- 11N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 14917 on Driving Licences: Northern Ireland, when she plans to announce the other measures. (20006)
- 12N **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of regulating the prices for electric vehicle charging points. (20120)
- 13N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she last met with the HS2 (a) Construction Commissioner and (b) Residents Commissioner. (20034)
- 14N **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) amending the Quarry Regulations 1999 to ensure that (i) levels of PM10 and PM2.5 particulate emissions in quarries are (A) monitored and (B) controlled and (ii) risk assessments in relation to those particulate emissions are undertaken and (b) directing the Health and Safety Executive to introduce evidence-based standards for levels of air quality in quarries. (20016)
- 15N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of financial support available through the benefits system to people with (a) inflammatory bowel disease and (b) other unseen disabilities. (20066)
- 16N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve (a) support and (b) care pathways in the NHS for people diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease. (20065)
- 17N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to his counterpart in India on the detention of Jagtar Singh Johal. (20020)

- 18N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when the last Joint Analysis of Conflict and Stability strategic assessment was carried out on the situation in Syria. (20012)
- 19N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will list the meetings Ministers in his Department have had with Israeli officials since 7 December 2024. (20013)
- 20N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on the conflict in Myanmar. (20014)
- 21N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he last had discussions with his Azerbaijani counterpart on the humanitarian situation in Nagorno Karabakh. (20015)
- 22N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether a Minister in her Department has chaired a meeting of the synthetic opioids taskforce; and how many times that taskforce has met since 5 July 2024. (20018)
- 23N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make it his policy to (a) review and (b) update the National Radiological Protection Board report published on 4 January 1988. (20126)
- 24N **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many of his Department's (a) computers, (b) laptops, (c) phones and (d) USB sticks were (i) lost and (ii) stolen in each month in 2024. (20116)
- 25N **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average time is between first inquiry and enlistment for candidates wishing to serve in the (a) Royal Navy, (b) Royal Air Force and (c) Army. (20118)
- 26N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information her Department holds on the number of legal cases against schools for claimed (a) disability discrimination and (b) a failure to make reasonable adjustments. (20096)
- 27N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to improve access to Legal Aid for discrimination claims in the Employment Tribunal. (20046)
- 28N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when he expects the independent inquiry under the Inquiries Act 2005 into the murder of Patrick Finucane to begin sitting. (20005)



- 29N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many non-domestic politically exposed persons have been prosecuted since the amendment to the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds Regulations 2017 became operational in January 2024. (20004)
- 30N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring banks to notify account holders when a new direct debit is established against their account. (20062)
- 31N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help tackle the potential misuse of customer bank details by merchants when setting up direct debits. (20063)
- 32N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to require explicit consumer consent for each direct debit set up on a bank account. (20064)
- 33N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of time limits to bring discrimination cases under the Equality Act 2010. (20047)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 19 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, 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. [Transferred] (19931)
- 2N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that Christmas toys sold through online retailers are safe. (20107)
- 3N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help support City Of Wolverhampton Council to provide home-to-school transport for young people. (20077)
- 4N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with the DVLA on the call for evidence entitled Registering historic, classic, rebuilt vehicles and vehicles converted to electric: call for evidence, updated on 9 December 2024. (20033)
- 5N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate she has made of the cost of HS2 Phase 1. (20035)

- 6N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of construction inflation on mitigation projects linked to the building of HS2 Phase 1. (20037)
- 7N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of pensioners eligible for Pension Credit in each region. (20109)
- 8N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of pensioners eligible for but not claiming Pension Credit in each region. (20110)
- 9N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Mental Health Bill on mental wellbeing in Wolverhampton. (20078)
- 10N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of NICE methodology in appraising innovative medicines for licensed for Alzheimer's Disease. (20108)
- 11N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help support social housing providers to meet their duties under section 42 of the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 in relation to damp and mould in Wolverhampton. (20076)