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## Questions tabled on Monday 16 December 2024

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  - † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
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  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Tuesday 17 December

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, 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. [Transferred] (20101)
- 2 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, 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. [Transferred] (20102)
- 3 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle the impact of socio-economic disadvantage on future earnings. [Transferred] (20021)
- 4N **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if the Government will take steps to re-establish a separate department for International Development. [Transferred] (19751)
- 5N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for her policies of the United States' designation of Fawaz Al-Akhras for materially assisting, sponsoring, or providing financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, Bashar Al-Assad. [Transferred] (19058)

- 6 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many first-cousin marriages were recorded in each of the last three years, broken down by the nationalities of the parties involved. [Transferred] (20089)
- 7 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to (a) agricultural property relief and (b) business property relief on farm business productivity. [Transferred] (20074)

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 18 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Solicitor General, what steps she is taking to increase prosecution rates for cases relating to violence against women and girls in Surrey. (20415)
- 2 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Solicitor General, pursuant to the Answer of 31 October 2024 to Question 9604 on Attorney General: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20179)
- 3 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 4 December 2024, to Question 14994 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, if he will provide a readout of the Prime Minister's discussions with President Xi on the planning application for the Chinese Embassy. (20229)
- 4 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether officials from 10 Downing Street had discussions with the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office on the call-in of the Chinese Embassy planning application prior to the decision being taken. (20230)
- 5 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of civil service job opportunities restricted applications through positive action schemes based on (a) race and (b) sex or gender in the last financial year. (20299)
- 6 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will hold discussions with the (a) Duchy of Lancaster and (b) Duchy of Cornwall on creating a shared costs formula for local authorities within those Duchy areas when a Royal visit takes place. (20189)
- 7 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will review the Sovereign Grant annually on audited and published Crown Estate profits. (20190)

- 8 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 9833 on Cabinet Office: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in his Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20170)
- 9 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 12891 on Department for Science, Innovation and Technology: Ministers' Private Offices, how much the Government Property Agency spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology and its predecessor Departments between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items. (20171)
- 10 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 12890 on Department for Energy Security and Net Zero: Ministers' Private Offices, how much the Government Property Agency spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and its predecessor Departments between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items. (20173)
- 11 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20478)
- 12 **Chris Curtis** (Milton Keynes North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to increase export opportunities for SMEs. (20526)
- 13 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will have discussions with Royal Mail on steps to ensure NHS correspondence is given a guaranteed next day delivery status. (20355)
- 14 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the Low Pay Commission. (20130)
- 15 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had recent discussions with participants at the UK Investment Summit 2024 on the status of their planned investments in the context of the Autumn Budget 2024. (20223)
- 16 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many sole traders (a) registered and (b) deregistered each day in 2024. (20467)
- 17 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an estimate of the number of working hours lost as a result of (a) extreme heat and (b) flooding in 2024. (20349)

- 18 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the answer of 5 December 2024 to question 17421 on Fireworks: Safety, what discussions she has had with (a) businesses, (b) consumer groups and (c) charities on the adequacy of the Fireworks Regulations 2004 at protecting (i) people and (ii) animals from the negative impacts of fireworks. (20219)
- 19 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 29 October 2024 to Question 9609 on Department for Business and Trade: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in his Department and its predecessor Departments between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20182)
- 20 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to his Department's consultation, Making Work Pay: Consultation on creating a modern framework for industrial relations, published in October 2024, what his planned timetable is for the consultation on lowering the admissibility requirements for the statutory trade union recognition ballot process. (20552)
- 21 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to consult on (a) secondary legislation and (b) policy on trade union voluntary access (i) agreements and (ii) adjudication. (20553)
- 22 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of changing the threshold for the number of employees within an organisation for it to be eligible for the statutory trade union recognition ballot process. (20554)
- 23 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the Office for Statistics Regulation's publication entitled OSR's statement on the Labour Force Survey-derived estimates and Annual Population Survey-derived estimates, published on 12 December 2024. (20337)
- 24 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to incentivise the building of television and film studios in the (a) regions and (b) West Midlands. (20333)
- 25 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the (a) economic and (b) social impact of loneliness. (20409)
- 26 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20479)

- 27 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with (a) the Rugby Football Union, (b) Premiership Rugby and (c) the Rugby Players Association on the issues facing rugby union. (20259)
- 28 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will undertake a review of (a) financial pressures and (b) governance challenges facing rugby union in England. (20260)
- 29 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will meet representatives of (a) Rugby Football Union, (b) Premiership Rugby, (c) Championship Clubs and (d) Community Clubs Union to discuss (a) future governance, (b) financial stability and (c) executive pay. (20261)
- 30 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps to promote participation in American football. (20472)
- 31 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance Contributions on motor sport. (20473)
- 32 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to take steps to bring forward legislative proposals on regulating sports therapists. (20187)
- 33 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2024 to Question 9065 on Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20184)
- 34 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) primary and (b) secondary school students receive free school meals in Aldershot constituency. (20418)
- 35 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average staff to student ratio was in secondary schools (a) nationally and (b) in Aldershot constituency in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023. (20420)
- 36 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help increase the availability of childcare in Aldershot constituency. (20421)
- 37 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many Mental Health Support Teams there were in (a) Aldershot constituency, (b) Hampshire and (c) London in each year since 2010. (20423)

- 38 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of teachers in Aldershot constituency. (20424)
- 39 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average funding per pupil in mainstream schools was in (a) Aldershot constituency, (b) Hampshire and (c) England in each of the last three years. (20425)
- 40 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many hours of (a) mathematics, (b) English, (c) sciences and (d) modern foreign languages were taught in secondary schools in Aldershot constituency by teachers with no relevant (i) A-level and (ii) higher level qualification in the last full year for which data are available. (20426)
- 41 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many degree apprenticeships were (a) advertised and (b) completed in (i) Aldershot constituency, (ii) Hampshire and (iii) London in each of the last five years. (20427)
- 42 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to reduce persistent absences in primary and secondary schools in West Bromwich constituency. (20312)
- 43 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the impact of above average unauthorised absence rates on educational outcomes in Sandwell local authority area. (20314)
- 44 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20480)
- 45 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the level of (a) suspensions and (b) exclusions among pupils with SEND. (20399)
- 46 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support people working in education who experience mental health issues. (20385)
- 47 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the proportion of children that started secondary school who are (a) new to and (b) have early acquisition of English in each of the last ten years. (20296)
- 48 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of funding school trip coach costs for visits to Parliament. (20433)



- 49 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to legislate for (a) a ban on the physical chastisement of children and (b) penalties for people who do so. (20220)
- 50 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many hours of teaching were lost as a result of (a) extreme heat and (b) flooding in 2024. (20350)
- 51 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish a timeframe for implementing the findings of the research by Ofsted entitled Best start in life part 3: the 4 specific areas of learning, published on 8 October 2024. (20244)
- 52N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of scholarships offered by the Chinese Government for universities in the UK on freedom of speech. (20252)
- 53 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase uptake of free school meals among eligible children in areas with high levels of (a) child obesity and (b) household food insecurity. (20264)
- 54 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she has taken to work with local authorities to support the early years sector in Romford constituency. (20161)
- 55 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with her counterpart in the Northern Ireland Executive on funding for breakfast clubs for children of people on the lowest income. (20208)
- 56 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when her Department last made an estimate of the proportion of pupils who are eligible but not registered for means-tested free school meals. (20413)
- 57 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 1 November 2024 to Question 9069 on Department for Education: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20178)
- 58 **Lee Barron** (Corby and East Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will hold discussions with the electrical contracting industry on estimated future trends in the level of demand for electricians for the implementation of low carbon technologies. (20504)

- 59 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps are you planning to take to ensure that Great British Energy will work in collaboration with (a) the National Wealth Fund and (b) Great British Nuclear. (20239)
- 60 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20481)
- 61 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to 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, whether he plans to investigate its subsidies during the previous 10 years. (20242)
- 62 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to tackle fuel poverty in Surrey in winter 2024-25. (20397)
- 63 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on steps to ensure all new homes are built to high energy efficiency standards. (20404)
- 64 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of improving the longevity of gas storage capacity. (20549)
- 65 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the processes put in place by his Department to ensure that the Contracts for Difference Allocation Round 7 (a) is open and transparent and (b) will allocate contracts according to which bid achieves the highest value for money. (20292)
- 66 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to help tackle illegal waste in Aldershot constituency. (20428)
- 67 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has allocated funding to flood defences in Aldershot. (20429)
- 68 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to help reduce the risk of flooding in Hampshire. (20430)
- 69 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of farms in Aldershot constituency are part of the Sustainable Farming Incentive. (20431)



- 70 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of farms in Aldershot constituency are part of Countryside Stewardship scheme. (20432)
- 71 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the affordability of water bills for people in (a) Aldershot constituency and (b) Hampshire. (20434)
- 72 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce sewage discharges in Aldershot constituency. (20435)
- 73 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to prevent off-road vehicles used for recreational purposes from causing damage to (a) farmland and (b) the countryside in Aldershot constituency. (20439)
- 74 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what data his Department holds on the number of trees that have been planted in Aldershot constituency since 2010. (20440)
- 75 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) farmers and (b) food producers use sustainable farming methods in Aldershot constituency. (20441)
- 76 **Lee Barron** (Corby and East Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much the Environment Agency spent on flood defences in Corby and East Northamptonshire constituency in each year since 2019. (20493)
- 77 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support residential properties impacted by recent flooding. (20416)
- 78 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20482)
- 79 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of levels of water pollution in Yeovil constituency. (20547)
- 80 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help support people affected by changes made to (a) agricultural property relief, (b) Business Property Relief and (c) capital grants at the Autumn Budget 2024 in rural communities. (20398)

- 81 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of accelerated changes to delinked payments on farming businesses. (20400)
- 82 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department had with farmers before freezing the capital grant scheme. (20401)
- 83 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): 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 the delinked basic payment scheme on the profitability of farming businesses. (20403)
- 84 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): 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 Agricultural Property Relief on the profitability of farming businesses. (20405)
- 85 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will publish a strategic plan for food security. (20455)
- 86 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will publish information on food stock-to-consumption ratios in the UK. (20457)
- 87 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to reintroduce the use of neonicotinoid as a pesticide. (20513)
- 88 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle unlawful discharges of sewage by water companies into waterways in Surrey. (20483)
- 89 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will review the use of exemptions within the Hunting Act 2004 for stag hunting. (20407)
- 90 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Hawkers Cove. (20358)
- 91 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Mawgan Porth Beach. (20359)
- 92 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Mother Iveys Bay. (20360)

- 93 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Newtrain Bay. (20361)
- 94 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Pentire Steps Beach. (20362)
- 95 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Porth Beach. (20363)
- 96 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Porthcothan Bay. (20364)
- 97 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Porthtowan Beach. (20365)
- 98 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Rock Beach. (20366)
- 99 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at St George's Cove. (20367)
- 100 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Trevone Bay. (20368)
- 101 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Treyarnon Bay. (20369)
- 102 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Watergate Bay. (20370)
- 103 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) prevent sewage dumping at Whipsiderry Beach. (20372)
- 104 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 14178 on Domestic Waste: Waste Disposal, whether he has made an assessment of the potential

impact of the removal of the minimum residual bin collection requirement in the final Simpler Recycling policy on the prevalence of local waste collection authorities moving to three-weekly or monthly bin collections. (20290)

105 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 9618 on Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in his Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20174)

106 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing river dredging to help reduce flooding on agricultural land. (20507)

107 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20484)

108 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will hold discussions with Ofcom on the adequacy of (a) the competitiveness of pricing, (b) customer retention practices and (c) service standards in the (i) mobile and (ii) television service sector. (20445)

109 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) improve internet services for rural communities and (b) ensure that internet companies do not have monopolies in rural areas. (20391)

110 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish the annual profile of the redirected HS2 funds announced for Worcestershire in October 2023. (20203)

111 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the oral contribution of the Leader of the House in response to the question from the hon. Member for Dumfries and Galloway of 14 November 2024, Official Report, column 935, when she plans to respond in relation to the money earmarked for the A75. (20475)

112 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20485)

113 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of steps to improve accessibility of train stations for disabled people. (20548)

- 114 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to improve disabled access to railway stations in rural areas. (20551)
- 115 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help improve road safety for cyclists; and what financial support she has provided for programmes delivered by The Bikeability Trust since July 2024. (20384)
- 116 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with representatives of the motorcycle sector on improving safety of motorcyclists on the road. (20256)
- 117 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with local authorities on ensuring (a) major new road infrastructure design is safe for motorcyclists and (b) pothole funding ensures smooth roads for (i) motorcyclists and (ii) other road users. (20257)
- 118 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. (20131)
- 119 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. (20135)
- 120 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has prepared improvement action plans for rail franchises due to be brought back into public ownership. (20546)
- 121 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 26 July 2024, to Question 1315, on environmental assessments, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of repealing the environmental assessment regimes originating from the (a) EU Environmental Impact Assessment Directive and (b) Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Directive. (20226)
- 122 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6923 on Euston Station: Passengers, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of progress in the implementation of crowd management improvements to Euston station required by the Office of Road and Rail. (20342)
- 123 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding her Department provided for retrofitting buses to reduce emissions under (a) the Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme and (b) other relevant schemes in 2024. (20343)

- 124 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will publish guidance on the process for establishing passenger transport executives. (20344)
- 125 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle changes in average bus speeds. (20345)
- 126 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department holds on how many and what proportion of buses have onboard connections for electronic devices in England. (20346)
- 127 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether there will be a minimum service requirement for broadband on train services under Great British Railways. (20348)
- 128 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to make the signing of the seafarers charter by maritime operators compulsory. (20157)
- 129 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2024 to Question 9281 on Department for Transport: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20185)
- 130 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to encourage the use of drone technology. (20287)
- 131 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to implement her Department's policy paper entitled Future of Flight Action Plan, published on 18 March 2024. (20288)
- 132 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to mitigate (a) cancellations and (b) delays to rail between Cheltenham and London during the construction period for Old Oak Common station. (20516)
- 133 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help tackle poverty in older people in Poplar and Limehouse constituency in the context of changes to the eligibility criteria for the winter fuel payment. (20267)
- 134 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of extending access to benefits for families with children who have no recourse to public funds on levels of child poverty in Poplar and Limehouse constituency. (20268)



- 135 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the eligibility criteria for the Winter Fuel Payment on trends in the level of pensioners living in (a) relative and (b) absolute poverty in Poplar and Limehouse constituency. (20269)
- 136 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the impact of the two-child benefit cap on trends in the level of child poverty in (a) the UK and (b) Poplar and Limehouse constituency. (20270)
- 137 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential link between the fitness for work test and (a) suicides, (b) other deaths and (c) harm. (20271)
- 138 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to conduct a public inquiry into (a) deaths and (b) serious harm linked to the social security system. (20272)
- 139 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the impact of welfare reforms since 2010 on (a) poverty, (b) child poverty, (c) disabled people, (d) women, (e) people of Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds and (f) older people. (20273)
- 140 **Torsten Bell** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's statistics on the ONS Nomis database on Jobseekers Allowance on-flows by occupation and age, what assessment she has made of the potential reason for changes in the number of on-flows to Jobseekers Allowance where the occupation is unknown since June 2024. (20465)
- 141 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20486)
- 142 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when the formula used by the Child Maintenance Service to calculate the Flat Rate of child maintenance was last reviewed. (20449)
- 143 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to review the formula used by the Child Maintenance Service to calculate the Flat Rate of child maintenance. (20450)
- 144 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the Flat Rate of Child Maintenance awarded by the Child Maintenance Service. (20451)

- 145 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans she has to ensure the Flat Rate of Child Maintenance reflects changes in the cost of living. (20452)
- 146 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of proposals to allow investigators to access the bank accounts of people who claim benefits. (20436)
- 147 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to introduce further legal protections for people affected by proposals to allow investigators to access the bank accounts of people who claim benefits. (20437)
- 148 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she plans to take to protect the privacy of people affected by proposals to allow investigators to access the bank accounts of people who claim benefits. (20438)
- 149 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the two-child limit on recent trends in the level of child poverty; and whether the Government has made an assessment of the potential merits of ending the policy via the child poverty strategy. (20511)
- 150 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recent trends in the level of black cab numbers on (a) the elderly and (b) people with visual impairments or mobility issues. (20474)
- 151 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire will receive additional funding as a result of the Youth Guarantee in the Get Britain Working White Paper, published on 26 November 2024. (20134)
- 152 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that retired NHS staff affected by the McCloud Judgement receive their full pension entitlements for the remedy period between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022; and whether her Department will publish a timeline for implementing the second phase of the McCloud Remedy. (20389)
- 153 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to (a) improve the financial educational resources and tools available for adults who are no longer in formal education and (b) increase awareness of the resources currently available. (20330)
- 154 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has taken steps to work with Portsmouth City Council to help increase pension credit take-up. (20509)

- 155 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) identify and (b) address barriers to separated families setting up maintenance arrangements through the Child Maintenance Service. (20209)
- 156 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Gingerbread report entitled Fix the Child Maintenance Service, published on 25 November 2024, what assessment she has made of the impact of non-receipt of child maintenance on child poverty levels. (20210)
- 157 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she is taking steps to improve staffing levels in the Child Maintenance Service. (20448)
- 158 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish data on welfare claimants by (a) nationality and (b) immigration status. (20422)
- 159 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2024 to Question 9288 on Department for Work and Pensions: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20183)
- 160 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to take additional steps to support (a) Halton Haven and (b) Good Shepard Hospice in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (20247)
- 161 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take legislative steps to protect designated outdoor pub smoking and vaping areas. (20406)
- 162 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with NHS England officials on their role in supporting the development of a roll-out plan for universal Fracture Liaison Services. (20469)
- 163 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he will make an assessment of the eligibility criteria for IVF on access to treatment for (a) single patients and (b) same-sex female couples. (20304)
- 164 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of same-sex female couples are receiving NHS-funded IVF after undertaking six self-funded rounds of Intrauterine insemination as recommended by NICE. (20309)

- 165 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20488)
- 166 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of levels of recruitment and retention in NHS dentistry; and what steps he plans to take to tackle this. (20544)
- 167 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his plans to provide mental health professionals in schools include access to children and young people's counsellors trained to Level 4 Diploma of Higher Education in counselling with clinical experience of working with children and young people. (20487)
- 168 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the minutes from the recent Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition horizon scan meeting of 9 October 2024 on ultra-processed foods. (20414)
- 169 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of access to emergency dentistry in Surrey. (20408)
- 170 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. (20136)
- 171 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate he has made of the number of cases of late diagnoses of bowel cancer in emergency NHS settings; and what steps he is taking to reduce this number. (20164)
- 172 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the support given to people who have experienced a (a) severe adverse reaction and (b) bereavement after receiving a vaccine on levels of vaccine hesitancy. (20301)
- 173 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether palliative and end of life care will be prioritised in the new NHS 10-year plan. (20353)
- 174 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the needs of the palliative and end of life care sector will be represented in the upcoming NHS workforce plan. (20354)
- 175 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the additional funding announced in the Autumn Budget 2024 for the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence will be allocated. [R] (20310)

- 176 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase levels of awareness on the (a) signs and (b) symptoms of cancer among young people and their families. [R] (20317)
- 177 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that care providers, including those in supportive living care settings, are consulted during (a) policy reviews and (b) before policy decisions. (20281)
- 178 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if will make an assessment of the potential merits of conducting a review into the funding of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency. (20468)
- 179 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department is taking to improve the availability of (a) eye clinic appointments and (b) hospital eye services. (20347)
- 180 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) mental health and (b) dementia related hospital admissions took place during heatwaves in 2024. (20351)
- 181 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to take legislative steps to allow pubs to designate outdoor smoking and vaping areas. (20276)
- 182 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average height was for state school pupils in (a) reception and (b) year six in each academic year since 2005-06; what the average height was for state school pupils in each ethnic group in those academic years in that period; and how many state school pupils were in each ethnic group in those academic years in that period. (20255)
- 183 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to take steps to encourage further negotiation between (a) NICE, (b) Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited and (c) AstraZeneca on the supply of Enhertu. (20508)
- 184 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the 10-year health plan will include policies on palliative care. (20502)
- 185 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the refreshed NHS workforce plan will include policies on the palliative care sector. (20503)
- 186 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to improve blood cancer (a) diagnosis, (b) treatment and (c) outcomes in Romford constituency. (20158)

- 187 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of innovative blood cancer treatments in Romford constituency. (20159)
- 188 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of spirometry tests carried out in Community Diagnostic Centres in each of the last five years. (20211)
- 189 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to widen the availability of spirometry testing in primary care settings. (20212)
- 190 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the number of dietetic apprenticeships. (20245)
- 191 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November 2024 to Question 9621 on Department of Health and Social Care: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in his Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20177)
- 192 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce trends in the level of sudden cardiac death amongst (a) school and (b) university aged young people. (20139)
- 193 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a programme of routine ECG heart screening in schools and universities. (20140)
- 194 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the Office for Statistics Regulation's publication entitled OSR's statement on the Labour Force Survey-derived estimates and Annual Population Survey-derived estimates, published on 12 December 2024. (20336)
- 195 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department taking to increase the provision of NHS dental care in Cheltenham constituency. (20525)
- 196 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of poor access to NHS dental services on health outcomes in Gloucestershire. (20527)
- 197 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the recruitment of midwives for Cheltenham General Hospital's Aveta Birth Centre. (20529)



- 198 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the retention of midwives. (20530)
- 199 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support A&E Departments in Gloucestershire in winter 2024-25. (20531)
- 200 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure new GP surgeries are included as part of strategic housing developments. (20532)
- 201 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding his Department plans to provide for meeting the Mental Health Investment Standard in the 2025-26 financial year. (20357)
- 202 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): 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 amendments proposed to the Personal Status Law No. 188 of Iraq. (20274)
- 203 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Iraqi counterparts on the amendments proposed to the Personal Status Law No. 188 of 1959. (20275)
- 204 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20491)
- 205 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the statement by the Chinese Embassy to the UK entitled Embassy Spokesperson on a Taiwan-related motion concocted by a handful of British MPs, published on 29 November 2024, what the Government's policy is on whether Taiwan is a province of China. (20286)
- 206 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Pakistani counterpart on the role of that country's Islamic Council in the persecution of Uyghur Muslims. (20340)
- 207 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help protect the Falun Gong community in China. (20341)

- 208 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the impact of unregistered and uninsured vessels on the value of sanctions against the Russian Federation that have been evaded. (20162)
- 209 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has plans to re-open the British Embassy in Syria. (20188)
- 210 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Syrian counterpart on the (a) humanitarian situation in that country, (b) treatment of religious minorities in that country and (c) stability of the region. (20213)
- 211 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with his Pakistani counterpart on protecting religious minorities from hate crimes, (b) promoting accountability for perpetrators of violence and (c) safeguarding the rights of Ahmadi Muslims in that country. (20214)
- 212 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to support Taiwan's security. (20464)
- 213 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in his Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20186)
- 214 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to make an assessment of Israel's compliance with international humanitarian law in the context of its recent military activity in Syria. (20137)
- 215 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the (a) Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology and (b) Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on (i) coordinated action to deliver the phase out of animal testing and (ii) the potential merits of establishing a cross-Government taskforce. (20215)
- 216 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20490)
- 217 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle antisemitism. (20356)

- 218 **Carolyn Harris** (Neath and Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the impact of (a) the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 and (b) the Illegal Migration Act 2023 on decisions made under the National Referral Mechanism. (20233)
- 219 **Carolyn Harris** (Neath and Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) positive reasonable grounds decisions and (b) conclusive grounds decisions which have been made under the National Referral Mechanism between 2020 and 2024. (20234)
- 220 **Carolyn Harris** (Neath and Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the impact of negative conclusive grounds decisions under the National Referral Mechanism on vulnerable individuals. (20235)
- 221 **Jonathan Hinder** (Pendle and Clitheroe): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress has been made on the independent review into the Police Federation of England and Wales. (20476)
- 222 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment on the potential impact of the removal of the Funding Guarantee Scheme on the Fire and Rescue Service. (20510)
- 223 **Chris Kane** (Stirling and Strathallan): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of applications for naturalisation as a British citizen were processed within the UK Visas and Immigration six-month service standard in the latest period for which data is available; and what steps her Department is taking to meet this service standard. (20300)
- 224 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the immigration status was of Fawzi Omar when he committed a sexual assault on 8 May 2024. (20278)
- 225 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with representatives of the mobile phone industry on (a) using technology to prevent stolen phones from being re-used and (b) the adequacy of security on banking phone apps. (20352)
- 226 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many notices that a person is to be treated as an illegal entrant or as a person liable to administrative removal under section 10 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999 have been issued by her Department in each of the last five years. (20477)
- 227 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will remove Asma Assad's UK citizenship. (20339)

- 228 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what occasions a Contract Change Note has been issued for contracts for asylum accommodation and support services since 2021. (20254)
- 229 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason her Department discontinued the Refugee Employability Programme. (20460)
- 230 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the decision to discontinue the Refugee Employability Programme on the ability of refugees to (a) secure employment, (b) integrate into local communities, and (c) access local childcare and healthcare services. (20461)
- 231 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 30 October 2024 to Question 9278 on Home Office: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20169)
- 232 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to follow the Prevent duty guidance, published on 12 March 2015, during meetings with Islamist organisations. (20295)
- 233 **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the new visa requirements for Colombian citizens on UK citizens who are intending to return to the UK with children born through surrogacy in Colombia. (20387)
- 234 **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to take steps to increase protection for victims of stalking when the perpetrator has a mental health condition. (20388)
- 235 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent steps he has taken to resolve the industrial dispute in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. (20251)
- 236 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20492)
- 237 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes in the level of funding for the Combined Cadet Force Association on its operation in the London Borough of Havering. (20160)

- 238 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November 2024 to Question 9612 on Ministry of Defence: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in his Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20176)
- 239 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Joint plan to accelerate developer-led remediation and improve resident experience, published on 2 December 2024, when her Department will begin publishing developer performance against audits; and whether it will report retrospectively on audits carried out since the commencement of the Developer Remediation Contract. (20246)
- 240 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of houses of (a) all tenure and (b) social housing tenure expected to be built in (a) Halton and (b) Chester West and Chester Council area by the end of the Parliament. (20248)
- 241 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the number of qualified brick layers required to help meet the Government's new house building targets. (20249)
- 242 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 2h of her Department's policy paper entitled Joint plan to accelerate developer-led remediation and improve resident experience, published on 2 December 2024, what her planned timetable is for issuing final guidance on alternative dispute resolutions; and if it will be mandatory for developers and building owners to participate in alternative dispute resolution. (20250)
- 243 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20498)
- 244 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire will receive funding from the Recovery Grant, announced on 28 November 2024. (20133)
- 245 **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 15209 on Holiday Accommodation: Taxation, whether she has received representations from local authorities on providing powers to impose additional (a) surcharges, (b) licensing fees and (c) taxes on (i) hotels and (ii) short-term lets other than through council tax, business rates and business improvement districts. (20221)

- 246 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December 2024 to Question 17299 on Muslim Council of Britain, whether her Department engages with (a) MEND, (b) CAGE and (c) the Muslim Association of Britain. (20228)
- 247 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the letter to her from the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China of 4 December 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of involvement of the United Front Work Department in the planning process for the called-in Chinese Embassy planning application. (20231)
- 248 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 16572 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission and with reference to paragraphs 18 and 19 of her Department's Guidance on planning propriety: planning casework decisions, whether the call-in representations are being made available to the interested parties in the called-in planning application. (20232)
- 249 **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, what the evidential basis is that unitary councils save money. (20129)
- 250 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans to improve outcomes in the conveyancing process. (20306)
- 251 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Land Registry on digitising the conveyancing process. (20307)
- 252 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of using digitisation to speed up the conveyancing process. (20308)
- 253 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to ensure that new housing developments include (a) GP surgeries and (b) other primary healthcare infrastructure. [R] (20313)
- 254 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Prime Minister requested she call-in the application for a new Chinese Embassy in Tower Hamlets after his phone call with the President of China on 23 August 2024. (20284)



- 255 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to put proposed changes to the structure of local government in Norfolk to voters in that county. (20506)
- 256 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing the 10% commission charge on the sale of park homes. (20512)
- 257 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Council funding to be overhauled to deliver better outcomes, published on 28 November 2024, what methodology her Department will use to measure (a) the impact of rurality and (b) levels of (i) demand and (ii) deprivation to calculate the funding to replace the Rural Services Delivery Grant. (20412)
- 258 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December to Question 16276 on Warm Homes Plan: Insulation, if the Warm Homes Plan will support investment in loft insulation protection. (20291)
- 259 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 9072 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20172)
- 260 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government what funding has been provided to the counter-extremism centre of excellence since 4 July 2024. (20294)
- 261 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to improve the energy efficiency of homes in winter 2024-2025. (20524)
- 262 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of making court transcripts available to (a) defendants and (b) plaintiffs both (i) during and (ii) after court hearings. (20265)
- 263 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many judges have recused in England and Wales in 2023-24. (20266)
- 264 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that Crown Dependencies are not used to launder the proceeds of corruption. (20556)

- 265 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of trends in the levels of reoffending rates in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England in each of the last five years; and what steps her Department is taking to help reduce reoffending rates in those areas. (20410)
- 266 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20494)
- 267 **Ben Goldsbrough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people were serving life sentences for second listed offences in prisons in England and Wales on 31 October 2024. (20327)
- 268 **Ben Goldsbrough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of the people serving life sentences for second listed offences in prisons in England and Wales on 31 October 2024 were sentenced (a) on or prior to 9 November 2000, (b) between 9 November 2000 and 4 April 2005 and (c) after 4 April 2005. (20328)
- 269 **Ben Goldsbrough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many of the people serving life sentences for second listed offences in prisons in England and Wales on the 31 October 2024 (a) were serving a recall and (b) have never been released. (20329)
- 270 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the reoffending rates are of (a) former Imprisonment for Public Protection prisoners following the termination of their licence period, (b) the general prison population and (c) prisoners released under the revised early release scheme since August 2024. (20191)
- 271 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for what reasons was there a reduction in Parole Board oral review hearings for imprisonment for public protection prisoners between (a) 2018-19 and (b) 2022-23; and what steps her Department is taking to increase the number of hearings. (20192)
- 272 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average length of time imprisonment for public protection prisoners spend in custody following a recall; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of extended recall periods on trends in successful re-release rates. (20193)
- 273 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Imprisonment for Public Protection prisoners were (a) in custody and (b) in the community on licence in each of the last five years; and what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of these trends. (20194)

- 274 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of prolonged imprisonment on the (a) mental health and (b) prospects for safe release of prisoners serving imprisonment for public protection sentences; and what steps her Department is taking to support those prisoners who have served more than 10 years beyond their tariff. (20195)
- 275 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether any recent proposals to (a) build and (b) expand prisons have been affected by nutrient neutrality rules. (20225)
- 276 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing guidance on the sentencing of people committing offences on social media. (20462)
- 277 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has consulted victims' groups and charities on potential reforms to sentencing guidelines for child sexual offences. (20375)
- 278 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what comparative assessment her Department has made between the sentencing for child sexual offences in the UK and sentencing in other Western nations. (20376)
- 279 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of convictions for child sexual offences resulted in custodial sentences in (a) 2024, (b) 2014, (c) 2004 and (d) 1994. (20377)
- 280 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average length of sentences for child sexual offences was in (a) 1994, (b) 2004, (c) 2014 and (d) 2024. (20379)
- 281 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department plans to reform sentencing guidelines for child sexual offences. (20380)
- 282 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of sentencing guidelines for child sexual offences in (a) reflecting the severity of the crime and (b) preventing reoffending. (20381)
- 283 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question HL2063 on Prisoners' Release: Electronic Tagging, how many visits for tag installation for SDS40 releases did not result in the offender being tagged. (20392)
- 284 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question HL2063 on Prisoners' Release: Electronic Tagging, for what reason all SDS40 releases were not tagged before leaving prison. (20393)

- 285 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question HL2063 on Prisoners' Release: Electronic Tagging, how many SDS40 prisoners requiring electronic tags were released without those tags; and what the average number of days was before those prisoners were fitted with tags. (20394)
- 286 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of offenders released from prison under the standard determinate sentence (SDS40) release scheme were (a) released in error and (b) subsequently recalled since September 2024. (20395)
- 287 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders released under the standard determinate sentence (SDS40) release scheme have re-offended since September 2024; and how many were not tagged when re-offending despite it being a condition of their SDS40 release. (20396)
- 288 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the HMPPS Offender Equalities Annual Report 2023-2024, published on 28 November 2024, how many of the 245 transgender prisoners who reported their legal gender as male were convicted of a sexual offence. (20297)
- 289 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the HMPPS Offender Equalities Annual Report 2023-2024, published on 28 November 2024, how many of the 50 transgender prisoners who reported their legal gender as female were convicted of a sexual offence. (20298)
- 290 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 31 October 2024 to Question 9269 on Ministry of Justice: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20180)
- 291 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20495)
- 292 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 14994 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, if he will publish a summary of any discussions with President Xi on 18 November 2024 on the planning application for the Chinese Embassy not included in the gov.uk readout. (20227)
- 293 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20496)

- 294 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on improving (a) rail and (b) bus routes in Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency. (20550)
- 295 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential impact of VAT on Steiner School kindergartens. (20390)
- 296 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the cost of living on the numbers of (a) businesses at risk of insolvency and (b) people in debt in Aldershot constituency; and what fiscal steps is she taking to support those (i) businesses and (ii) people. (20443)
- 297 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the impact of trends in the level of mortgage interest rates on the levels of household disposable income in (a) Aldershot constituency, (b) Hampshire and (c) England. (20444)
- 298 **Torsten Bell** (Swansea West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many tax-payers were paying capital gains tax on crypto-assets in each of the last five financial years; what the size of the gains made was; and how much revenue the Exchequer has received from capital gains tax levied on the sale of crypto-assets. (20411)
- 299 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20489)
- 300 **Chris Curtis** (Milton Keynes North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to ensure new banking hubs will be opened in communities affected by bank branch closures. (20514)
- 301 **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had discussions with the Minister for Finance in Northern Ireland on the potential impact of increases in employers' National Insurance contributions on community and voluntary sector organisations in Northern Ireland. (20305)
- 302 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what account she took of (a) numbers of claimants of Business Property Relief and (b) reasons for Business Property Relief claims in the introduction of a £1m threshold to (a) Agricultural and (b) Business Property Relief. (20258)
- 303 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of funding from the UK Infrastructure Bank went to female-led (a) projects and (b) businesses in the last 10 years. (20240)

- 304 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on how many high-street branches of (a) banks and (b) building societies have closed in (i) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (ii) Lincolnshire in the last 10 years. (20132)
- 305 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 16139, on Hospitality Industry and Leisure: Business Rates, and to the Answer of 10 December 2024, to Question 17139, on Business Rates, on what basis and using what methods her Department has determined that the majority of large distribution warehouses, including those used by online giants, will be subject to the higher multiplier which her Department plans to apply to properties which have a Rateable Value above £500,000. (20222)
- 306 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many hereditaments were classified per individual special category codes within the shops sub-sector special category code grouping by the Valuation Office Agency in each of the last ten years for which figures are held. (20224)
- 307 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to exempt emergency service providers from business rates. (20279)
- 308 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people were (a) added and (b) removed from PAYE each day in 2024. (20466)
- 309 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the impact of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on the preservation of historic churches; and whether her Department plans to renew the scheme beyond March 2025. (20386)
- 310 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 12 November 2024 to Question 9057, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in her Department between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20175)
- 311 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the Office for Statistics Regulation's publication entitled OSR's statement on the Labour Force Survey-derived estimates and Annual Population Survey-derived estimates, published on 12 December 2024. (20335)
- 312 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential economic impact of the disruption to rail services between Cheltenham and London during the construction of Old Oak Common station on affected (a) consumers and (b) businesses. (20519)



- 313 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of relocating civil servants working on cyber security and technology to be closer to the cyber industry in Cheltenham as part of the Places for Growth Scheme. (20522)
- 314 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers since 5 July 2024. (20497)
- 315 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support cross-community inter-faith work in Surrey. (20419)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 19 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the written statement of 18 April 2024 on Economic Security, HCWS415, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of targeted exemptions from the mandatory notification requirements of the National Security and Investment Act 2021. (20142)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Government's compliance with section 9.8 of the Ministerial Code in the context of answers provided to written parliamentary questions. [R] (20285)
- 3N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to publish Departmental transparency returns for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024. [R] (20197)
- 4N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, from which Departments he received confirmation that all the data held in relation to those Departments' transparency returns for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024 was submitted by the end of October 2024. [R] (20198)
- 5N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to respond to the Fourth Report of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee of Session 2023-24 on Lobbying and Influence: post-legislative scrutiny of the Lobbying Act 2014 and related matters, HC 203. [R] (20199)

- 6N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to page 187 of his Department's publication entitled Annual report and accounts 2023 to 2024, published on 12 December 2024, on what date Boris Johnson (a) notified his Department of his intention to make claims for office set-up costs incurred in the financial year 2022-23 and (b) submitted invoices in support of those claims. (20167)
- 7N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to page 187 of his Department's publication entitled Annual report and accounts 2023 to 2024, published on 12 December 2024, on what date the decision to reimburse Boris Johnson for office set-up costs incurred in the financial year 2022-23 was taken. (20168)
- 8N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 October 2024 to Question 9605 on Prime Minister: Ministers' Private Offices, how much was spent on (a) new furniture and fittings and (b) other refurbishment of Ministerial offices in 10 Downing Street between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and on what items this was spent. (20181)
- 9N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the ongoing closure of Holyhead Port on trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (20243)
- 10N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when his Department plans to publish the small business strategy. (20202)
- 11N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, on what dates he has met with representatives of Nissan since 5 July 2024. (20204)
- 12N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, on what dates he has met with representatives of Jaguar Land Rover since 5 July 2024. (20205)
- 13N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, on what dates he has met with representatives of BMW since 5 July 2024. (20206)
- 14N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many international trips Ministers in his Department have undertaken since 5 July 2024. (20207)
- 15N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with refence to section 1.3 2. of his policy paper entitled The Atlantic Declaration, updated on 21 June 2023, what progress he has made on establishing an outbound investment mechanism. (20141)
- 16N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an estimate of the total costs incurred by businesses of steel safeguarding duties since the end of the UK-EU transition period. (20319)

- 17N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking with (a) Deliveroo, (b) Uber Eats and (c) Just Eat to end the contracting-out of their workforce accounts for use by people illegally working in the UK. (20216)
- 18N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2024 to Question 13191 on Exports: Ukraine, which Departments he is waiting to receive advice on before concluding this export licence application; and what steps his Department is taking to hasten advice. (20217)
- 19N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many export licence applications related to Ukraine are still being assessed (a) 3 months and (b) 6 months after submission. (20218)
- 20N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many (a) commercial and (b) non-commercial flights he has taken since 5 July 2024. (20517)
- 21N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many (a) settlement agreements and (b) special severance payments with (i) current and (ii) former employees his Department has made in each of the last 12 months. (20523)
- 22N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many away days or off-site team building exercises his Department has arranged for officials in each month of this year; and what the cost of these was. (20528)
- 23N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many officials have been sent on foreign visits by his Department since 5 July 2024; and what the cost to the public purse was of these visits. (20535)
- 24N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many ministerial (a) cars and (b) drivers his Department has use of. (20536)
- 25N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many visits (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have made to Northern Ireland since 5 July 2024. (20537)
- 26N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many mobile phones procured for use by his Department have been (a) lost and (b) stolen in each of the last 12 months. (20538)
- 27N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many trips by ministerial car Ministers in his Department have taken since 5 July. (20539)

- 28N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment has he made of the potential impact of the UK-Colombia bilateral agreement for the promotion and protection of investments, published in June 2014, on (a) climate change and (b) human rights. (20417)
- 29N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with online sales platforms on guidance on implementation of the General Product Safety Regulation. (20542)
- 30N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, which organisations are represented on his Department's Flexible Working Taskforce; and on what dates that taskforce has met. [R] (20334)
- 31N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with UK Sport on future funding for Olympic and Paralympic sport. (20470)
- 32N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with (a) the shadow football regulator and (b) supporters groups on fan engagement over kick-off time changes. (20471)
- 33N **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans she has for the Points of Light awards. (20163)
- 34N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to tackle inequalities in education outcomes in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (20378)
- 35N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 16106 on Overseas Students: Ukraine, whether students who have extended visas under the Ukraine Permission Extension scheme and whose graduation date falls after the expiration of that visa will (a) be allowed to remain to complete their studies and (b) retain home fee status for the duration of their course. (20501)
- 36N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department plan to take to ensure value for money from the £3.9 billion of funding allocated for carbon capture and storage and green hydrogen in 2025-26. (20143)
- 37N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the amount of private investment that will be raised for carbon capture and storage and hydrogen projects by the £3.9 billion of public funding announced in paragraph 3.52 of the Autumn Budget 2024. (20144)

- 38N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much funding his Department plans to provide for renewable energy projects through the Clean Industries Bonus in Northern Ireland in 2025. (20150)
- 39N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December to Question 16276 on Warm Homes Plan: Insulation, whether the Warm Homes Plan will support investment in loft insulation protection. (20458)
- 40N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December to Question 16276 on Warm Homes Plan: Insulation, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of (a) public awareness of and (b) access to loft insulation protection. (20459)
- 41N **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with his European counterparts to ensure that (a) cross-border energy projects and (b) the GridLink interconnector in Rochester and Strood constituency are completed to meet clean power targets. (20557)
- 42N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what information his Department holds on the number of foreign nationals employed at (a) Sizewell and (b) Hinckley nuclear power station by country of origin in each year from 2010 to 2024. (20338)
- 43N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has issued guidance to installation companies on the standards to which insulation and energy efficiency measures should be installed under government schemes. (20320)
- 44N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what support his department is providing to members of the public who have concerns regarding the quality of insulation and energy efficiency measures fitted through government schemes such as ECO4. (20321)
- 45N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made recent progress on implementing section 42 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. (20371)
- 46N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to amend the Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations to allow, by derogation, the placing on the market of UV-328 present in articles and the use of such articles in land-based motor vehicles until 26 February 2030. (20331)
- 47N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish an impact assessment of the Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations on the automotive industry. (20332)

- 48N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of (a) hunting with hounds and (b) trail hunting on rural communities. (20402)
- 49N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to protect properties in North Shropshire constituency against surface water flooding. (20322)
- 50N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the effectiveness of the methodologies used by the Rural Payments Agency for deciding which areas of farmland are eligible for the Farming Recovery Fund. (20323)
- 51N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what methodologies the Rural Payments Agency uses to determine the set proportion of total eligible farm area provided funding. (20324)
- 52N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the methodology used to decide which areas are eligible for funding under the Frequently Flooded Allowance. (20325)
- 53N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has produced an impact assessment for projects funded by the Frequently Flooded Allowance. (20326)
- 54N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress he has made with Cabinet colleagues on ensuring that at least half of all food purchased by the public sector is locally-produced and sustainable. (20453)
- 55N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the National Food Strategy will include the role of biodiversity in the food supply. (20454)
- 56N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, which (a) Departments, (b) arms length bodies and (c) Government programmes have (i) migrated to and (ii) plan to migrate to One Login. (20241)
- 57N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the extra cost of car insurance premiums faced by drivers from diverse ethnic backgrounds. (20311)
- 58N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to tackle illegal street racing in West Bromwich constituency. (20315)



- 59N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many deaths were caused by illegal street racing incidents in the West Midlands in the last ten years. (20316)
- 60N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what technical assistance her Department plans to provide to Kent County Council for restoring the collapsed section of the A226 Galley Hill Road at Greenhithe. (20446)
- 61N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many thefts of motor vehicles from railway station car parks there were in each of the last five years; and how many of those thefts resulted in a criminal prosecution. (20442)
- 62N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many thefts of motor vehicles there were from the railway station car parks at (a) Arundel, (b) Amberley, (c) Barnham, (d) Haslemere, (e) Liphook, (f) Pulborough and (g) Billingshurst in each of the last five years; and how many of these resulted in a criminal prosecution. (20447)
- 63N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will bring forward legislation to allow the Mayor of the Liverpool City Region to appoint a public sector operator to run Merseyrail services. (20456)
- 64N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the number of (a) company groups that have been entered into the Tonnage Tax scheme and (b) vessels entered into the scheme by those company groups in each year since 2000; and what flags of registration those companies flew. (20196)
- 65N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of providing indexation of pension rights accrued before April 1997. (20515)
- 66N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) financial and (b) other steps his Department is taking to increase access to NHS dentistry in (i) Mid Cheshire constituency, (ii) Cheshire and (iii) England. (20373)
- 67N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle health inequalities in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England. (20374)
- 68N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for implementing the supervised toothbrushing scheme. (20540)
- 69N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on the provision of 700,000 additional dental appointments; and what his target date is for that provision. (20541)

- 70N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to increase access to dental services in rural areas. (20543)
- 71N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of his Department's response times to correspondence from hon. Members. (20545)
- 72N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a Medicines Shortages Task Force. (20533)
- 73N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of supply chain issues surrounding the importing of Creon into the United Kingdom on patients with pancreatic diseases; and what steps he is taking to increase the amount of Creon being imported into the United Kingdom. (20534)
- 74N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to publish the findings of the consultation entitled Improving the experiences of people with ME/CFS: interim delivery plan, published on 9 August 2023. (20200)
- 75N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is to respond to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's Report entitled End of life care: improving Do Not Attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation conversations for everyone, published on 14th March 2024. (20201)
- 76N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 1 May 2024 to Question 19413 on NHS: Expenditure, how much (a) NHS England, (b) clinical commissioning groups and (c) integrated care boards spent in aggregate on (i) mental health services, (ii) acute health services, (iii) social care services, (iv) primary medical services, (v) specialised services, (vi) NHS continuing healthcare and (vii) all other recorded spending categories in each financial year since 2015-16; and how much those organisations plan to spend in aggregate in each of those areas in the 2024-25 financial year. (20253)
- 77N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to raise (a) public and (b) professional awareness of (i) inflammatory bowel disease and (ii) other unseen disabilities in the context of access to (A) healthcare and (B) social support for people with those conditions. (20302)

- 78N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to create a cross-governmental strategy for the prevention of ill health that would include measures on tackling (a) health and (b) other lifestyle factors that affect a person's risk of developing dementia that are (i) within and (ii) not within people's control, such as air pollution. (20303)
- 79N **Dr Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to take steps to help increase knowledge of topical steroid withdrawal for (a) GPs, (b) Dermatology departments and (c) medical schools. (20518)
- 80N **Dr Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has plans to support scientific evidence gathering for topical steroid withdrawal including (a) patient involvement in research (b) research into mechanisms underlying the condition, (c) risk factors for developing the condition, and (d) how common the condition is. (20520)
- 81N **Dr Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to speed up diagnosis times for patients with topical steroid withdrawal. (20521)
- 82N **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to publish the report of the CQC inspection of maternity services in Mid and South Essex carried out in March 2024. (20127)
- 83N **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish details of the Section 31 notice issued to Mid and South Essex Hospitals relating to maternity services at Broomfield Hospital. (20128)
- 84 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to raise the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention's ruling that the United Arab Emirates has unlawfully detained Ryan Cornelius with the government of that country. (20383)
- 85N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to introduce further pathways under the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme. (20151)
- 86N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the immigration status was for Mohamed Lidow at the time he committed the manslaughter and rape of Natalie Shotter. (20277)
- 87N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to announce which countries will be included in the enhanced tier of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme. (20280)

- 88N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference paragraph 4.51 of the Autumn Budget 2024, what his Department's priorities are for the planned £20 billion spending with UK industry in 2025-26. (20145)
- 89N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of defence spending on (a) economic growth and (b) regional growth in each of the next five years. (20146)
- 90N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to launch the Global Combat Air Programme development phase of the next generation fighter aircraft. (20148)
- 91N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the total cost is of the Spearfish heavy weight torpedo programme. (20149)
- 92N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December to Question 19373 on Armed Forces: Private Education, how much of the (a) £95 million and (b) £104.4 million will be used to fund the uprating of CEA in (i) 2024-25, (ii) 2025-26, (iii) 2026-2027 and (iv) 2028-29. (20236)
- 93N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 18982 on Ministry of Defence: Employers' Contributions, how much HM Treasury will contribute towards the increased cost of National Insurance contributions for the Department in the next financial year. (20237)
- 94N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his timeline is for full implementation of the Armed Forces Recruitment Partnership across the Armed Forces; and what the key milestones are. (20152)
- 95N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to complete the evaluation phase of the Armed Forces Recruitment Partnership; and whether he plans to publish the findings. (20153)
- 96N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17774 on Ministry of Defence: Capita, whether (a) penalties under and (b) adjustments to Capita's contract have been applied as a result of the (i) March and (ii) September 2024 performance reviews. (20154)
- 97N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17774 on Ministry of Defence: Capita, whether the performance reviews of Capita in (a) March and (b) September 2024 made recommendations. (20155)

- 98N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17774 on Ministry of Defence: Capita, whether his Department plans to conduct performance reviews of Capita's contract in 2025. (20156)
- 99N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of reforming the non-qualifying leaseholder status for building remediation funding. (20238)
- 100N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, on what date she plans to publish the Shared Prosperity Fund allocations for 2025-26. (20499)
- 101N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will provide an update to applicants who successfully submitted a stage one bid to the Community Ownership Fund on the next stage of the process. (20500)
- 102N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to assess national security considerations when determining whether to grant planning permission for a new Chinese Embassy in Tower Hamlets. (20282)
- 103N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have had discussions with representatives of the Chinese government on the application to build a new Chinese Embassy in Tower Hamlets. (20283)
- 104N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 101 of the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, whether she plans to postpone local authority elections in Kent in 2025. (20555)
- 105N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, whether elections to Warwickshire County Council will take place on 1 May 2025. (20505)
- 106N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of appeals to the tribunals service in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England which related to (i) personal independence payments and (ii) universal credit were successful in (A) the most recent period for which figures are available and (B) each of the last five years. (20382)
- 107N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the Protected Savings threshold from £85,000. (20289)

- 108N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the planned £20.4 billion of research and development spending on (a) economic growth, (b) the national investment rate and (c) crowding in of private investment. (20147)
- 109N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on retrospective steel safeguarding charges imposed on businesses. (20318)
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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, when he expects the retrospective audit of all pelvic floor surgery completed between 2006 and 2011 to be published by NHS England. (20165)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 7 January

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of waiting times for the commissioning of educational psychologists; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing assessments by educational psychologists arranged and paid for by parents to be used. (20463)
- 2N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the percentage of funding announced in the Autumn Budget 2024 that will be allocated by NHS bodies to fund increases in National Insurance Contributions. (20262)
- 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 resolve the data challenges encountered in the NHS audit from 2006-2011 of the retrospective audit of pelvic mesh. (20166)
- 4N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of the revenue (a) raised by changes to employee national insurance contributions and (b) announced for the NHS at Autumn Budget 2024 will be allocated to fund non employee national insurance contribution related NHS activity. (20263)