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Questions tabled on Tuesday 17 December 2024

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 18 December

- 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 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.

 [Transferred] (20227)
- James MacCleary (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, 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.

 [Transferred] (20386)
- 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.

 [Transferred] (20423)
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): 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.

 [Transferred] (20291)
- 5 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to improve the energy efficiency of homes in winter 2024-2025.

 [Transferred] (20524)

- Alberto Costa (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) amending the Quarry Regulations 1999 to ensure that (i) levels of PM10 and PM2.5 particulate emissions in quarries are (A) monitored and (B) controlled and (ii) risk assessments in relation to those particulate emissions are undertaken and (b) directing the Health and Safety Executive to introduce evidence-based standards for levels of air quality in quarries.
- 7 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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.

 [Transferred] (20474)
- Max Wilkinson (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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.

 [Transferred] (20519)
- 9N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make it her policy to (a) review and (b) update the National Radiological Protection Board report published on 4 January 1988. [Transferred] (20126)
- Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to take steps to bring forward legislative proposals on regulating sports therapists.

 [Transferred] (20187)
- Phil Brickell (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that Crown Dependencies are not used to launder the proceeds of corruption.

 [Transferred] (20556)
- 12 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle antisemitism.

 [Transferred] (20356)
- **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support cross-community inter-faith work in Surrey.

 [Transferred] (20419)
- 14 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, 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.

 [Transferred] (20226)

- Dr Neil Hudson (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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.

 [Transferred] (20510)
- Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she 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.

 [Transferred] (20189)
- 17 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will review the Sovereign Grant annually on audited and published Crown Estate profits. [Transferred] (20190)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 19 December

- Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps the Government plans to take to monitor the impact of General Product Safety regulations on SME's and sole traders sending goods to Northern Ireland. (20838)
- 2 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he has had with the EU on the impact of General Product Safety regulations on small and medium businesses sending goods to Northern Ireland. (20839)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet
 Office, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 16510 on Public
 Sector: Procurement, what his timetable is for publishing the National Procurement
 Policy Statement; and whether he plans to consult with stakeholders on his proposed
 procurement policy. (20750)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to publish a list of the salaries of special advisers. (20832)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question HL2664 on 10 Downing Street: Art Works, whether the portrait of Queen Elizabeth I will be permanently installed in 11 Downing Street. (20833)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Ministerial residence in 10 Downing Street pays council tax as a (a) sole or main residence and (b) second home. (20834)

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- 8 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church Commissioners are taking to support the work, cultural and spiritual contribution of cathedral choirs. (20589)
- 9 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to improve protections for whistleblowers. (20709)
- 10N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on retrospective steel safeguarding charges imposed on businesses. [Transferred] (20318)
- 11 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to ensure greater oversight of UK-based multinational corporations. (20806)
- 12 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to provide export support for small businesses. (20880)
- Sarah Hall (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many businesses engaged with UK Export Finance in financial years (a) 2021-22, (b) 2022-23 and (c) 2023-24. (20881)
- Sarah Hall (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department has taken to improve the (a) visibility and (b) accessibility of the Export Academy for micro businesses looking to export. (20882)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what information (a) his Department, (b) the Certification Officer and (c) the Central Arbitration Committee hold on (i) successful and (ii) unsuccessful trade union recognition ballots in each of the last ten years. (20751)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of (a) lowering the required member percentage from 10% to 2% for the statutory trade union recognition ballot process, (b) removing the likely majority support at the application stage and (c) removing the 40% support threshold at the recognition ballot stage on the number of recognised trade unions.
- 17 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to provide employment protections for (a) young cancer patients and (b) their families. (20862)

- 18 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support small businesses exporting to the EU to navigate the requirements set out in the EU General Product Safety Regulation. (20837)
- 19 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to include core standards for animal welfare within his planned trade strategy. (20696)
- 20 Luke Taylor (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department is taking steps to help support small and medium-sized businesses to compete with online retailers. (20846)
- 21 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on trends in the level of growth of small and medium-sized businesses. (20847)
- 22 Luke Taylor (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to take steps with local councils to help increase footfall on the high street.
 (20848)
- 23 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent estimate he has made of the number of employers in the (a) private and (b) public sector whose employees are members of an unrecognised trade union. (20910)
- John Whitby (Derbyshire Dales): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support artisans and sole traders in (a) Derbyshire and (b) the UK with (i) the requirement for an EU-based responsible person and (ii) the other requirements under the new General Product Safety Regulation. (20869)
- 25 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with relevant stakeholders on the future status of the Parthenon marbles. (20639)
- Mr Louie French (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the suitability of the NHS Health Survey in assessing problem gambling rates in the United Kingdom. (20874)
- 27 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to prevent children participating in gambling via online video games. (20878)
- 28 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by the Charity Commission. (20561)

- 29 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to provide support to (a) Hereford and (b)
 Lichfield Cathedral. (20588)
- 30 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to continue funding for research into shared impact measurements for youth services. (20693)
- 31 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps to provide ring-fenced revenue funding for universal and open-access youth services for all young people all year round. (20694)
- 32 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether planned funding arrangements for Young Futures Hubs will include provision for long-term funding. (20695)
- 33 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the level of financial support provided to (a) the River and Rowing museum in Henley-on-Thames and (b) other museums outside London. (20899)
- Josh Babarinde (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that (a) teachers and (b) school staff receive adequate pay. (20741)
- Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the average amount of interest accrued on student finance loans for women on maternity leave in the latest period for which data is available.

 (20630)
- 36 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what reason interest rates are applied to student finance loans for women on maternity leave. (20631)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of transport services for school children with special educational needs in (a) Essex and (b) England.
 (20796)
- 38N **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve GCE A-level provision in Knowsley constituency. (20744)
- 39 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the recording and monitoring of the number of children being home-schooled in England; and whether her Department has identified any gaps in this data collection. (20719)

- **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what safeguards are currently in place to ensure the (a) well-being and (b) safety of children who are home-schooled; and whether her Department reviews these safeguards regularly. (20720)
- **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, on what dates she has met with further education college representatives to discuss further education funding in preparation for Phase 2 of the Spending Review. (20580)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of extending access to student finance to students from Hong Kong with a British National (Overseas) Visa. (20665)
- **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to review the School Food Standards. (20597)
- **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the lifelong loan entitlement to offer maintenance loans for remote learners. (20598)
- **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether additional funding will be made available to students from England on graduate entry medicine courses under the Lifelong Learning Entitlement. (20814)
- Alex Baker (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many households have been awarded funding for energy efficiency installations under the ECO4 scheme in (a) Aldershot constituency and (b) Hampshire. (20808)
- **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to increase funding for renewable energy sources in Aldershot constituency. (20809)
- **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many and what proportion of care recipients are in fuel poverty in Aldershot. (20810)
- **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has agreed to meet with the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme Trustees. (20902)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many solar farm applications he has approved since July 2024. (20564)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many of the solar farm applications he has approved since July 2024 include development on high grade agricultural land. (20565)

- 52 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential risks that the transition to net zero poses to (a) households and (b) businesses. (20607)
- 53 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the transition to net zero on energy security. (20608)
- Luke Murphy (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the guidance and resources available to assist homeowners in the post-installation certification process for Smart Export Guarantee eligibility following the installation of solar panels. (20717)
- Luke Murphy (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the barriers facing consumers in completing the Smart Export Guarantee certification process; and what steps he plans to take to tackle these.

 (20718)
- Michelle Scrogham (Barrow and Furness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans he has to sequence carbon capture, usage and storage projects after Track 1 and 2. (20851)
- 57 **Michelle Scrogham** (Barrow and Furness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to publish information on the development of carbon capture, usage and storage projects outside of the Track 1 and 2 processes. (20852)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will encourage sustainable aviation fuel developers to additionally produce biopropane. (20618)
- 59 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the answer of 17 December 2024 to question 19898 on Wind Power: Fylde, what account the cost assessments have taken of existing infrastructure connecting Stanah to Penwortham. (20865)
- 60 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to provide (a) grants and (b) funding support to people impacted by Storm Bert. (20875)
- Sarah Hall (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to prevent companies from polluting (a) Lake Windermere and (b) other national parks. (20876)

- 62 Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 2947 on Water Companies: Accountability, when he expects the consumer water panels to be established.
 - (20660)
- 63 Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department or water companies will appoint members to consumer water panels. (20661)
- 64 Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what specific steps he is taking to (a) monitor and (b) mitigate the environmental impact of sewage spills on (i) waterways and (ii) broader ecosystems. (20776)
- David Pinto-Duschinsky (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food 65 and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve animal welfare in Hendon constituency. (20802)
- 66 Gareth Snell (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's consultation entitled Fairer food labelling, which closed on 7 May 2024, when he plans to respond to that consultation; and whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to mandate method-ofproduction welfare labelling for (a) pork, (b) chicken and (c) eggs. (20692)
- 67 Gareth Snell (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing core standards for animal welfare; and what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade about whether he plans to include such standards in his planned trade strategy. (20697)
- 68 Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) banning the use of Bovaer and (b) allowing the use of Kelp in milk products. (20866)
- 69 Caroline Voaden (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure (a) farmers and (b) landowners are aware of relevant funding initiatives under the ELM scheme which are available to help them comply with environmental objectives. (20721)
- 70 Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps the Government is taking against individual service users whose online deceptions cause (a) non-trivial emotional and psychological damage, and (b) fall within the scope of coercive control. (20629)
- 71 Lauren Edwards (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an estimate of the total value of investment made in research and development in the (a) public and (b) private sector in each of the last five years. (20745)

- 72 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many full-time equivalent members of staff at UKRI work on (a) local and (b) regional innovation partnerships. (20613)
- 73 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of supporting non-Mayoral Strategic Authorities to increase regional innovation activity. (20614)
- 74 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, within what timeframe UKRI expects to deliver a future regional innovation funding programme. (20615)
- 75 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including local universities in engagement between UKRI and Strategic Authorities.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to expedite the approval process for (a) the Ely Area Capacity Enhancement and (b) upgrades to the Haughley Rail Junction. (20680)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken for a decision to be made in relation to (a) the Ely Area Capacity Enhancement and (b) upgrades to Haughley Rail Junction on the (i) Orwell Bridge, (ii) Copdock Interchange and (iii) wider road networks in the Ipswich area. (20681)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of MAERSK's decision to relocate all UK operations from the Port of Felixstowe on (a) the surrounding road network, (b) Orwell Bridge and (c) Copdock Interchange.
- 79 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to review the effectiveness of National Highways' deployment of traffic officers on the A14 during serious accidents. (20683)
- 80 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to increase the availability of practical driving tests in Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency. (20836)

- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of enlisting approved driving instructors to carry out practical driving tests on a temporary basis; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of doing so on (a) surge capacity and (b) the backlog in driving tests.
- **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve the accessibility of bus services for disabled people in Stoke-on-Trent. (20817)
- **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of charging foreign-registered vehicles to use UK roads. (20905)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to enhance strategic road networks before the development of new housing projects in the South East. (20772)
- **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2024 to Question 4347 on Motorcycles: Driving Licences, whether the Motorcycle Strategic Focus Group met in autumn 2024. (20590)
- Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2024 to Question 4347 on Motorcycles: Driving Licences, when the Motorcycle Strategic Focus Group is next scheduled to meet; and whether that meeting will discuss user licensing reform. (20591)
- **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what meetings (a) she and (b) Ministers in her Department have had with motorcycle manufacturers. (20592)
- **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with her (a) European and (b) international counterparts on end of sales dates for new non zero emission powered light vehicles. (20593)
- **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of the licensing regime proposed in the report entitled A licence to net zero, published by the Motorcycle Industry Association in October 2023.
- Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of simplifying the licensing process for (a) mopeds,
 (b) motorcycles and (c) other powered light vehicles.
- **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve the uptake of (a) mopeds, (b) motorcycles and (c) other powered light vehicles. (20596)

- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to implement a statutory code of conduct for parking operators that includes appropriate levels for permissible charges within this Parliamentary session. (20863)
- **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what information she holds on the number of people who have taken advantage of the ability to remove £500 from their pension scheme to pay for financial advice in each of the last five financial years. (20610)
- **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the level of support available to people going through tribunals for claiming (a) Universal Credit and (b) other benefits. (20805)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will allow people in receipt of a state pension to claim carer's allowance. (20793)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help prevent people from fraudulently claiming child benefit. (20562)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking through the welfare system to support children and young people diagnosed with cancer. (20824)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support (a) young cancer patients and (b) their families in into employment. (20826)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department is taking steps to ensure that people entitled to (a) Pension Credit uplifts and (b) other pension uplifts receive them automatically; and what assessment she has made of the potential merits of implementing a system that allows those uplifts to be applied without requiring additional claims from eligible recipients. (20831)
- **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the mean average waiting time has been for PIP applications in each of the last five years. (20904)
- Dr Andrew Murrison (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make a comparative assessment of the impact of (a) industrial injury compensation for civilians and (b) military service compensation on (i) the awarding of benefits and (ii) tax treatment.

 [R] (20581)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to negotiate a reciprocal social security agreement with Taiwan.

- Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to (a) tackle discrimination and (b) enhance inclusion policies for neurodiverse people in the workforce in Surrey. (20807)
- **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what specific (a) care, (b) counselling and (c) support services are made available to staff who have been victims of sexual harassment within her Department. (20868)
- **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) encourage victims of sexual harassment in the workplace to come forward and (b) ensure their protection during the reporting process. (20872)
- **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what training her Department provides to investigators handling sexual harassment cases to ensure investigations are (a) trauma-informed and (b) compliant with best practices. (20873)
- **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of disregarding payments from the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme when calculating eligibility for Pension Credit.
- 108 Ian Sollom (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 15843 on Child Maintenance Service: Courts, how many liability orders have been (a) applied for by the Child Maintenance Service and (b) granted by the courts in each of the last three years.
 (20785)
- **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the number of students whose Universal Credit has been affected by receipt of a student loan in the most recent period for which data is available.
- **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Pension Credit applications have been received in South Devon constituency since 22 August 2024. (20853)
- Shockat Adam (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of (a) arts and (b) creative activities on the health of (i) children and (ii) babies in socially deprived communities.

 (20886)
- **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of community diagnostic hubs in rural areas.

 (20708)

- Dame Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to bring forward hub and spoke dispensing legislation for pharmacies in 2025. (20609)
- 114 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the sales Finasteride medications through telehealth companies on an increase in the level of cases of Post-Finasteride Syndrome in the past 12 months. (20625)
- Sam Carling (North West Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of lowering the minimum age of mammograms for breast cancer checks. (20739)
- 116 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to expedite implementation of the recommendations from the Hughes report, published on 7 February 2024; and whether he plans to prioritise establishment of (a) interim payments and (b) a valporate specialist unit to support those affected.
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to ensure that the specific issues faced by teenagers and young adults with cancer are accounted for in the 10-Year Health Plan. (20761)
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to consult teenagers and young adults with cancer on the 10-year Health plan. (20762)
- 119 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that teenagers and young adults with cancer have access to clinical trials within the 10-year Health plan. (20763)
- 120 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure that teenagers and young adults with cancer have access to specialist psychological support within the 10-year health plan. (20764)
- 121 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department will take to improve the speed of diagnosis for teenagers and young adults with cancer within the 10-year Health plan. (20765)
- 122 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department taking to improve information for (a) young people and (b) their families about the symptoms of cancer. (20766)
- 123 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to tackle barriers teenagers and young adults with cancer face in accessing clinical trials. (20767)

- **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to improve access to adrenaline pens (a) for first aid organisations and (b) in schools. (20823)
- **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Nursing and Midwifery Council's review entitled Independent Culture Review, published in July 2024, if his Department will launch an independent review into that organisation. (20859)
- **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the Alzheimer's Society's report entitled Because we're human too: Why dementia training for care workers matters, and how to deliver it, published on 13 November 2024; and if he will make it his policy that adult social care staff should have mandatory dementia training.

 (20879)
- **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the current age range for bowel cancer screening. (20891)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) record and (b) report the number of miscarriages each year. (20567)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress his Department has made on providing a new gonorrhoea vaccine through the NHS. (20742)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce the costs associated with children and young people travelling within the UK for cancer treatment. (20825)
- **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the efficiency of supplying medication at hospital discharge to ensure faster discharge. (20604)
- **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to make the hospital discharge process more efficient. (20605)
- **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average wait time is for hospital patients to be provided with medications at discharge.

 (20606)
- **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet the hon. Member for Horsham and Dr Susan Michaelis, founder of the Lobular Moon Shot Project, to discuss his Department's work on invasive lobular breast cancer. (20813)

- 135 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that the early access programme for people with Duchennes is made available across all NHS trusts. (20849)
- Luke Murphy (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a comparative assessment of prostate cancer diagnosis rates in (a)
 Basingstoke, (b) Hampshire and (c) England. (20724)
- 137 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children under the age of 18 in (a) Basingstoke constituency, (b) Hampshire and (c) England were diagnosed with respiratory conditions associated with poor (i) air quality and (ii) housing conditions in each of the last ten years. (20730)
- 138 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the vacancy rate for GP roles in (a) Basingstoke constituency, (b) Hampshire and (c) England was in each of the last ten years. (20731)
- 139 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many delayed discharges there were (a) at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, (b) in Hampshire and (c) in England in each of the last ten years. (20732)
- 140 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many new patients NHS dental practices in (a) Basingstoke constituency, (b) Hampshire and (c) England accepted in each of the last ten years. (20733)
- Luke Murphy (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time for an NHS dental appointment in (a) Basingstoke constituency, (b) Hampshire and (c) England was in each of the last ten years. (20734)
- Luke Murphy (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time for children and young people to access (a) CAMHS and (b) other NHS mental health services was in (i) Basingstoke constituency, (ii) Hampshire and (ii) England in each of the last ten years.
- Luke Murphy (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time at A&E in (a) Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital,
 (b) Hampshire and (c) England was in each of the last ten years.
- 144 Luke Murphy (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board received in each of the last ten years; and what (a) that funding and (b) the national average in England was per capita.
 (20737)
- 145 Luke Murphy (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the rate of hospital readmissions within 30 days of discharge was for (a) Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, (b) Hampshire and (c) England in each of the last ten years.
 (20738)

- 146 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) Community First Responders and (b) Emergency Medical Technician use blue light vehicles. (20815)
- 147 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to establish a reciprocal healthcare agreement with Taiwan. (20663)
- Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of(a) the utilisation of psilocybin-based treatments for mental health conditions and (b) commissioning further research into the therapeutic applications of psychedelic drugs. (20768)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 16662 on NHS: Public Consultation, what the total budget is for deliberative engagement in the 2024-25 financial year.
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that fees paid by commissioners take into account changes in the costs faced by not-for-profit social care providers. (20892)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what representation not-for-profit social care providers will receive on the proposed Adult Social Care Negotiating Body. (20893)
- Mark Sewards (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for people with (a) Motor Neurone Disease and (b) other degenerative conditions. (20864)
- 153 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to increase diagnosis levels for genetic haemochromatosis. (20844)
- 154 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to extend Start for Life and Family Hub funding to include Oxfordshire. (20871)
- 155 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding has been released to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn Trust under the New Hospitals Programme. (20795)
- 156 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with Norfolk and Waveney Acute Healthcare Collaborative on its proposal to move to a group model of operation. (20797)

- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for his policies of (a) the forecast spend on NHS dentistry by Norfolk and Waveney ICB and (b) its allocated budget for the financial year 2024-5.
- 158 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many additional emergency NHS dental appointments have been provided in the Norfolk and Waveney integrated care board area since 4 July 2024. (20799)
- 159 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): 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 recent reports of the persecution of Hindu minorities in Bangladesh. (20599)
- 160 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent (a) meetings and (b) other discussions with his Bangladeshi counterpart on the (a) arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das and (b) potential implications of that arrest for the rights of minority communities in that country. (20600)
- Phil Brickell (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to use UK-based assets that were expropriated by the Assad regime for (a) aid and (b) re-development projects to help the Syrian people.

 (20819)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the statement made by the Prime Minister of Mauritius to the Mauritian Parliament on 17 December 2024. (20672)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps the Government is taking
 to help ensure NATO member states meet the target of spending 2% of GDP on defence.

 (20704)
- 164 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to strengthen partnerships with (a) humanitarian organisations, (b) women-led organisations and (c) local civil society in the UK's development work. (20887)
- 165 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to push for greater humanitarian access to Gaza. (20888)
- 166 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he plans to take to help ensure the
 representation of women in political institutions in Syria. (20791)

- 167 Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he plans to take to help ensure that
 women's rights are protected in Syria. (20792)
- **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his
 counterpart in Israel on hostages in Gaza. (20753)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps to help ensure (a) stability and (b) continuity of (i) governance and (ii) institutions in Syria. (20633)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps to help ensure a United Nations led process that restores democratic institutions of governance in Syria. (20634)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure implementation of UN Security Council resolution 2254. (20635)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support (a) humanitarian aid efforts and (b) rescue efforts for Syrians still trapped in prisons. (20636)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) promote stability and (b) safeguard institutions of governance in Syria in preparation for a transition to democratic elections. (20637)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps to declassify

 documents on Hong Kong dated prior to 1 July 1997. (20666)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve the awareness of carbon monoxide poisoning risks among British tourists overseas. (20900)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of integrating carbon monoxide risks into country-based travel advisories. (20903)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with the new government of Syria on protecting the human rights of (a) Muslim minorities and (b) Christian minorities. (20586)

- Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with the new government of Syria on including women in senior roles in the (a) government, (b) judiciary, (c) peace and reconciliation dialogue, (d) inter-faith dialogue and (e) Syrian business and industry associations.
- 179 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK-US relationship.

 (20619)
- 180 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much overseas aid funding his Department disbursed to (a) the Kenyan government and (b) Kenyan civil society organisations in financial year (i) 2022-2023 and (ii) 2023-2024. (20706)
- 2arah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of potential implications of his policies of the human rights situation in Islamabad, in the context of reports of deaths and mass detentions of protesters from Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf on 26 and 27 November 2024.
- 182 Zarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Pakistani counterpart for an independent investigation into the deaths of civilians in Islamabad on 26 and 27 November 2024.
 (20715)
- **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to the Pakistani government to secure the safe release of Imran Khan. (20729)
- 184 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support police forces to purchase equipment for tackling rural crime. (20711)
- 185N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what steps she is taking to tackle illegal street racing in West Bromwich

 constituency.

 [Transferred] (20315)
- Lauren Edwards (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number of referrals made to the Prevent programme in relation to people from (a) Rochester and Strood constituency,
 (b) Medway and (c) Kent in each of the last five years.
- 187 Lauren Edwards (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with police forces on tackling vandalism of bank branches. (20747)

- **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of making wildlife crimes notifiable offences. (20601)
- **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support the National Wildlife Crime Unit. (20602)
- 190N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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.

 [Transferred] (20501)
- **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to review the salary threshold for the visa sponsorship programme. (20855)
- **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support local police forces in Hampshire to tackle antisocial car meets and illegal street racing. (20726)
- **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether additional guidance will be provided to (a) police forces and (b) local councils on the use of Respect Orders to target anti-social car meets and illegal street racing. (20727)
- **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the impact of the proposed Respect Orders on anti-social car meets and illegal street racing in Basingstoke. (20728)
- **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to page 16 of the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, whether her Department plans to abolish the role of Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall. (20889)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been convicted of terrorism offences in the last 12 months. (20620)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Home Department, how many assaults there have been on police officers in the last 12 months. (20621)
- **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of comments made by Sir Mark Rowley to the London Policing Board on 10 December 2024 in relation to (a) funding and (b) potential job losses in the Metropolitan Police. (20840)

- 199N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Leader of the House, if she 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] [Transferred] (20285)
- 200 Stuart Anderson (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the sustainability of supply chains in the defence industry.
 (20712)
- 201 Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent high-skilled jobs from moving to Europe in the context of the potential closure of the Airbus Portsmouth site. (20659)
- 202 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December to Question 18156 to the Hon. Member for South Suffolk on Army: Vehicles, if he plans to increase the numbers of Heavy Equipment Transporters procured as new track vehicles enter use in the Army. (20667)
- 203 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to help sustain shipbuilding jobs at (a) Belfast and (b) Appledore shipyards.
 (20668)
- 204 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to implement all the recommendations in the Haythornthwaite Review into Armed Forces Incentivisation.
 (20673)
- 205 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the new National Armaments Director will be required to have had significant experience in the defence industry. (20674)
- 206 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it is his policy to deliver the commitments of the Defence Nuclear Enterprise Command Paper published on 25 March 2024. (20675)
- 207 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether all crew assigned to (a) HMS Albion and (b) HMS Bulwark have been reassigned to other platforms. (20676)
- 208 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his timetable is for publishing the Infrastructure and Projects Authority annual report for 2023-2024. (20677)
- 209 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to respond to Question 17170 on Puma Helicopters tabled by the hon. Member for South Suffolk on 2 December 2024. (20678)

- 210 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of standards of (a) maintenance and (b) repair work to (i)

 Single Living and (ii) Service Families Accommodation. (20603)
- 211 Mr Mark Francois (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Government buys back 36,347 military homes to improve housing for forces families and save taxpayers billions, published on 17 December 2024, what his planned timetable is for the (a) construction and (b) refurbishment of service family homes.
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference her Department's policy paper
 entitled Joint plan to accelerate developer-led remediation and improve resident
 experience, published on 2 December 2024, what the target date is for publication of the
 final guidance on Alternative Dispute Resolution; and whether (a) developers and (b)
 building owners will be required to participate in Alternative Dispute Resolution. (20707)
- 213 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to (a) protect and (b) enhance green spaces in Aldershot constituency. (20784)
- Alex Baker (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the supply of adapted housing for (a) adults and (b) children with disabilities in Aldershot constituency. (20786)
- 215 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many Help to Buy homeowners are waiting for a decision on a loan redemption application in (a) Aldershot constituency and (b) Hampshire. (20787)
- 216 Alex Baker (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the number of people living in overcrowded housing in Aldershot constituency. (20788)
- Alex Baker (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the prevalence of damp and mould in social housing in (a)

 Aldershot constituency and (b) Hampshire. (20789)
- Alex Baker (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the proportion of houses that have an EPC rating of (a) A, (b) B, (c) C, (d) D and (e) E in Aldershot constituency. (20790)
- 219 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the average increase in private rents in Aldershot constituency in the last 12 months; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of those increases on people in that constituency. (20801)

- 220 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an estimate of the number of unoccupied dwellings in (a) Hampshire and (b) Aldershot constituency. (20803)
- 221 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has taken recent steps to increase the construction of (a) social housing and (b) affordable homes in Aldershot constituency. (20804)
- Lewis Cocking (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to Q53 of the evidence given by the Minister of State for Housing and Planning to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee on 20 November 2024, HC432, at what (a) geographical and (b) administrative level regional strategic plans will operate.

 [R] (20743)
- Lewis Cocking (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's Planning Newsletter issued to local authorities on 13 December 2024, what steps local planning authorities will need to take as part of the requirement to update their Local Development Scheme within 12 weeks of the publication of the revised National Planning Policy Framework; and whether this will require amendments to an existing Local Plan.

 [R] (20841)
- Lewis Cocking (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the written ministerial statement of 12 December 2024, Official Report, HCWS308, whether local authorities with existing Local Plans produced under the previous standard method will now be required to update their Local Plans (a) as a consequence of the new housing need requirements and (b) in order to deliver the extra year's worth of homes in their five year housing pipeline.

 [R] (20870)
- 225 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the
 potential merits of regulating private land management companies. (20638)
- Sir Geoffrey Cox (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, when the funding for the Levelling Up Partnership in
 Torridge will be released. (20582)
- 227 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how she plans to prioritise young people in the new cross-departmental strategy to end homelessness. (20894)
- 228 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the government strategy to end homelessness will include a section on youth homelessness. (20895)
- 229 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to prioritise ending youth homelessness.

(20896)

- **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what account her strategy to tackle homelessness takes of the findings of the report published by Centrepoint entitled Human costs and lost potential: the real cost of youth homelessness. (20897)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an estimate of the cost of creating a unitary authority in Lincolnshire. (20563)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many full-time equivalent diversity, equality and inclusion staff are employed by Homes England. (20566)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to amend the requirement for
 local authority statutory notices to be published in local newspapers. (20908)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to
 Question 17553 on Housing: Ownership, if she will make an estimate of the number of
 replacement affordable housing units in each of the next five years. (20640)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to
 Question 17560 on Local Government Services: Rural Areas, if she will publish that equality
 impact assessment. (20641)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to
 Question 17559 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Secondment,
 which organisations second staff to her Department. (20642)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to implement the Parking (Code
 of Practice) Act 2019. (20643)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to
 Question 17552 on Local Government: Employers' Contributions, what representations
 her Department has received on the cost of local government procurement of (a) goods
 and (b) services in the context of the planned increase in employer National Insurance
 contributions.

- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to
 Question 17560 on Local Government Services: Rural Areas, whether her Department has
 carried out an environmental principles assessment on repurposing the Rural Services
 Delivery Grant. (20645)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 17562 on Local Government Finance, how the Recovery Grant will be funded. (20646)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to
 Question 17562 on Local Government Finance, what deprivation data her Department will
 use.

 (20647)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024
 to Question 17562 on Local Government Finance, how many councils will receive that
 funding.

 (20648)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to
 Question 17553 on Housing: Ownership, whether she has made an estimate of potential
 changes in the levels of Right to Buy sales arising from changes to Right to Buy (a)
 discounts and (b) eligibility. (20649)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she has an affordable housing target for
 this Parliament. (20650)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she has an annual house building target for

 England. (20651)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, how much each eligible local authority received in

 Rural Services Delivery Grant in 2024-25; and how much was allocated in total. (20652)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Government response to the
 proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the
 planning system consultation, published on 12 December 2024, if she will publish the
 substantive responses to the consultation not sent by individuals. (20653)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has contributed to the
 extremism review. (20654)

- 249 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential

 impact of higher levels of immigration on (a) house prices and (b) rental costs. (20655)
- 250 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, how many staff in her Department work on
 integration and community cohesion. (20656)
- 251 **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 16934 on Devolution: Essex, whether the May 2025 local elections will take place
 as scheduled. (20657)
- 252 **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 15005 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Buildings, if she will list the address of every departmental office in the United Kingdom which is (a) remaining open and (b) closing by how many staff are assigned to each of those offices.
- 253 Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether (a) fire risk appraisals and (b) EWS1 assessments carried out by an engineer who has been suspended by the Institution of Fire Engineers must be reassessed. (20705)
- 254 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published 16 December 2024, whether it is her policy that mayors in Mayoral Strategic Authorities will be elected through proportional representation. (20691)
- 255 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps under the National Planning Policy Framework to increase protections for (a) chalk streams and (b) ancient woodlands. (20754)
- Adrian Ramsay (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will include in the National Planning Policy Framework requirements for local authorities to make an assessment of the potential impact of proposed housing developments on the sustainability of local (a) water services and (b) sewerage systems.
- 257 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to engage with local
 communities in Devon on local government restructuring. (20856)
- 258 James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps to promote the use of timber framing in construction. (20794)

- 259 Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has for establishing a mayor for Devon and Cornwall. (20843)
- 260 Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): 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 Devon in 2025.
 (20854)
- 261 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has issued a map similar to that shown in Figure 1 of her Department's English Devolution White Paper, published in December 2024 for new English Devolution authorities. (20898)
- 262 Josh Babarinde (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many assaults involving boiling water have been recorded within prisons in the last 12 months.
 (20821)
- 263 Josh Babarinde (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of providing kettles in prison on (a) prisoner and (b) staff welfare.
 (20822)
- 264 Phil Brickell (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she plans to take to ensure UK law enforcement authorities use criminal measures against professional enablers of economic crime who have exploited Crown Dependencies. (20818)
- 265 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much the Prison Phoenix Trust has received from her Department for (a) prison contracts and (b) contracts relating (i) HMP Maidstone, (ii) HMP Huntercombe and (iii) HMP Morton Hall in the last financial year. (20756)
- 266 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of foreign national offenders serving prison sentences have been transferred to prison in their country of origin in each of the last five years. (20757)
- 267 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much the Forward Trust received from contracts in HMP (a) Maidstone, (b) Huntercombe and (c)

 Morton Hall in the last financial year. (20758)
- 268 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners in HMP (a) Maidstone, (b) Huntercombe and (c) Morton Hall have access to mobile phones. (20759)
- 269 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many stage
 (a) one and (b) two complaints were submitted to HM Courts and Tribunals Service in
 each year since 2015. (20689)

- **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information her Department holds on the number of complaints that were submitted to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman about His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service in each year since 2015. (20690)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been convicted of drink driving offences in the last 12 months. (20622)
- **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he received legal advice on the European Union (Withdrawal Arrangements) Bill. (20861)
- **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the Answer of 24 October 2024 to Question 9824 on Northern Ireland 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. (20583)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his oral contribution in response to the question from the hon. Member for Birmingham Hall Green and Mosely, of 27 November 2024, Official Report, column 768, what steps he is taking to help tackle the desecration of (a) all religious texts and (b) the prophets of the Abrahamic religions.
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, whether his new National Security Adviser can direct civil servants; and for what reason he was appointed as a special adviser. (20828)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, for what reason Sue Gray wasn't appointed as Envoy for the Nation and Regions. (20829)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, what his priorities are for the honours system. (20830)
- **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2024 to Question 9830 on Scotland 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.
- **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking to help reduce the number of empty retail units on high streets in rural areas.

 (20710)
- **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will make an estimate of the number of mortgage defaults in Aldershot constituency in each of the next twelve months. (20775)

- **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department is taking steps to help secure free access to cash withdrawals and deposit facilities in Aldershot constituency. (20777)
- **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to provide financial support to people on lower incomes in Aldershot constituency. (20778)
- **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of bank branch closures in (a) Aldershot constituency and (b) Hampshire in each year since 2010. (20779)
- **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of bank closures on people in Aldershot constituency. (20780)
- **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of households in arrears with mortgage payments in Aldershot constituency in the last (a) six and (b) 12 months. (20781)
- **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many high street businesses in (a) England and (b) Aldershot constituency closed in each of the last five years; and whether she plans to make changes to the business rates system. (20782)
- **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people paying National Insurance contributions in Aldershot constituency were earning under £25,000 in the 2022-23 financial year. (20783)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of maintaining the personal tax allowance on (a) pensioners and (b) low-income households in each of the next three years. (20835)
- 289 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to provide (a) grants and (b) compensation payments to mitigate the impact of proposed changes to employer National Insurance contributions to (i) public sector workers and (ii) (A) drivers and (B) passenger assistants who provide transportation for school children with special educational needs. (20800)
- 290 Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she has taken to support people who have experienced long-term (a) financial difficulties and (b) mental health challenges as a result of not qualifying for financial support schemes during the COVID-19 pandemic in Surrey Heath constituency. (20811)
- **Mark Sewards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to review the Overseas Scale Rates. (20850)

- 292 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason the Government has increased vehicle excise duty for (a) electric and (b) low emission vehicles; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of this on trends in the level of consumers switching from (i) petrol and (ii) diesel vehicles to electric vehicles.
- 293 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 9284 on Wales 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.
- 294 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has conducted an impact assessment for enacting the socioeconomic duty in the Equality Act 2010. (20662)
- 295 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will take steps to ensure that employers offering internship programmes do not discriminate against applicants based on (a) sex, (b) ethnicity and (c) sexual orientation. (20911)

Questions for Answer on Monday 6 January

- 1N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of transactions under review under the National Security and Investment Act 2021 relate to links to a company owned in (a) part and (b) whole by a foreign state. (20698)
- 2N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many reviews under the National Security and Investment Act 2021 have resulted in the Government requiring companies to take mitigation measures since 5 July 2024. (20699)
- 3N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish an updated transparency report on decisions made under the National Security and Investment Act. (20700)
- 4N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many acquisitions of UK firms in the (a) defence, (b) cybersecurity and (c) AI sectors have been referred to his Department under the National Security and Investment Act 2021 since 5 July 2024. (20701)

- Alex Burghart (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many referrals to his Department under the National Security and Investment Act 2021 of acquisitions of UK firms in the (a) defence, (b) cybersecurity and (c) AI sectors have resulted in a transaction being (i) modified, (ii) delayed and (iii) blocked since 5 July 2024.

 (20702)
- 6N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will have discussions with (a) eBay, (b) Etsy, (c) Folksy and (d) other online suppliers and platforms on steps to help ensure that consumers placing orders in Northern Ireland are not disadvantaged compared to other UK based consumers. (20574)
- 7N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps with the shadow Football Regulator to prevent English football clubs from joining breakaway leagues. (20877)
- 8N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her plans are for higher education reform; and what the role is of innovation in that process. (20617)
- 9N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December 2024 to Question 17501 on Fisheries: Monitoring, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of making it a mandatory requirement for vessels over 24 metres to have cameras onboard under the Remote Electronic Monitoring roll out. (20558)
- 10N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December 2024 to Question 17500 on Marine Protected Areas: Fisheries, for what reason he was not able to provide a timescale. (20559)
- 11N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his priorities are for the 68th Global Environment Facility Council Meeting in relation to target (a) 5 and (b) 18 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- 12N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of adding XL Bullies to the list of prohibited dogs under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 on the number of attacks by XL Bullies. (20842)
- 13N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to announce new projects funded by the Frequently Flooded Allowance in the next year. (20857)
- 14N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of existing (a) culvert and (b) land drainage responsibility legislation. (20860)

- 15N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will hold discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on the regulation of Northern Ireland Water. (20749)
- 16N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Institution of Civil Engineers' report entitled ICE policy position statement: How can the UK's infrastructure system be made more climate resilient?, published in March 2023, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of using digital twins to improve understanding of risks to infrastructure assets.
- 17N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to page 69 of the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, how much funding will be available to UK Research and Innovation to extend regional partnerships. (20612)
- 18N Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what payments her Department has made to Birmingham City Council in support of the Birmingham roads PFI contract in each financial year from 2020-21 to 2024-25; and what was the total value of payments to the primary contractor under that contract in each of those years.
- 19N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pensioners are eligible for the Warm Homes Discount in each region.

 (20623)
- 20N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much her Department spent on Budgeting Loans (a) overall and (b) in each category in the 2023-24 financial year. (20624)
- 21N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what measure her Department will use to determine whether devolved authorities have been successful in delivering employment support. (20685)
- Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 16391 on Department for Work and Pensions: Fraud and Maladministration, what progress she has made on the (a) recruitment and (b) training of additional staff in fraud and error. (20686)
- 23N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the timeframe is for the 80 per cent employment rate target. (20687)
- 24N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he has met NHS England's (a) National Clinical Director for Urgent and Emergency Care and (b) Deputy Chief Operating Officer on NHS winter preparedness. (20626)

- 25N **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 British supplier of Creon. (20760)
- 26N Luke Murphy (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of introducing a national prostate-specific antigen screening programme for prostate cancer in the UK.
 (20722)
- 27N **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that men with risk factors for prostate cancer are encouraged to receive regular prostate-specific antigen tests. (20723)
- 28N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the rights of women in Afghanistan. (20688)
- 29N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of
 whether the deals announced on 16 December 2024 between the Israel Ministry of Defence
 and Elbit Systems for the supply of advanced communication systems to the Israel
 Defence Force will include products (a) developed or (b) made by Elbit Systems UK Ltd.

 (20858)
- 30N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when the Government expects to conclude
 revised negotiations with the Mauritian Government on the future of the Chagos Islands.

 (20576)
- 31N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Turkish counterpart on upholding the human rights of members and those associated with the Gulen Movement.

 (20703)
- 32N **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many vehicles were seized under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 for offences related to anti-social car meets or street racing in (a) Basingstoke, (b) Hampshire and (c) England in each of the last 10 years. (20725)
- 33N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the response of Lord Robertson to Question 1 in the Defence Committee Session on the Strategic Defence Review, HC 484 on 3 December 2024, if he will list the political parties that have made a formal written submission to the Strategic Defence Review. (20669)
- 34N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding he has allocated for urgent capability requirements for Estonia in (a) this financial year and (b) each of the next three financial years. (20670)

- 35N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to publish the Infrastructure and Projects Authority annual report for 2023-24. (20671)
- 36N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December to Question 19375 on Strategic Defence Review, whether he plans to report the Strategic Defence Review to Parliament before 30 June 2025. (20679)
- 37N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to allocate additional funding for the Long-Range Area Affects Programme in financial year (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (20684)
- 38N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 16219 on Military Aircraft: Helicopters, what the timetable is for introduction into service of the New Medium Helicopter. (20867)
- 39N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which departmental budgets will provide the funds to complete the purchase of the Annington estate; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of that spending on other Defence priorities. (20577)
- 40N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many of the houses bought from Annington are in (a) North Shropshire constituency, (b) Shropshire, (c) Staffordshire and (d) Telford and Wrekin. (20906)
- 41N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to provide (a) mayors and (b)
 councils with additional fundraising powers, in addition to the planned infrastructure levy.

 (20568)
- 42N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what the responsibilities of (a) Unitary Councils and

 (b) Mayors will be for the delivery of the affordable homes programme. (20569)
- 43N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what differentiating powers she plans to provide to
 (a) unitary authorities and (b) mayors in (i) considering individual planning applications
 and (ii) developing local and spatial plans.
 (20570)
- 44N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to allow elected Mayors outside

 London to appoint Deputies in the same way as the Mayor of London. (20571)
- 45N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of funding provided by her Department to Steps to Work in Walsall through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

- 46N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to allow almshouses to secure
 funding as affordable housing providers. (20627)
- 47N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure almshouse providers who do not have 1,000 homes but are willing to become registered social landlords are able to do so. (20628)
- 48N **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if (a) she and (b) the Minister for Housing and Planning will meet the hon.

 Member for Horsham to discuss Horsham's Local Plan, the hearing process and water neutrality.
- 49N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the sizing of electronic monitoring equipment. (20907)
- 50N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for Tribunal cases to be heard for (a) Social Security and Child Support, (b) Immigration and Asylum and (c) SEN appeals. (20713)
- 51N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the Answer of 12 November 2024 to Question 12917 InterTrade UK, when he plans to announce the (a) remaining membership appointees and (b) first and subsequent meetings of InterTrade UK. (20573)
- 52N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has held discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the impact of the Windsor Framework on any proposed UK wide smoking ban in Northern Ireland. (20575)
- 53N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 17516 on Royal Mint: Fraud, whether any of the fraudulent transactions were traceable to (a) people and (b) agencies based outside the United Kingdom. (20572)
- 54N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will remove Germany from the Gender Recognition Certificate: list of approved countries and territories. (20748)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 7 January

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the proposed community financial benefit from the Botley West Solar Scheme; and if he will introduce a mandatory minimum level of community benefit from new renewable schemes. (20890)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 8 January

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help
ensure UN Security Council Resolution 2118 on Syria is implemented. (20901)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 9 January

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many Special Mission Immunity certificates have been (a) applied for by and (b) granted to each state since 4 March 2013. (20632)

Questions for Answer on Monday 13 January

- 1N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of potential the impact of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism on foundry businesses (a) in Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr constituency and (b) nationally. (20885)
- 2N **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Child Poverty Taskforce holds first Scottish summit, published on 22 November 2024, if she will publish a list of (a) attendees and (b) speakers at that summit.

- 3N **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of pensioner poverty levels in each region following changes to the eligibility for the Winter Fuel Payment. (20770)
- 4N **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6515 on Social Security Benefits:

 Disability, if she will publish the consultation responses from organisations. (20771)