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Questions tabled on Wednesday 18 December 2024

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 - † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 19 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the new National Security Adviser can direct civil servants; and for what reason he was appointed as a special adviser. [Transferred] (20828)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason Sue Gray was not appointed as Envoy for the Nation and Regions. [Transferred] (20829)
- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's priorities are for the honours system. [Transferred] (20830)
- 4 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, 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. [Transferred] (20838)
- 5 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her 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. [Transferred] (20886)
- 6 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will encourage sustainable aviation fuel developers to additionally produce biopropane. [Transferred] (20618)

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- 7 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to provide financial support to people on lower incomes in Aldershot constituency. [Transferred] (20778)
- 8 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (20818)
- 9 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. [Transferred] (20863)
- 10 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (20610)
- 11 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help prevent people from fraudulently claiming child benefit. [Transferred] (20562)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 6 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Solicitor General, what steps she is taking to support fraud victims throughout the recovery process. (21156)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Qs8 and 17 of the oral evidence given by the Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee on 4 December 2024, HC 463, if he will list each of the 40 distinct groups within the Cabinet Office. (21066)
- 3 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate the Office of National Statistics has made of total spending on tobacco products in each of the last five years; and if they will make an estimate of what proportion of this spending is on illegal tobacco. (20933)

- 4 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate the Office of National Statistics has made of spending on (a) alcohol and (b) narcotics in each of the last five years; and what proportion of this spending is estimated as being illegal. (20934)
- 5 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister and the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East discussed (a) delivering UNRWA operations in Hamas-controlled areas and (b) steps UNRWA is taking to ensure the political neutrality of its staff during their meeting on 11 December 2024. (21093)
- 6 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to support churches in rural areas engage local communities in music. (21017)
- 7 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what support the Commissioners offered local food banks during the run up to Christmas. (20967)
- 8 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether robotics will have a role in a future industrial strategy. [R] (21211)
- 9 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will outline the process for appointments to the Industrial Strategy Council. (21069)
- 10 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many applications his Department received for the appointment to the Industrial Strategy Council; and how many and what proportion of those applications reached each stage of consideration for appointments. (21246)
- 11 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings (a) he, (b) ministers in his Department and (c) officials in his Department have had with President-Elect Trump's transition team on a potential UK-US trade deal. (21247)
- 12 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings officials in his Department have had with representatives from the European Union since 5 July; and for what purpose. (21248)
- 13 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to respond to Questions 18414, 18415 and 18416 tabled by the hon. Member for Arundel and South Downs on 6 December 2024. (21249)
- 14 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of potential efficiency savings (a) his Department and (b) in arms length bodies for which his Department is responsible. (21250)

- 15 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what is the projected annual budget of the Fair Work Agency. (21251)
- 16 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether (a) his Department and (b) the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service issue guidance on exemptions to trade union recognition. (21053)
- 17 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many and what proportion of officials in his Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21127)
- 18 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support the cold chain sector with (a) resilience and (b) preparedness for potential disruption as a result of (i) heat waves, (ii) power loss and (iii) cyberattack. (21234)
- 19 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate he has made of the the average cost, as a percentage of the total paybill, of trade union facility time in the (a) public sector and (b) private sector in the latest period for which data is available. (21072)
- 20 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate he has made of the number of employers in the (a) private and (b) public sector that have recognised a trade union in 2024. (21073)
- 21 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to increase private investment as a proportion of GDP. (21043)
- 22 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many businesses have been supported by the British Business Bank since 2014. (21044)
- 23 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to encourage foreign direct investment. (21045)
- 24 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans she has for the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. (21074)
- 25 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Government's consultation on Copyright and Artificial Intelligence, published 17 December 2024, what assessment has she made of the potential impact on the UK's creative industries of the proposals included in that consultation. (21005)
- 26 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of recategorising sporting events designated as listed events under the Ofcom Code on Sport and Other listed and Designated Events. (21210)

- 27 **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 Education on (a) sport in and (b) other aspects of the school curriculum review. (21215)
- 28N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support the gambling research, education and treatment sector; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the new statutory levy on that sector. (21220)
- 29 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what her policy is on which flags other than the Union flag should be flown on Government buildings to mark days of (a) national and (b) international significance; and if she will publish her Department's proposed schedule for which flags should be flown on which days in 2025. (21060)
- 30 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 18400 on 10 Downing Street: Government Art Collection and to the answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 16604 on 11 Downing Street: Art Works, if she will publish a list of each of the Government Art Collection works that have been removed from the 10 Downing Street estate since 5 July 2024. (21061)
- 31 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes in business rate relief for grassroots music venues on the (a) number of live music venues and (b) music industry. [R] (21241)
- 32 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21128)
- 33 **David Pinto-Duschinsky** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support people with gambling addiction in Hendon constituency. (21213)
- 34 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what support her Department has offered grassroots football clubs in the last 12 months. (20966)
- 35N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall and Bloxwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2024 to Question 8623 on Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, whether she plans to make a statement on continued funding of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme before March 2025. (20958)

- 36 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to funding for Level 7 apprenticeships from the Growth and Skills Levy on the availability of talent in professions such as architecture. (21115)
- 37 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether all Level 7 apprenticeships will be included within the scope of the Growth and Skills Levy. (21116)
- 38 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to continue funding for apprentices undertaking a Level 7 apprenticeship. (21117)
- 39 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what additional (a) funding and (b) support is being provided to help schools improve library facilities. (21170)
- 40 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21129)
- 41 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will commission research on the potential impact of room temperature during examinations on student performance. (21235)
- 42 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will list each open sponsored academy with (a) its date of conversion to sponsored status, (b) its Unique Reference Number, and (c) the Unique Reference Number of its predecessor school. (21008)
- 43 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will list each open converter academy with its (a) date of conversion to academy status, (b) Unique Reference Number, and (c) previous Unique Reference Number where different. (21009)
- 44 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to reply to the consultation on Guidance for Schools and Colleges: Gender Questioning Children. (21010)
- 45 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on research projects undertaken by the Institute of Fiscal Studies on behalf of her Department on labour market returns by degree subject in each year since 2022. (21011)
- 46 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring schools to have mandatory allergy and anaphylaxis policies. (20945)

- 47 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will require schools to have adrenaline auto-injectors on site to treat anaphylaxis. (20946)
- 48 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to ensure England's participation in the OECD's PISA financial literacy assessment in 2025. (21184)
- 49 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions she has had with her counterparts in the devolved Administrations on encouraging participation in the OECD's next PISA financial literacy assessment, scheduled for 2025. (21186)
- 50 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department plans to take to create a strategy for embedding financial literacy within the primary and secondary education curricula. (21188)
- 51 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of financial education on young people at (a) primary and (b) secondary school level. (21189)
- 52 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to improve the teaching of financial literacy through (a) enhanced teacher training programmes, (b) increased funding for financial education (i) resources and (ii) initiatives and (c) other steps. (21190)
- 53N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall and Bloxwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 17058 on Holiday Activities and Food Programme, whether she plans to make a statement on continued funding of the Holidays Activities and Food Programme before March 2025. (20959)
- 54 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to increase the rate of retrofitting insulation in social housing in London. (21254)
- 55 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had discussions with the Foreign Secretary about the potential implications for his Department's policies of reports the Rosebank oil field's minority owner is owned by a firm operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (21077)
- 56 **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the (a) level of skilled labour and (b) extent of the shortage of the particular skills required to deliver the proposed upgrades to the National Grid electricity transmission system; and what steps he is taking to address these shortages. (20912)

- 57N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many pensioners are eligible for the Warm Homes Discount in each region. [Transferred] (20623)
- 58 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many and what proportion of officials in his Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21130)
- 59 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will publish the (a) countries of origin, (b) value, and (c) volume of imported (i) oil and (ii) gas in each year since 2010. (21090)
- 60 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle (a) national and (b) local barriers to community energy projects. (21114)
- 61 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 6270 on Poultry and Pigs: Animal Welfare, if he will publish a public consultation on the use of farrowing crates for pigs. (21099)
- 62 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to support indoor pig farmers to adopt free farrowing systems. (21100)
- 63 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 7788 on Air Pollution, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the (a) legal threshold for future levels of NOx and (b) planning time required for councils with Clean Air Zones. (21148)
- 64 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 7788 on Air Pollution, what guidance his Department provides on safe limits of NOx. (21149)
- 65N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2024 to Question 5227 on Wood-burning Stoves, what recent estimate he has made of when his Department will complete its assessment of options to (a) reduce the impact of wood burning stoves on people's health and (b) meet statutory targets for this pollutant. (20994)
- 66 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to make recycling easier for residents in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) other rural areas. (20918)

- 67 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what is (a) his Department's and (b) the Environment Agency's policy on the use of positive discrimination in the recruitment process for internships. (21057)
- 68 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the (a) governance and (b) performance of the water industry in England meets the UK's obligations under the Aarhus Convention. (20989)
- 69 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of officials in his Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21131)
- 70 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with Ofwat on the enforcement of existing laws to protect waterways. (21105)
- 71N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the eligibility criteria for the Frequently Flooded Allowance on flood risks in low population rural areas. (21075)
- 72N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether changes have been made to the criteria of the Farming Recovery Fund since Storms Ashley and Bert. (21076)
- 73 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to roll out mandatory water efficiency labelling. (21070)
- 74 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reform the current right to roam regime. (21112)
- 75 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many and what proportion of officials in his Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21132)
- 76 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Government Office for Technology Transfer on their approach to support market innovation into nanotechnology since July 2024. (21033)
- 77 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Regulatory Innovation Office on the UK's research into nanotechnology since July 2024. (21034)

- 78 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government investment into open-angle glaucoma research was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (21035)
- 79 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government investment into closed-angle glaucoma research was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (21036)
- 80 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government investment into wet macular degeneration was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (21037)
- 81 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government investment into dry macular degeneration research was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (21038)
- 82 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government investment into diabetic retinopathy research was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (21039)
- 83 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government investment into retinitis pigmentosa research was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (21040)
- 84 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government investment into retinoblastoma research was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (21041)
- 85 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help improve accessibility for disabled passengers on public transport in Forest of Dean constituency. (21109)
- 86 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the waiting list for practical driving tests in Glasgow North East constituency. (21124)
- 87 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of reducing the proposed number of platforms for HS2 at Euston Station from 11 to 6 on the economic case for HS2. (21106)
- 88 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether plans for the development of Euston Station for HS2 include (a) provisions and (b) reserved space for potential expansion from six platforms. (21118)

- 89 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the lack of clarity on the northern leg of HS2 on the the train manufacturing industry in the UK. (21219)
- 90 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21133)
- 91 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which areas has her Department provided additional funding for to develop Mobility as a Service apps; and what the potential cost to the public purse is of this work. (21225)
- 92 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of recent trends in the number of coach companies that have ceased trading. (21227)
- 93 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Shadow Great British Railways on future management of the 20 railway stations directly managed by Network Rail. (21228)
- 94 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of funding for British Transport Police. (21229)
- 95 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department issues guidance to local authorities on running good-quality bus stops. (21230)
- 96 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding the Remembrance Day travel concession to include The Royal Tank Regiment parade. [R] (20929)
- 97 **Mike Reader** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of identifying a National Freight Network. (21178)
- 98 **Mike Reader** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including in the integrated national transport strategy measures to (a) help increase efficiency and (b) support decarbonisation in the logistics sector. (21179)
- 99 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of access to public electric vehicle charging points. (20964)
- 100 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will conduct modelling on the potential impact of increases in the use of (a) low carbon-emitting and (b) synthetic fuels by vehicles in the logistics sector on carbon emissions.(21028)

- 101 **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of introducing regulations similar to disabled parking on parent and child parking spaces. (21173)
- 102 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of increases in (a) vehicle excise duty and (b) the HGV road user levy on the logistics industry. (21046)
- 103 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of how many economically inactive people will rejoin the workforce as a result of the measures announced in the Get Britain Working White Paper. (20924)
- 104 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the impact on economic growth of the measures announced in the Get Britain Working White Paper. (20925)
- 105 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish the forecasts of the size of the UK labour force broken down by the net migration forecast by (a) the Office of Budget Responsibility and (b) other bodies for the forecast period used by that Office. (20926)
- 106 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of additional Pension Credit claims received since the announcement on changing the eligibility of the Winter Fuel Payment; and what proportion of these claims have been successful. (21083)
- 107 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average time is for a successful Pension Credit claimant to start receiving winter fuel payments. (21084)
- 108 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the potential savings to the public purse of means testing the winter fuel payment. (21085)
- 109 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessments her Department has made of the adequacy of Personal Independence Payment tribunal wait times; and what steps she is taking to reduce them. (21216)
- 110 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what support is available to people waiting for a Personal Independence Payment tribunal. (21217)
- 111 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the income change threshold on child maintenance allowance on both the (a) paying and (b) receiving parents. (21222)

- 112 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of altering the income change threshold on child maintenance allowance reviews. (21224)
- 113 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Pursuant to the answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 15237 on Civil Servants: Political impartiality, whether there has been a disciplinary investigation into party political campaigning by officials in her Department during the Rochdale by-election in February and March 2024. (21056)
- 114 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of the 2006 Attitudes to Pension Survey participants aged between 18 and 69 were women born in the 1950s. (20973)
- 115 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of 2006 Attitudes to Pension Survey participants were (a) in the 45-54 age group and (b) women born in the 1950s. (20974)
- 116 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of 2006 Attitudes to Pension Survey participants were (a) in the 55-64 age group and (b) women born in the 1950s. (20975)
- 117 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish the data her Department holds from the 2006 Attitudes to Pension Survey on the levels of awareness of the proposed increase in State Pension age for women born in the 1950s. (20976)
- 118 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21134)
- 119 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of not increasing Local Housing Allowance rates in 2025-2026 on families. (21111)
- 120 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reason her Department has set a limit for the amount of income that someone in receipt of carer's allowance can earn. (21244)
- 121 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of equalising the (a) basic and (b) new State Pension. (21245)
- 122 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people were in receipt of (a) Statutory Maternity Pay, (b) Statutory Paternity Pay, (c) Statutory Adoption Pay and (d) Statutory Shared Parental Pay in the 2023-24 financial year. (21027)

- 123 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to implement the Hub and Spoke model for community pharmacy. (21175)
- 124 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the UK National Screening Committee's public consultation on prostate cancer screening will open. (21233)
- 125 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence on the licensing process for the drug sipavibart. (21239)
- 126 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the availability of mental health support for winter 2024-25. (21095)
- 127 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to simplify health treatments between the UK nations. (21123)
- 128N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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. [Transferred] (20575)
- 129 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to expand the reach of Start for Life services to (a) Poole and (b) other local authorities. (21142)
- 130 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral statement entitled Puberty-suppressing Hormones of 11 December 2024, Official Report, column 914, what groups representing trans youth he consulted with before making his decision to extend the ban on puberty blockers. (21182)
- 131 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase (a) the level of funding for and (b) access to Children's and Young People's Gender Services. (21185)
- 132 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to review the regulations surrounding the sale of potent medications such as (a) finasteride, (b) dutasteride, and (c) selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors via telehealth companies, in the context of the correlation between these medications and long-term health conditions. (21121)
- 133 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the devolved administrations on development of a new HIV Action Plan. (21067)

- 134 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of (a) the adequacy of funding for mental health services and (b) the potential impact of the level of that funding on waiting lists for such services. (21068)
- 135 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of continuing care assessments that result in eligibility in (a) the Yorkshire and Humber Integrated Care Board area and (b) England are subsequently removed at a later stage. (21207)
- 136 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Government plans to introduce a cap for social care costs. (21208)
- 137 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what percentage of the increase in NHS England funding will be dedicated to staffing budgets. [R] (21214)
- 138 **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to reinstate funding for the National Institute for Health and Care Research Bioresource project providing infrastructure for the development of novel non-CFTR treatments for cystic fibrosis. (21004)
- 139 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of officials in his Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21135)
- 140 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve ambulance waiting times in Bude. (21122)
- 141 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for recruiting 8,500 additional mental health workers. (21231)
- 142 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Education on neurodiversity-affirmative approaches in schools. (21232)
- 143 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding has been allocated to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme. (21050)
- 144 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to commission further waves of the Mental Health of Children and Young People in England report. (21174)

- 145 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of local medical committees advising GPs to withdraw from ADHD shared care agreements; and what steps his Department plans to take to ensure there is uninterrupted access to essential medications and care for patients with ADHD. (21006)
- 146 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to tackle (a) delays to diagnosis and (b) emergency presentation rates for blood cancer patients. (21023)
- 147 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have presented at Accident and Emergency with respiratory concerns in the last six months. (20968)
- 148 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to encourage uptake of the flu vaccination in 2024. (20969)
- 149 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Education on improving mental health provision in universities. (20970)
- 150 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of compulsory walking aid return and reuse schemes for NHS trusts. (21171)
- 151 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) promote patient awareness of walking aid return and reuse schemes, (b) promote NHS staff awareness of the possibility of establishing those schemes and (c) encourage NHS trusts to set up those schemes. (21172)
- 152 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether there is specific support for haemophiliacs impacted by the infected blood scandal. (21113)
- 153 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the uplift will be to general dental service contracts for 2024-25; and what his planned timetable is to apply such uplift. (21096)
- 154 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the recognition of overseas medical qualifications of Ukrainian refugees. (21177)
- 155 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with (a) Troika and (b) other partners on (i) monitoring and (ii) rapid diplomatic responses to escalations in the levels of atrocity risks in (A) Zamzam refugee camp, (B) Darfur and (C) Sudan. (21255)

- 156 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with the Scottish Government's (a) Energy and Climate change directorate and (b) External Affairs directorate on whether any Scotland based companies are undertaking (i) recruitment, (ii) training, (iii) technical management services for Seapeak LLC in relation to the shipping of Russian Liquefied Natural Gas to (A) EU and (B) other third countries. (21157)
- 157 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to sanction the shipping of Russian Liquefied Natural Gas by UK-based businesses to (a) the EU and (b) other third countries. (21159)
- 158 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to sanction UK based insurance firms providing insurance to tankers engaged in shipping Russian Liquefied Natural Gas. (21160)
- 159 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Brazilian counterpart on the (a) protection of the Amazon rainforest and (b) restoration of rainforest habitats destroyed by wildfires. (21168)
- 160 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the attack on the World Central Kitchen convoy in Gaza on 1 April 2024 was (a) reviewed as and (b) found to be a potential violation of International Humanitarian Law by his Department. (21152)
- 161 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many and what proportion of officials in his Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21136)
- 162 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many small boats have landed illegally in the Turks and Caicos Islands in (a) 2003 and (b) 2004. (20935)
- 163 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of small boats that will arrive in the Turks and Caicos Islands in 2025. (20936)
- 164 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking further action to help reduce the number of small boats travelling illegally from Haiti to the Turks and Caicos Islands. (20937)
- 165 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to enhance the capacity of border security forces in the Turks and Caicos Islands to prevent the illegal arrival of small boats. (20938)

- 166 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the measures in place in the Turks and Caicos Islands to prevent the overspilling of violent crime from Haiti. (20939)
- 167 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve (a) communication and (b) coordination with the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands in response to small boat incursions. (20940)
- 168 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking in the Turks and Caicos Islands to implement preventative measures against potential (a) human, (b) weapons and (c) drugs trafficking linked to illegal small boat arrivals. (20941)
- 169 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) adequacy of the capabilities and (b) effectiveness of support for the Turks & Caicos Islands relating to illegal small boats. (20942)
- 170 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November to Question 12402 on Turks and Caicos Islands: Illegal Immigration, if he would ask the Turks and Caicos Islands government to make available any data it holds on the number of citizens of (a) Haiti and (b) Dominican Republic that are currently resident in Turks and Caicos. (20943)
- 171 **Kenneth Stevenson** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proportion of gross national income has been allocated to Official Development Assistance spending for the next three financial years; and what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of such spending in the last three years. (21086)
- 172 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps she has taken to help facilitate access to the UK for Palestinian family members of UK nationals in (a) Egypt and (b) Gaza. (21193)
- 173 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made on the potential impact of introducing electronic travel authorisations on British National (overseas) passport holders. (20972)
- 174 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of issuing guidance to police forces advising them to offer independent return home interviews to adults who have been missing. (21087)

- 175 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the number of vehicles stolen in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire in each of the last three years. (20916)
- 176 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) reports of and (b) convictions for shoplifting there were in (i) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (ii) Lincolnshire in each of the last three years. (20917)
- 177 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many of the extra 13,000 neighbourhood police will serve in Lincolnshire. (20919)
- 178 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's plan to include a named, contactable police officer in each neighbourhood, how her Department defines neighbourhood. (20920)
- 179 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21138)
- 180 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of trends in the level of violent crime during heatwaves in 2024. (21236)
- 181 **Kevin McKenna** (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help reduce violence against women and girls; what funding is available to (a) local authorities and (b) policing agencies to reduce that violence; and what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle the causes of that violence. (21110)
- 182 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what long-term programs are available to help fraud victims regain financial stability after a fraud incident. (21158)
- 183 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure police officers have training specifically on (a) tackling fraud and (b) fraud prevention. (21161)
- 184 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support people applying for visas in the West Bank. (21094)

- 185 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 18824 on UK Border Force: Seasonal Workers, what steps her Department has taken to mitigate the potential loss of capacity provided by the Border Force seasonal workforce. (21078)
- 186 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 18824 on UK Border Force: Seasonal Workers, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the decision to stand down the Border Force seasonal workforce on the operational capacity of Border Force. (21079)
- 187 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress she has made on implementing the recommendations of the Brook House Inquiry, published on 19 September 2023; and whether any of those recommendations have been completed. (21024)
- 188 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to support veterans. (21126)
- 189 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it remains Government policy that at least 60% of sub-contracting companies working on fleet solid support ships should be from the UK. (21000)
- 190 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024, to Question HL1878, on Armed Forces: Equality, if he will list each of the actions from the previous EDI review that were endorsed by his Department's People Committee. (21063)
- 191 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 October 2024 to Question 6066 on Helicopters: Official Visits, whether the replacement to the Rotary Wing Command Support Air Transport Helicopter Service will be outsourced to the private sector. (21064)
- 192 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of officials in his Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21139)
- 193 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 17483 on Type 32 Frigates, at what stage in its concept phase the Type 32 frigate programme is; and what stages of the concept phase have been completed. (21180)
- 194 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 17481 on Multi-role Ocean Surveillance Ships, at what stage in its concept phase the Multi-Role Support Ships programme is; and what stages of the concept phase have been completed. (21181)

- 195 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's planned timetable is for awarding contracts for the construction of multi-role support ships. [R] (21183)
- 196 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December to Question 17489 on Electronic Warfare: Training, what percentage of the Ministry of Defence's demand for personnel with cyber warfare skills is being met; and how many personnel have been trained to date to meet this demand. [R] (21187)
- 197 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 17490 on Armed Forces and Ministry of Defence: Artificial Intelligence, what the breakdown is between (a) public and (b) private sector involvement in the (i) development and (ii) deployment of (A) machine learning and (B) artificial intelligence technologies within the Armed Forces. [R] (21191)
- 198 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 17491 on National Security: Cybersecurity, whether there is a formalised process whereby his Department meets with the (a) Cabinet Office and (b) Department for Science, Innovation and Technology to discuss the (i) development and (ii) procurement of digital capabilities for national security. [R] (21194)
- 199 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to improve engagement with micro-sized technology companies through traditional prime contractors. [R] (21196)
- 200 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to remove bureaucracy from defence primes to enable them to build out their ecosystems of (a) micro, (b) small and (c) medium-sized businesses. [R] (21198)
- 201 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) micro, (b) small and (c) medium-sized technology companies in the early stages of development within the defence sector. [R] (21199)
- 202 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help ensure defence primes' commitments to (a) apprenticeships and (b) graduate recruitment (i) are geographically balanced and (ii) extend opportunities to (A) micro, (B) small, (C) medium-sized and (D) other businesses in regions with significant defence industry presence. [R] (21200)
- 203 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to simplify procurement processes to enable (a) micro, (b) small and (c) medium-sized companies to compete more effectively for defence contracts. [R] (21201)

- 204 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to improve its procurement processes to provide greater certainty for private sector defence investors. [R] (21202)
- 205 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what measures his Department is taking to help ensure the retention of UK STEM graduates within the highly skilled defence workforce. [R] (21204)
- 206 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking with the Secretary of State for Education to encourage young people to pursue careers in STEM fields within the defence sector. (21205)
- 207 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the RUSI Lecture given by the Chief of the Defence Staff on 4 December 2024, what steps his Department is taking to (a) streamline decision-making and (b) reduce business case approval timelines. [R] (21206)
- 208 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the RUSI Lecture given by the Chief of the Defence Staff on 4 December 2024, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support high-risk, high-reward technology experimentation and (b) track the outcomes of such initiatives. [R] (21209)
- 209 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking with the Joint Civil Aid Corps (JCAC) to help improve the resiliency of the UK's civil defence. (21125)
- 210 **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) number of each rank in post of and (b) requirement for each rank of medical service personnel was on 1 April 2024. (20921)
- 211 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of new dwellings built in (a) England and (b) London were flats in the last year for which figures are available. (20978)
- 212 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the target of 1.5 million new homes in the context of net migration. (20979)
- 213 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6408 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Photography, whether her Department has recruited a photographer. (20980)
- 214 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of job vacancies in her Department have been externally advertised since 4 July 2024. (20981)

- 215 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the (a) job title, (b) unit or division and (c) grade is of each job advertised on Civil Service Jobs but not to the public since 4 July 2024. (20982)
- 216 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 16480 on Community Cohesion, if she will publish the (a) membership and (b) terms of reference of the Communities and Recovery Steering Group. (20983)
- 217 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 17009 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, whether she had discussions with (a) the Prime Minister or (b) 10 Downing Street on the proposed Chinese Embassy prior to her decision to call-in the planning application. (20984)
- 218 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, whether the decision to suspend councillors will be taken by (a) the full council or (b) the local authority's standards committee; and what right of appeal will there be. (20985)
- 219 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release on building, published on 5 December 2024, what the mechanism is by which she plans to meet the target of 150 infrastructure decisions to be decided; and whether this target relates to (a) national infrastructure planning and (b) major developments under the Town and Country Planning Act. (20986)
- 220 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21140)
- 221 **Andy MacNae** (Rossendale and Darwen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing the requirement for a national insurance number on postal vote registration forms. (21147)
- 222 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding to Returning Officers to cover the costs of accessible voting devices that exceed the new burdens funding. (21195)
- 223 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's policy is on the future of the garden communities programme. (21223)

- 224 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the population sizes in the English Devolution White Paper refer to (a) electorate and (b) total population. (21097)
- 225 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to help protect funding streams for specialist domestic abuse services. (21176)
- 226 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of the reform of super-injunctions; and whether she has had recent discussions with 10 Downing Street on the matter. (21058)
- 227 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the video on prisons published by her Department on 11 December 2024, what steps she is taking to ensure compliance with the (a) Civil Service Code and (b) Government Communication Service's Propriety & Ethics Guidance for Government Communicators in relation to video content posted online by her Department. (21059)
- 228 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many times prisons in Norfolk operated an (a) amber and (b) red regime in each the last 10 years. (20988)
- 229 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21141)
- 230 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what legal protections are available to fraud victims to prevent further (a) exploitation and (b) financial loss. (21151)
- 231 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what processes are in place to help victims of fraud recover lost (a) funds and (b) assets when the fraud is committed (i) online and (ii) by international scammers. (21153)
- 232 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of (a) legal and (b) financial advice for victims of fraud. (21154)
- 233 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to raise awareness of (a) fraud and (b) fraud prevention. (21155)
- 234 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will hold discussions with the Sentencing Council on the adequacy of sentencing guidelines in relation to perpetrators of fraud. (21164)

- 235 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many instances of online fraud were reported to the police in the 2023-24 financial year. (21165)
- 236 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the size of the current court case backlog is in England and Wales. (21092)
- 237 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the recommendations by Resolution in its report entitled Domestic Abuse in Financial Remedy Proceedings, published in October 2024. (21025)
- 238 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what her planned timescale is for responding to the Law Commission's scoping report on Financial remedies on divorce and dissolution, published on 18 December 2024. (21026)
- 239 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many and what proportion of officials in his Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21144)
- 240 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has had discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on trends in the level of teachers pay in Northern Ireland. (20965)
- 241N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his speech of 5 December 2024 on Plan for Change at Pinewood Studios, what the cost to the public purse was of that event, including the cost of the backdrop and branding. (21256)
- 242 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many and what proportion of officials in his Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21145)
- 243 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help improve access to travel insurance for patients with long-term illnesses. (21192)
- 244 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what role the Growth Mission Board will have in the Spending Review. (20927)
- 245 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what role her Department's Enterprise and Growth Unit will have in supporting (a) the Government's Growth Mission and (b) the Spending Review next year. (20928)
- 246 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed increases to employer National Insurance contributions on women in part-time work. (20995)

- 247 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed increases to employer National Insurance contributions on women in full-time work. (20996)
- 248 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, What assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes in the level of National Insurance contributions on young people in part time work. (20997)
- 249 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to the level of national insurance on women's shelters. (20998)
- 250 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the rise in National Insurance contributions on women's charities. (20999)
- 251 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the number of first-time buyers paying stamp duty in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26; and what the average amount of stamp duty a first time buyer will pay in each year is. (20947)
- 252 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish a list of the number of hereditaments in each local authority in Greater London categorised by Special Category Code (a) 303 Bars (Valued on Floor Space), (b) 199 Night Clubs and Discotheques and (c) 226 Public Houses/Pub Restaurants (National Scheme) in each of the last 10 years. (20948)
- 253 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Autumn Budget 2024, whether the (a) pension and (b) associated pension benefits under the tax-unregistered Judicial Pension Scheme will be liable for inheritance tax. (20949)
- 254 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 16761 on Employers' Contributions: Public Sector, what the assumed unit cost per (a) headcount and (b) FTE employee of the estimated increase in National Insurance contributions on employers in the public sector was for the estimate. (20950)
- 255 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the new business rate multiplier on Rateable Values over £500,000 will apply to (a) railway, (b) communications and (c) utility hereditaments on the Central Rating List. (20951)
- 256 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 12 November 2024 to Question 12389 on Pensions: Inheritance Tax, whether the (a) partner and (b) dependent's scheme pension for the (i) Civil Service Alpha scheme and (ii) Ministerial Pension Scheme will be included in the value of the estate for inheritance tax for (A) married couples, (B) unmarried couples and (C) couples in a civil partnership. (20952)

- 257 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2024 to Question 8809 on 11 Downing Street: Art Works, what was the cost to the public purse of removing the artworks. (20953)
- 258 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has been made of the potential impact of proposed changes to Agricultural Property Relief on net carbon emissions. (20954)
- 259 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 16761 on Employers' Contributions: Public Sector, if she will publish the methodology used to draw up the estimates of support. (20955)
- 260 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to page 21 of the Plan for Change document, CP1210, published on 5 December 2024, what estimate she has been made of the potential impact of (a) changes to the level of employer National Insurance contributions and (b) the freezing of income tax thresholds on Real Household Disposable Income per person. (20956)
- 261 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 29 October 2024 to Question 10442 on Government departments: communication and public consultation, what non-essential spending in each Department has been stopped to deliver the £50 million of savings in (a) 2024-24 and (b) 2025-26. (20957)
- 262 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the reduction in business rate relief for grassroots music venues on (a) the number of jobs in the music industry and (b) early-career musicians. [R] (21243)
- 263 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21137)
- 264 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to clear Thurrock council's debt following the proposed merger of councils in Essex. (21102)
- 265 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department coordinates with the Solicitor General to ensure victims of fraud receive the financial protection and support they need during criminal investigations. (21162)
- 266 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the impact of fraud on the economy. (21163)

- 267 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a financial compensation scheme for victims of fraud who have been taxed on money stolen from them. (21166)
- 268 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of HMRC's policies on supporting victims of fraud. (21167)
- 269 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to disability benefits on vulnerable individuals in Leicester; and what steps she will be taking to ensure those most in need are adequately supported during this period of fiscal adjustment. (21071)
- 270 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help improve (a) public and (b) private sector productivity. (21042)
- 271 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the rules on the taxation of double cab pickup trucks on (a) consumers and (b) rural communities. (21047)
- 272 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much tax revenue the Digital Services Tax has raised since 2020. (21048)
- 273 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the press notice entitled New Great British Energy partnership launched to turbocharge energy independence, published on 25 July 2024, if her Department will publish the partnership agreement between GB Energy and The Crown Estate. (21049)
- 274 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department were hired via positive action schemes in the last financial year. (21146)
- 275 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what her planned timetable is for updating her Department's guidance entitled Public Sector Equality Duty: guidance for public authorities, last updated on 18 December 2023. (21226)
- 276 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to make care experience a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010. (21104)
- 277 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on steps to ensure sustainable funding is provided to local authorities for domestic abuse and sexual violence services. (21169)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 7 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December to Question 19728 on National Security Adviser: Pay, when he plans to publish the Annual Report on Special Advisers. (21002)
- 2N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many infringement proceedings the EU is pursuing against the Government; and whether the Government plans to propose remediation to prevent further infringement proceedings. (21018)
- 3N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support rural businesses. (21242)
- 4N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the press release of 14 November 2024 entitled PM boosts UK aerospace industry with £975 million to drive growth and jobs, how much of that funding will be spent in each of the devolved administrations. (20971)
- 5N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions her Department has had with people recovering from gambling addiction on reform of the gambling industry. (21218)
- 6N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help ensure the financial sustainability of rugby union in England. (21221)
- 7N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase the uptake of free school meals by eligible children. (20963)
- 8N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her policy is on the future of the Latin Excellence Programme. (21029)
- 9N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of early years providers eligible for Employment Allowance when proposed changes to employer National Insurance contributions come into force. (21031)
- 10N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 126005, on Classroom Assistants: Pay, if she will provide average full-time salary data in each of the last five years for (a) newly qualified teachers, (b) classroom teachers and (c) all teachers, broken down by (i) local authority maintained schools, (ii) academy schools, (iii) free schools and (iv) all state-funded schools. (21252)

- 11N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the (a) number and (b) proportion of school support staff in state-funded schools in England who are employed on (i) zero-hour and (ii) term time-only contracts. [R] (21253)
- 12N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall and Bloxwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the 2008 National Year of Reading, if she will make it her policy to organise a Year of Reading in 2026. (20960)
- 13N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of aviation objections on the deployment of new onshore wind in Wales. (21014)
- 14N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he plans to take to ensure that the delivery of floating offshore wind demonstration projects in the Celtic Sea. (21080)
- 15N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what body is responsible for (a) coordination and (b) delivery of floating wind farms in the Celtic Sea. (21081)
- 16N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will publish details of any plans held by his Department for the development of a nuclear power station at Wylfa. (21108)
- 17N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential role of the oil and gas industry in (a) contributing to international climate finance pledges and (b) contributing funds to the just transition of works into green industries. (21019)
- 18N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Affinity Water's recent price changes on the financial security of residents in Hertfordshire. (21107)
- 19N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the UK's exit from the EU on the movement of animals between the UK and the EU for breeding programmes; and what steps his Department is taking to mitigate any post-Brexit regulatory barriers between the UK and the EU affecting these movements. (21103)
- 20N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will (a) bring forward legislative proposals to (i) formally recognise, (ii) protect and (iii) otherwise support the management of Cornish hedges and (b) provide funding for such hedges in the form of (A) Sustainable Farming Incentives and (B) capital grants. (21082)

- 21N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is for publishing the Government's consultation on the zero emission vehicle mandate. (21143)
- 22N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve the regulation of car parking management companies. (21015)
- 23N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is for introducing a new private parking code of practice. (21016)
- 24N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of pensioners that will receive the full increase to the State Pension. (20987)
- 25N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the longest waiting time was for a PIP application in each of the last five years. (21238)
- 26N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the longest waiting time was for a PIP application in each month of the last five years. (21240)
- 27N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with representatives of Forgotten Lives UK on access to (a) preventative treatments and (b) support services for immunosuppressed people. (21237)
- 28N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the number of (a) counsellors and (b) psychotherapists in the mental health workforce. (21119)
- 29N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help integrate accredited (a) counsellors and (b) psychotherapists into mental health support teams for students. (21120)
- 30N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to hold a separate consultation on the NHS workforce plan in addition to the consultation on the 10-Year Health Plan. (20962)
- 31N **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of continuing care assessments resulted in eligibility in (a) the Yorkshire and Humber Integrated Care Board and (b) England in the most recent year for which figures are available. (21203)

- 32N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Oral Statement of 11 December 2024 on Puberty-suppressing Hormones, Official Report, Column 923, what guidance his Department issues to parents considering taking their children to other countries for (a) top surgery and (b) other gender reassignment surgery. (20913)
- 33N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to set a target of reducing overall cancer mortality in the UK by 15% by 2040. (21021)
- 34N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of NHS preparedness for the next generation of blood cancer treatments. (21022)
- 35N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to his counterparts in the People's Republic of China on the expulsion of the British press corps from the room in which Xi Jinping and the Prime Minister were meeting in Rio de Janeiro on November 18 2024. (20915)
- 36N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions his Department has had with the Indian government on (a) British Sovereignty over the British Indian Ocean Territory, (b) the operation of Indian bases on Mauritian territory and (c) the use of Diego Garcia or the rest of the archipelago by (i) the Indian Navy and (ii) other Indian forces. (20931)
- 37N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take in response to (a) the case of Sayed Hassan Jawad, (b) reports that political detainees in Jaw Prison had to be transferred to hospital and (c) other allegations of ill-treatment of political prisoners in Bahrain. (20944)
- 38N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help protect the safety and wellbeing of all Syrians including (a) religious minorities, (b) women and (c) ethnic minorities following the fall of the Assad regime. (21197)
- 39N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will have discussions with the devolved administrations on potential changes to the (a) criteria for and (b) duration of short term deployment of police officers to deal with unexpected civil disorder. (20930)
- 40N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 66 on Sexual Harassment, what progress she has made on implementation of the Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Act 2023. (20961)

- 41N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department holds on the number of children travelling to (a) Poland, (b) Turkey, (c) Florida and (d) other countries for gender reassignment surgery in each of the last three years. (20914)
- 42N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the feasibility of Palestinians in Gaza seeking to make a UK visa application enrolling their biometrics in a Visa Application Centre in (a) Ramallah and (b) Jerusalem. (21088)
- 43N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 18968 on Asylum: Sri Lanka, what accommodation is available on St Helena to house migrants; what the maximum capacity is of this accommodation; how much funding will be provided for this accommodation; whether people with granted applications will remain on the island; whether her Department made an assessment of the views of local people; and if she will publish an Impact Assessment. (20991)
- 44N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 18968 on Asylum: Sri Lanka, for what reason the migrants temporarily relocated to the UK were not relocated to St Helena. (20992)
- 45N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 18968 on Asylum: Sri Lanka, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of relocating to St Helena asylum seekers who have travelled to the UK by small boat across the English Channel. (20993)
- 46N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December to Question 19728 on National Security Adviser: Pay, whether the contract for the National Security Advise differs from the Model Contract for Special Advisers. (21001)
- 47N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December to Question 19728 on National Security Adviser: Pay, whether the remuneration package for the National Security Adviser has been approved yet by HM Treasury. (21003)
- 48N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the evidential basis is for the expectation that reformed local authorities should generally have a population of 500,000 or more. (21007)
- 49N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has had discussions with Philippe Sands KC on Diego Garcia since 4 July 2024. (20932)

- 50N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department has taken to review the adequacy of revenue raising mechanisms for climate reparations ahead of COP30 in Belem. (21020)
- 51N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many applications for VAT numbers for private school fees her Department has (a) received and (b) granted since 5th July 2024. (21030)
- 52N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what discussions she has had with the Welsh government on aviation objections to onshore wind in South Wales. (21012)
- 53N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on aviation objections to onshore wind in Wales. (21013)
- 54N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the her Department's publication entitled Response to call for input on single-sex spaces guidance, published 17 December 2024, how many submissions were received in total. (21051)
- 55N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the Response to call for input on single-sex spaces guidance, published on 17 December 2024, if she will publish (a) a list of reasons for submissions being rejected for not meeting the submission criteria and (b) how many submissions were rejected for each reason. (21052)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 8 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Solicitor General, with reference to (a) the Crown Prosecution Service, Annual Report and Accounts 2013–14, July 2014, HC6, page 73, and (b) The Pensions Increase (Pension Scheme for Keir Starmer QC) Regulations 2013, what the metric is by which the Keir Starmer QC Pension Scheme has been uprated by inflation each year; and if he will list the pension benefits offered to pension scheme's member. (21054)
- 2N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to introduce further regulations to enable the Infected Blood Compensation Authority to issue payments to the affected. (20990)

- 3N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether there is a mandated process for social services to be informed when a child for whom there has been a (a) Child Protection Plan, (b) Child in Need plan and (c) safeguarding concern raised is removed from school. (21089)
- 4N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the (a) development and (b) evaluation of (i) non-animal test methods and (ii) new approach methodologies to replace animal testing. (21150)
- 5N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much and what proportion of the funding for NHS England announced in the Autumn Budget 2024 will be spent on (a) National Insurance contribution increases and (b) existing overspends by (i) NHS England and (ii) his Department. [R] (21212)
- 6N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 1 November 2024, to Question 10992, on Ministers: private property, whether the Minister for Policing, Fire and Crime Prevention submitted a claim to the Department for the costs relating to the theft of her personal effects whilst on official duties at the Police Superintendents' Association conference in Kenilworth in September 2024. (21055)
- 7N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 October 2024 to Question 6066 on Helicopters: Official Visits, what the budget is for the replacement service to the Rotary Wing Command Support Air Transport Helicopter Service. (21062)
- 8N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department collates information on (a) which flights use sustainable aviation fuel and (b) the proportion of sustainable aviation fuel used for flights (i) from a military airfield and (b) by a military vehicle. (21065)
- 9N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the (a) resourcing and (b) powers of Local Authority building inspectors. (21098)
- 10N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to give local authorities primary responsibility for building inspections. (21101)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 9 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of A22's new Unify League proposals on English football. (21032)
- 2N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in Widnes and Halewood constituency were being treated for lung cancer as of 1 October 2024. (20922)
- 3N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding his Department has provided for child brain tumour research in each year since 2015. (20923)
- 4N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the property price limit on Help to Buy ISAs. (21091)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 13 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Minister for Development met representatives of the Israeli Government during her visit to Israel in December 2024. (20977)
- 2N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism on foundry businesses (a) in Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr constituency and (b) nationally. [Transferred] (20885)