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Questions tabled on Thursday 19 December 2024

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- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Monday 6 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to publish the Infrastructure and Projects Authority annual report for 2023-24. [Transferred] (20671)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Prime Minister's 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. [Transferred] (21256)
- 3 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of 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. [Transferred] (21072)
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, 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. [Transferred] (20953)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 7 November 2024 to Question 12252 on Charity Commission: Correspondence, if she will publish the regulatory advice and guidance issued by the Charity Commission to the Hope not Hate Charitable Trust. (21388)
- 6 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to pay additional compensation to people impacted by the collapse of Equitable Life. (21417)

- 7 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what legal protections are available to fraud victims to prevent further (a) exploitation and (b) financial loss. [Transferred] (21151)
- 8 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (21153)
- 9 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of (a) legal and (b) financial advice for victims of fraud. [Transferred] (21154)
- 10 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to raise awareness of (a) fraud and (b) fraud prevention. [Transferred] (21155)
- 11 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department coordinates with the Solicitor General to ensure victims of fraud receive the financial protection and support they need during criminal investigations. [Transferred] (21162)
- 12 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the impact of fraud on the economy. [Transferred] (21163)
- 13 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will hold discussions with the Sentencing Council on the adequacy of sentencing guidelines in relation to perpetrators of fraud. [Transferred] (21164)
- 14 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many instances of online fraud were reported to the police in the 2023-24 financial year. [Transferred] (21165)
- 15 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to clear Thurrock council's debt following the proposed merger of councils in Essex. [Transferred] (21102)
- 16 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, 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. [Transferred] (21216)
- 17 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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]
[Transferred] (21241)

- 18 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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.[Transferred] (21027)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- 1 **Harpreet Uppal** (Huddersfield): What steps he is taking to increase military support for Ukraine. (901968)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What steps he is taking to ensure that SMEs are able to participate in AUKUS procurement. (901969)
- 3 **Patrick Spencer** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): What his target date is for increasing defence spending to 2.5% of GDP. (901970)
- 4 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): What steps he is taking to improve support for veterans. (901971)
- 5 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): What steps he is taking to improve support for veterans. (901972)
- 6 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): What progress he has made on appointing an independent Armed Forces Commissioner. (901973)
- 7 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): What steps he is taking to improve housing for military personnel and their families. (901974)
- 8 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): What steps he is taking to improve support for veterans. (901975)
- 9 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): What recent discussions he has had with his US counterpart on military support for Ukraine. (901976)
- 10 **Alan Strickland** (Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor): What steps he plans to take through the Defence Industrial Strategy to increase support for defence sector SMEs. (901977)
- 11 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): What steps he is taking to improve support for veterans. (901978)
- 12 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): What discussions he has had with NATO allies on strengthening that alliance. (901979)
- 13 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): What steps his Department is taking to ensure that veterans have access to appropriate housing. (901980)
- 14 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the provision of military support in the context of conflict in the Middle East. (901981)

- 15 **Andrew Lewin** (Welwyn Hatfield): What steps he is taking to improve defence relationships with European allies. [R] (901982)
- 16 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): What steps he is taking to support veterans. (901983)
- 17 **Louise Jones** (North East Derbyshire): What steps he is taking to reduce levels of waste in his Department. (901984)
- 18 **Douglas McAllister** (West Dunbartonshire): What steps he plans to take through the Defence Industrial Strategy to grow the defence sector. (901985)
- 19 **Mr Paul Foster** (South Ribble): What progress he has made on improving military accommodation. (901986)
- 20 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): What steps he is taking to improve support for veterans. (901987)
- 21 **Lewis Atkinson** (Sunderland Central): What steps he is taking to improve housing for military personnel and their families. (901988)
- 22 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): What steps he is taking to improve support for veterans. (901989)
- 23 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): What steps he is taking to improve support for veterans. (901990)
- 24 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the agreement with Mauritius on the sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory on global security. (901991)
- 25 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the delivery of Homes for Heroes. (901992)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- T1 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (901993)
- T2 **Harpreet Uppal** (Huddersfield): (901994)
- T3 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): (901995)
- T4 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): (901996)
- T5 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): (901997)
- T6 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): (901998)
- T7 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): (901999)

T8	Tristan Osborne (Chatham and Aylesford):	(902000)
T9	Mr Alex Barros-Curtis (Cardiff West):	[R] (902001)
T10	Sam Carling (North West Cambridgeshire):	(902002)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 7 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Solicitor General, how many agricultural crime offences in Calderdale District resulted in suspects being (a) charged, (b) convicted and (c) not convicted in each year since 2010. (21535)
- 2 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make it his policy that the Civil Service Commission should be informed of recent political donations from people appointed to the Civil Service by exception. (21342)
- 3 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 18 September 2024 to Question HL835 on Government Departments: Remote Working, whether the Civil Service meets the requirement to attend the office or work face-to-face with colleagues at least 60% of the time. (21343)
- 4 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the press release entitled New partnership between statistical authorities of the UK and the EU, published by the Office for National Statistics on 9 October 2024, whether the agreement with Eurostat was approved by Ministers in his Department. (21344)
- 5 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the press release entitled New partnership between statistical authorities of the UK and the EU, published by the Office for National Statistics on 9 October 2024, if he will publish the agreement between the Office for National Statistics and Eurostat. (21345)
- 6 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether members of the Senior Salaries Review Body have made declarations of political activity. (21346)
- 7 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has issued guidance on non-contingent labour contracts. (21347)
- 8 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department plans to issue Outcome Delivery Plans. (21348)

- 9 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether there is a Framework Agreement between his Department and the Senior Salaries Review Body. (21349)
- 10 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, in what circumstances people in receipt of a civil service pension who re-join the civil service are subject to abatement. (21350)
- 11 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to publish the civil service EDI dataset. (21351)
- 12N **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, whether the contract for the National Security Adviser differs from the Model Contract for Special Advisers. [Transferred] (21001)
- 13N **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, whether the remuneration package for the National Security Adviser has been approved yet by HM Treasury. [Transferred] (21003)
- 14N **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, whether the current NSA salary will be more than that paid to the previous NSA. (21331)
- 15N **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, whether if the pension package will differ to that offered to the previous NSA. (21332)
- 16 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many times Ministers across Government have communicated with the President-Elect's transition team since 6 November 2024. (21261)
- 17 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 16510 on Public Sector: Procurement, if he will exempt SMEs from the new National Procurement Policy Statement's requirements on (a) social value and (b) trade union recognition and access. (21384)
- 18 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, Whether his Department has issued guidance to staff in the (a) Cabinet Office, (b) Office for Equalities and Opportunities and (b) Civil Service People Group on holding in-house Christmas parties. (21391)
- 19 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question HL2999 on Ministers: Official Cars, to which Department each of the (a) electric and (b) hybrid cars was allocated. (21392)

- 20 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 2 December 2024 to Question 16598 on Ministers: Official Cars, whether he has a target date for the Government Car Service to move to a fully-electric fleet. (21393)
- 21 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to lay an Official Statistics Order to include Great British Energy. (21394)
- 22 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, Pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 17545 on Prime Minister: Public Appointments, if he will list the public appointments for which the Prime Minister is directly responsible; and when the term of office ends for each. (21395)
- 23 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, Pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2024 to Question 14352 on Government Departments: X Corp, and with reference to the SAFE Framework: the 4 principles for HMG Brand Safety, how many platforms have been removed from the HMG Inclusion List in the last 12 months; what the reasons for their removal were; and what appeals process is available for platforms seeking reinstatement. (21396)
- 24 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to publish a prospectus to allow public bodies to bid for the Public Sector Reform and Innovation Fund. (21397)
- 25 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Questions 10 to 12 of the oral evidence to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 4 December 2024 on The work of the Cabinet Office, HC 463, whether his Department plans to publish a formal response to Lord Maude's review on governance and accountability in the Civil Service. (21398)
- 26 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Question 70 of the oral evidence to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 4 December 2024 on The work of the Cabinet Office, HC 463, what the (a) current and (b) target size is for the number of staff in the EU Relations Secretariat. (21399)
- 27 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to page 14 of his Department's report entitled Security and Intelligence Agencies Financial Statement 2023-24, published on 2 December 2024, if he will publish the (a) reasons for and (b) nature of the 870 losses and special payments; and what steps he is taking to help prevent such losses. (21400)

- 28 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Question 28 of the oral evidence to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 4 December 2024 on The work of the Cabinet Office, HC 463, if he will publish a breakdown of the £105 million of potential savings; and which of those savings have been implemented. (21401)
- 29 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a work experience scheme for Ministers relating to their Department's areas of responsibility. (21444)
- 30 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much interest has accrued on the £2.5bn seized following the sale of Chelsea Football Club. (21521)
- 31 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she is taking steps to support small businesses in rural areas with international trade. (21370)
- 32 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to establish a licensing regime for hand carwashes. (21371)
- 33 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what underspends are projected in (a) his Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies in this financial year. (21301)
- 34 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether (a) he, (b) ministers in his Department and (c) officials in his Department have had meetings with President-Elect Trump. (21302)
- 35 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings for what purpose (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have had with representatives of the European Union since 5 July 2024. (21303)
- 36 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings for what purpose (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have had with representatives of the People's Republic of China since 5 July 2024. (21304)
- 37 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to appoint Trade Envoys. (21305)
- 38 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what targets his Department has set to help achieve the Government's commitments to net zero. (21306)
- 39 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on the effectiveness of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive. (21314)

- 40 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions his Department has had with the Post Office on the number of expressions of interest for remaining directly-managed Crown Post Office branches. (21445)
- 41 **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what guidance her Department issues for local authorities on authorising the opening of shops for 24 hours a day. (21480)
- 42 **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to ensure that local authorities consult local communities on authorising the opening of shops operating for 24 hours a day. (21481)
- 43 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential financial impact of VAT on private swimming schools. (21378)
- 44 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she department has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on the decarbonisation of listed buildings. (21291)
- 45 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to Section 5.2 of Adapting historic homes for energy efficiency: a review of the barriers, what progress has been made on Historic England's review into the barriers to delivering the Level 3 Award in Energy Efficiency Measures for Older and Traditional Buildings. (21292)
- 46 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support religious buildings of historic importance. (21530)
- 47 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the answer of 7 November 2024 to Question 12252 on Charity Commission: Correspondence, if she will publish that letter; and if the Charity Commission will issue a public statement on the contents of that letter. (21389)
- 48 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to ensure that second tier professional rugby union clubs are able to continue to operate when Covid-19 loans become repayable. (21503)
- 49 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will have discussions with representatives of (a) deaf and (b) disabled people's organisations on long-term funding for such organisations. (21506)
- 50 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, What steps her Department is taking to ensure that kinship families receive financial support similar to that of (a) foster and (b) adoptive families. (21375)

- 51 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that children with Special Educational Needs have equal access to (a) before- and (b) after-school care in Ashfield. (21376)
- 52 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of updating school food standards to promote (a) healthier and (b) more sustainable diets. (21414)
- 53 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of levels of pay for further education teachers. (21545)
- 54 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to (a) help clarify the duty of care owed by higher education providers to their students and (b) to ensure such standards are met. (21514)
- 55 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will meet with representatives of the ForThe100 to discuss the duty of care owed by higher education providers to their students. (21515)
- 56 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the report entitled Teacher Wellbeing Index 2024, published by Education Support on 20 November 2024. (21329)
- 57 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing an education staff retention strategy. (21330)
- 58 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of cuts to the continuing professional development budget for science teachers on teacher retention rates. (21282)
- 59 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding her Department has allocated to continuing professional development for science teachers in the financial years (a) 2022-23, (b) 2023-24 and (c) 2024-25. (21283)
- 60 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the current integration of digital literacy into school curriculums. (21476)
- 61 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department collects on the pay of multi-academy trust chief executives. (21323)

- 62 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that standing charges for (a) electricity and (b) gas reflect actual service costs. (21374)
- 63 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to retrieve the subsidy payments made to the Drax power station. (21275)
- 64 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to improve accountability for oil companies responsible for oil pollution. (21284)
- 65 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department's upcoming consultation on updated environmental guidance for offshore oil and gas projects will include measures to enact the ban in primary legislation; and when he plans to launch that consultation. (21285)
- 66 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the ability of the carbon intensity calculations used by his Department to take into account the recent increase in the volume of liquified natural gas imported from the USA. (21542)
- 67 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress he has made in building an evidence base on the fur sector. (21313)
- 68 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the recommendations of the review entitled The review for implementation of Schedule 3 to The Flood and Water Management Act 2010, published in January 2023, what steps his Department is taking to implement Schedule 3 to The Flood and Water Management Act 2010, published by Defra in January 2023; and what his Department's timetable is for the full implementation of that Schedule. (21258)
- 69 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress has been made on Project Groundwater in Lambourn Valley. (21438)
- 70 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will hold discussions with Ofwat on the potential impact of the levels of Thames Water's (a) debt and (b) dividend payments on its customers. (21443)
- 71 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support active restoration of coastal ecosystems; and if he will take steps to amend the licensing framework for that restoration. (21433)

- 72 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to (a) incorporate marine ecosystems into the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and (b) ensure that (i) land and (ii) sea are integrated into the carbon capture strategy. (21434)
- 73 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to provide top-up payments to farmers to compensate for the loss of direct payments. (21276)
- 74 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the value of government subsidies to farmers in 2024. (21281)
- 75 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is planning to review the role of waste incineration in the management of residual waste in England; and what his plans are for proposed incineration facilities that have not yet begun construction. (21493)
- 76 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made implications for his policies of the risks to companion animals in England posed by the use of snare traps. (21362)
- 77 **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that local communities are consulted on statutory nuisances. (21483)
- 78N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Affinity Water's recent price changes on the financial security of residents in Hertfordshire. [Transferred] (21107)
- 79 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many hectares of the Best and Most Versatile agricultural land are (a) protected, (b) under consideration for development and (c) approved for consent in each (i) local authority area and (ii) constituency. (21340)
- 80 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans his Department has to expand the roll out of Project Gigabit in (a) Kintbury, (b) Boxford, (c) Lambourn, (d) Great Shefford and (e) Newbury constituency. (21441)
- 81 **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential net impact of (a) Artificial Intelligence and (b) automation on employment numbers. (21536)
- 82 **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has held discussions with trade unions on the potential impact of (a) artificial intelligence and (b) automation on workers. (21537)

- 83 **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of the reasons for a decrease in the number of jobs filled in (a) electronic manufacturing and (b) the computer digital sector in 2022-2023. (21538)
- 84 **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of the reasons for a decrease in the number of jobs filled in the (a) film, (b) television, (c) video, (d) radio and (e) music digital subsector in 2022-23. (21539)
- 85 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the number of properties in Westmorland and Lonsdale constituency without good mobile connectivity. (21277)
- 86 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the public switched telephone network switch-off on rural communities in Westmorland and Lonsdale constituency. (21278)
- 87 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to ensure that there is no enforced switch off of the public switched telephone network before he has made an assessment of the impact of this change on rural communities in Westmorland and Lonsdale constituency. (21279)
- 88 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make it his policy to ensure the adequacy of mobile connectivity in Westmorland and Lonsdale constituency before the switch-off of the public switched telephone network. (21280)
- 89 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to review the use in the public sector of web tags to record data. (21495)
- 90 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to ensure that vulnerable communities have access to broadband services in Surrey Heath constituency. (21494)
- 91 **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help tackle online harassment and abuse on social media. (21485)
- 92 **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking with social media companies to protect online users from anonymous accounts publishing abusive and offensive material. (21486)

- 93 **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps the Government is taking to regulate online content. (21487)
- 94 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an economic and environmental impact assessment of the potential impact of making temporary the (a) 38.4 and (b) 44 tonne weight limits on volumetric concrete mobile plants. (21357)
- 95 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase road safety for vulnerable road users. (21457)
- 96 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has for capital investment in (a) rail and (b) road infrastructure in Chester South and Eddisbury constituency to secure economic growth for the cross-border manufacturing cluster. (21467)
- 97 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2024 to Question 900487 on Airports: Carbon Emissions, what strict environmental standards she will use to assess airport expansions. (21516)
- 98 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department holds plans for supporting rail networks affected by flooding. (21440)
- 99 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the English national concessionary scheme to peak travel times. (21508)
- 100 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she had with relevant local authorities on decisions relating to the MV Ruby in Great Yarmouth port. (21543)
- 101 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the MV Ruby's cargo of ammonia nitrate was tested for contamination. (21544)
- 102 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will clarify the decision making process behind the decision to transfer MV Ruby's cargo of ammonia nitrate into the North Sea; and who was responsible for that decision. (21546)
- 103 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish all documents relating to plans to evacuate Great Yarmouth constituency due to the docking of the MV Ruby. (21547)
- 104 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions her Department has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on reforms to the Bus Service Operators Grant. (21419)

- 105 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure that the work of Great British Rail is held to account. (21368)
- 106 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many full-time equivalent staff are working on the transfer of South Western Railways into a directly operated railway. (21369)
- 107 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has received representations on the working conditions of drivers in the private hire industry. (21448)
- 108 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will have discussions with representatives of private hire companies on the working conditions of drivers. (21449)
- 109 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions her Department has had with the Port of Tyne on its responsibilities to the Swing Bridge. (21308)
- 110 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential (a) economic and (b) cultural impact of the (i) state and (ii) inability to swing of the Newcastle upon Tyne Swing Bridge. (21309)
- 111 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the letter from her Department to the hon. Member for Truro and Falmouth, published on 10 December 2024, whether she plans to fully fund phase 5 of the South West Rail Resilience Programme at Dawlish. (21418)
- 112 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to tackle water poverty among older people. (21373)
- 113 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people with a frozen overseas state pension live in (a) Canada and (b) Australia. (21551)
- 114 **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her statement of 17 December 2024 on Women's State Pension Age Communication: PHSO Report, Official Report columns 167 to 169, whether her Department has made an estimate of the annual cost of implementing a compensation scheme for affected women in Northern Ireland. (21541)
- 115 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of establishing an independent process to set benefit levels according to the cost of essential goods and services. (21453)

- 116 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) introducing a protected minimum floor for Universal Credit and (b) limiting the benefit cap so it cannot reduce the Standard Allowance by more than 15%. (21454)
- 117 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what (a) the scope and (b) her planned timeline is for the upcoming review into Universal Credit; whether this review will make an assessment of whether Universal Credit enables claimants to afford essential goods and services; and what steps she is taking to reduce dependence on emergency food aid. (21455)
- 118 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish the number and proportion of 2006 Attitudes to Pension Survey participants who (a) were women, (b) were born in the 1950s and (c) reported awareness of the changes to the State Pension age, broken down by those aged (i) 45-54 and (ii) 55-64 at the time of the survey. (21322)
- 119 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking consult stakeholders during her Department's review of universal credit; and what plans she has for the format of such consultation. (21450)
- 120 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department plans to take to help (a) deaf and (b) other disabled people to find work. (21505)
- 121 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to assess levels of poverty among unpaid carers; and what steps she is taking to help reduce the number of unpaid carers who live in poverty. (21360)
- 122 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to monitor the success of the Household Support Fund in reaching (a) unpaid carers and (b) other financially vulnerable households. (21361)
- 123 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help tackle unpaid child maintenance. (21456)
- 124 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, What steps his Department is taking to help ensure that (a) Sativex and (b) other medications for MS patients are (i) affordable and (ii) funded in (A) Nottinghamshire and (B) other areas. (21377)
- 125 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with health and care stakeholders on the potential impact of the Strategic Defence Review on areas for which his Department is responsible; and whether his Department have made a submission to that Review. (21519)

- 126 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of supplies of (a) epilepsy and (b) Parkinson's medication. (21522)
- 127 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the availability of activity blades for amputees over 18. (21524)
- 128 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure that funding allocated for radiotherapy is distributed equally across England, taking into account existing regional inequalities in radiotherapy access. (21458)
- 129 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what criteria his Department plans to use to determine which trusts or hospitals will receive new radiotherapy machines. (21459)
- 130 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing patient records of diagnostic results held by charities to be consolidated in a central NHS database. (21260)
- 131 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase awareness of sepsis prevention (a) nationally and (b) in each local NHS trust. (21468)
- 132 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 2 December 2024 to Question 15960 on Neonatal Inequalities, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) monitoring and (b) reporting on (i) pre-term births and (ii) neonatal brain injuries by (A) ethnicity and (B) deprivation. (21451)
- 133 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when NHS England next plans to update its publication entitled Health Building Note 09-03: Neonatal units, first published in March 2013. (21452)
- 134 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of food poverty on (a) malnutrition, (b) obesity and (c) other health conditions in (i) Basingstoke, (ii) Hampshire and (iii) England in the past 10 years. (21416)
- 135 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how (a) pharmacies and (b) GPs will be able to contribute to defining the best services to include in the planned expanded Pharmacy First scheme; and when he plans that the consultation will begin. (21498)

- 136 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help upskill existing pharmacists to enable them to become independent prescribers, in the context that, from 2026, all newly qualified pharmacists will become prescribers from the point of registration. (21501)
- 137 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to encourage (a) pharmacists and (b) independent prescribers to work in the community. (21502)
- 138 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues are permitted for treatment of precocious puberty but not gender incongruence. (21512)
- 139 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to deliver 700,000 additional urgent dental appointments each year. (21499)
- 140 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to begin rolling out measures to deliver the 700,000 additional urgent dental appointments this financial year; and how many such appointments he plans to deliver within the same period. (21500)
- 141 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he has made an assessment of the potential merits of standardising the GP appointment application process in Surrey. (21491)
- 142 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to implement the fresh approach to supporting unpaid carers recommended by the Darzi Review. (21358)
- 143 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the rise in employer National Insurance Contributions on (a) local carer support organisations and (b) their ability to provide support to unpaid carers in their area. (21359)
- 144 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is to spend the additional funding allocated for new radiotherapy machines on 28 October 2024. (21489)
- 145 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the new additional funding for new radiotherapy machines aligns with the (a) NHS Long-Term Plan and (b) the upcoming 10-year cancer strategy. (21492)
- 146 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to safeguard primary care services. (21337)

- 147 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to support ICBs that are considering cuts to primary care services. (21338)
- 148 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to ensure Urgent Treatment Centres remain open. (21339)
- 149 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to monitor the declining charitable income of hospices and the link to deterioration in service. (21470)
- 150 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to enhance the vetting and monitoring processes of Chinese businesses operating in the UK. (21372)
- 151 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to promote freedom of religion and belief internationally. (21415)
- 152 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what progress his Department has made on the ratification of the Global Oceans Treaty. (21529)
- 153 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what further steps he plans to take to encourage the Egyptian authorities to release Alaa Abd El-Fattah. (21363)
- 154 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of allegations of serious human rights abuses and atrocities committed by the Ethiopian Government in Amhara. (21328)
- 155 **Joani Reid** (East Kilbride and Strathaven): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations his Department received from the Member of the Scottish Parliament for East Kilbride on the potential relocation of Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office jobs from East Kilbride between December 2023 and December 2024. (21511)
- 156 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the UK has any agreements with countries under which asylum seekers could be sent to them as a safe third country. (21383)
- 157 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the National and International Cities grant to the Metropolitan Police for policing the capital city. (21548)

- 158 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to prevent modern slavery in the care sector. (21436)
- 159 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department conducted a lessons learned review of the EU settlement scheme digital status service. (21274)
- 160 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many offences involving agricultural crime were investigated in each year since 2010 in (a) England and Wales, (b) West Yorkshire and (c) Calderdale District. (21531)
- 161 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many offences involving agricultural crime resulted in (a) charges or summons, (b) evidential difficulties outcomes and (c) investigations completed but no suspects identified. in each year since 2010. (21532)
- 162 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the costs associated with the theft of agricultural vehicles in each year since 2010 in (a) cash terms and (b) 2024-25 real terms prices. (21533)
- 163 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had on updating the National Police Chiefs' Council's Rural Crime Strategy to better prevent farm machinery, plant and vehicle theft when the current strategy expires in 2025. (21534)
- 164 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2024 to Question 8756 on Polygamy, if she will make it her policy to record data on polygamous marriages in the UK. (21262)
- 165 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle retail crime in (a) Southampton and (b) nationally; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional powers to the police for this purpose. (21549)
- 166 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to publish a Remediable Service Statement for the Police Pension Scheme. (21287)
- 167 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many and what proportion of soaps and other skincare products used on the parliamentary estate are cruelty free certified. (21446)

- 168 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he plans to take to learn lessons from the implementation of (a) Strategic (i) Defence and (ii) Security Reviews, (b) Defence Industrial Strategies and (c) Defence Equipment Plans over the last 25 years. (21517)
- 169 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department has taken to compare the (a) recommendations and (b) objectives of (i) Strategic (A) Defence and (B) Security Reviews, (ii) Defence Industrial Strategies and (ii)) Defence Equipment Plans with the Defence outcomes achieved during the last 25 years. (21518)
- 170 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding he has allocated to the submarine dismantling programme for each of the next five years. (21447)
- 171 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 16769 on Veterans, if he will review his Department's data collection processes to enable it to make an estimate of the number of veterans who are (a) eligible for Pension Credit and (b) have an income of less than £12,500 a year. (21272)
- 172 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 16769 on Veterans, whether his Department is taking steps to gather the data required to estimate the number of veterans who are (a) eligible for Pension Credit and (b) have an income of less than £12,500 a year. (21273)
- 173 **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 publish the report of the review into equality, diversity and inclusion spending in the Armed Forces. (21390)
- 174 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent steps his Department has taken to enhance interoperability between the Armed Forces and allied nations' forces on joint operations. (21427)
- 175 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of his Department's procurement contracts have been awarded to UK-based manufacturers in the last 12 months; and what steps he is taking to promote the growth of domestic defence manufacturing. (21428)
- 176 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to replenish stockpiles of precision-guided munitions; and what steps he plans to take to help increase domestic production capacity. (21429)
- 177 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress has been made on the Future Combat Air System. (21430)

- 178 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Joint plan to accelerate developer-led remediation and improve resident experience, published on 2 December 2024, whether Viva Midco has been asked to sign the agreement. (21353)
- 179 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to introduce a Building Safety Leaseholder Support Scheme for people in financial hardship. (21354)
- 180 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Joint plan to accelerate developer-led remediation and improve resident experience, published on 2 December 2024, whether her Department plans to review the accuracy of previous assessments where a fire engineer has been suspended by a professional fire engineering body. (21355)
- 181 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether Tri Fire is an approved panel member for the Cladding Safety Scheme. (21356)
- 182 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Written Statement of 30 July 2024 on Building the homes we need, HCWS48, how many of the new planning officers will have the expertise to handle historic and traditionally constructed buildings. (21294)
- 183 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for Poplar and Limehouse dated 29 August 2024, reference number MC2024/19996, on support for a public inquiry into the New Providence Wharf fire. (21382)
- 184 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what voting system her Department plans to use for the 2026 mayoral elections. (21435)
- 185 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of preventing planning inspectors from overturning decisions made in line with neighbourhood plans. (21439)
- 186N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to improve the regulation of car parking management companies. [Transferred] (21015)
- 187N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for introducing a new private parking code of practice. [Transferred] (21016)

- 188 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department is taking steps to (a) identify and track the ownership of long-term empty properties. (21469)
- 189 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of implementing common adoptable standards for public amenities on new housing estates. (21315)
- 190 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of improving protections for residential freeholders from unnecessary costs charged by estate management companies. (21316)
- 191 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of prohibiting new embedded management arrangements in residential developments. (21317)
- 192 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of (a) developing and (b) approving a single mandatory consumer code for all housebuilders. (21318)
- 193 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help prevent delays by relevant authorities in the adoption of public amenities on housing estates. (21319)
- 194 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to protect areas of natural beauty from (a) new infrastructure and (b) housing projects. (21471)
- 195 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to implement the recommendations of the Competition and Markets Authority Housebuilding Market Study on private estate management. (21496)
- 196 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her timeline is for (a) the consultation on the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard and (b) implementation of the new standard following the consultation. (21497)
- 197 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish any correspondence sent to councils on local government restructuring since 16 December 2024. (21478)

- 198 **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Renters' Rights Bill on the ability of Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide accommodation for police officers. (21324)
- 199 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how the commitment to safeguard the Best and Most Versatile agricultural land will be applied to planning decisions called in by the Secretary of State. (21341)
- 200 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make a comparative assessment of the Devon and Torbay Devolution deal and the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024. (21420)
- 201 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to merge (a) the 8 Devon districts and (b) Devon County Council into unitary councils with Torbay and Plymouth. (21421)
- 202 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she will take account of the results of upcoming local elections in Devonshire in the implementation of the English Devolution White Paper. (21422)
- 203 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her policy is on holding local elections in May 2025; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of that policy on levels of (a) democracy and (b) devolution in Devon. (21423)
- 204 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how she will assure that district councils are in agreement with county councils following the outcome of the 2025 May local elections in Devonshire. (21424)
- 205 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what reason the minimum population to become a Foundation Strategic Authority is different for (a) new unitary councils and (b) London boroughs. (21425)
- 206 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to seek the approval of local councils before establishing new (a) foundation strategic authorities, (b) mayoral strategic authorities and (c) established mayoral strategic authorities; and whether she plans to introduce secondary legislation to implement these proposals. (21426)
- 207 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, in what circumstances Mayors will vote with other elected officials. (21465)

- 208 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how parameters set out in section 2.2.1 of the English Devolution White Paper, will be applied to Devonshire. (21466)
- 209 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many crimes were committed against (a) women and (b) girls in each of the last five years by crime type. (21288)
- 210 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many cases involved violence against (a) women and (b) girls in (i) criminal and (ii) family courts in each of the last five years. (21289)
- 211 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the definition of violence against women and girls. (21290)
- 212 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been recalled to prison because of homelessness in each of the last 12 months. (21409)
- 213 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people serving an IPP sentence have been recalled to prison because of homelessness in each of the last 12 months. (21410)
- 214 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people serving an Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) sentence have been recalled to prison by (a) category and (b) reason for recall, in each of the past eight quarters. (21411)
- 215 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people serving an Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) sentence have been recalled to prison due to criminal allegations made against them which did not result in further police action, in each of the past eight quarters. (21412)
- 216 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question HL3055, Prisons: Repairs and Maintenance, whether the public sector will be allowed to bid for new contracts for the provision of maintenance services for prisons. (21413)
- 217 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the (a) recall and (b) reoffending rates are for offenders who have been released under the SDS40 scheme since September 2024. (21437)
- 218 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she is taking steps to improve the (a) quality and (b) performance of court language service providers: and whether she has had discussions with relevant stakeholders on the future insourcing of those services. (21509)

- 219 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) days and (b) hours per week (i) county, (ii) family, (iii) magistrates and (iv) youth courts were open for in 2024. (21432)
- 220 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 18801 on European Union (Withdrawal Arrangements) Bill, whether he received legal advice on that Bill. (21523)
- 221 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps he is taking to support small businesses in Great Britain with the new General Product Safety Regulation requirements to maintain market access to Northern Ireland. (21504)
- 222 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, which Minister is the legal owner of 10 Downing Street. (21385)
- 223 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to (a) Business and (b) Agricultural Property Relief on the heritage sector. (21293)
- 224 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many hereditaments used for (a) retail, (b) hospitality and (c) leisure in England have a rateable value of (i) £51,000 or below, (ii) between £51,001 and £499,999 and (iii) £500,000 or above. (21259)
- 225 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to support pharmacies in Newbury constituency with the increased cost of employers National Insurance contributions. (21442)
- 226 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people paid Class (a) 2 and (b) 4 National Insurance contributions in 2023. (21482)
- 227 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much was paid in Class (a) 2 and (b) 4 National Insurance contributions in 2023. (21484)
- 228 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Department of Health and Social Care's press release entitled Biggest investment into hospices in a generation, published on 19 December 2024, whether any Barnett consequential will be made available for Northern Ireland. (21479)
- 229 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will place in the Library a copy of her Department's equality (a) impact assessment and (b) screening in relation to the changes to employers' National Insurance contributions in the Autumn Budget 2024. (21295)

- 230 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2024 to Question HL1343 on Prime Minister's Chief of Staff: Pay, what was the annual salary amount that the Chief Secretary to the Treasury approved in the senior approvals pay process. (21296)
- 231N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's publication entitled The Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt's schedule of taxable sources of income and gains, published on 9 February 2024, whether she plans to publish her tax return for 2023-24. (21387)
- 232 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue was raised from fines of oil companies for all oil spills occurring during offshore operations in each of the last five years. (21286)
- 233N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (21031)
- 234 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of updating the Equalities Act 2010 in order to more actively support (a) deaf, (b) deafblind and (c) hard of hearing women. (21507)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

- 1 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): What steps he is taking to improve mental health services for children. (902053)
- 2 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the increase to employers' National Insurance contributions on social care. (902054)
- 3 **Nesil Caliskan** (Barking): What assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of patient access to primary care services. (902055)
- 4 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): What steps his Department is taking to support drug and alcohol addiction treatment services. [R] (902056)
- 5 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): What assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of introducing means-testing for the Winter Fuel Payment on NHS capacity in winter 2024-25. (902057)
- 6 **Elaine Stewart** (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): What steps his Department is taking to help reduce NHS waiting times. (902058)

- 7 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): Whether he has made an assessment of the effectiveness of improvements made to the Care Quality Commission. (902059)
- 8 **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What steps his Department is taking to improve access to mental health services. (902060)
- 9 **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): What assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of patient access to primary care services. (902061)
- 10 **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): What recent steps he has taken to increase access to GP appointments. (902062)
- 11 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): Whether his Department plans to improve integration of counsellors and psychotherapists into the mental health workforce. (902063)
- 12 **Martin Rhodes** (Glasgow North): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on staff salaries in the care sector. (902064)
- 13 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): How many and what proportion of NHS employees have received enhanced maternity leave entitlements under Agenda for Change contracts. (902065)
- 14 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): What steps he is taking to extend Start for Life services to South Cambridgeshire constituency. (902066)
- 15 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): What steps he is taking to ensure that brain tumours are included in the National Cancer Plan. (902067)
- 16 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): What steps he is taking to help recruit social care workers in Cumbria. (902068)
- 17 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): What steps he is taking to shift care from hospitals into the community. (902069)
- 18 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): What steps his Department is taking to help prevent childhood obesity. (902070)
- 19 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): What steps his Department is taking to support the families of people diagnosed with brain tumours. (902071)
- 20 **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): What steps his Department is taking to improve access to mental health services. (902072)
- 21 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the increase to employers' National Insurance contributions on hospices. (902073)
- 22 **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): What steps he is taking to tackle health inequalities for people living in coastal communities. (902074)
- 23 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): What steps his Department is taking to ensure that people with long covid are adequately supported. (902075)

- 24 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): What steps his Department is taking to help prevent childhood obesity. (902076)
- 25 **Kevin McKenna** (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): What steps he is taking to shift care from hospitals into the community. [R] (902077)
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Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

- T1 **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902078)
- T2 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): (902079)
- T3 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): (902080)
- T4 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): (902081)
- T5 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): (902082)
- T6 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): (902083)
- T7 **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): (902084)
- T8 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): (902085)
- T9 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): (902086)
- T10 **Mr Richard Quigley** (Isle of Wight West): (902087)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 8 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the industrial strategy will include measures to support growth in the logistics sector. (21464)
- 2N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the in-service date for the fleet solid support ships has been impacted by the changes to the Harland and Wolff contract. (21268)
- 3N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the total figure is for the changes to the value of the contract with Harland and Wolff for the Fleet Solid Support ships. (21269)

- 4N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether any part of the final assembly of the Fleet Solid Support ships is planned to take place in Spain under the revised Harland and Wolff contract. (21271)
- 5N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people were considered for appointment to the Industrial Strategy Council. (21472)
- 6N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has visited Harland and Wolff in Belfast. (21473)
- 7N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Defence on the Fleet Solid Support Ship programme. (21474)
- 8N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, about the potential impact of the Devolution White Paper on support for small businesses. (21477)
- 9N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will publish the list of attendees of the Indian Business Leaders delegation meeting of 18 December 2024. (21520)
- 10N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to incentivise growth in rural businesses. (21462)
- 11N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the difficulties that rural businesses face. (21463)
- 12N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department plans to take to increase the market for small (a) artisanal brewers, (b) distillers and (c) vintners. (21321)
- 13N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the (a) sports and (b) cultural sector on the repayment of Covid-19 loans by September 2025. (21408)
- 14N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on funding for the Welsh National Opera. (21528)

- 15N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what progress she has made on the prevention framework under the statutory levy; and if she will take steps to ensure that prevention work is undertaken independently from (a) the gambling industry and (b) organisations associated with that industry. (21257)
- 16N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help secure redress for victims of the collapse of Football Index. (21381)
- 17N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to give extra (a) powers and (b) responsibilities to (i) councils and (ii) mayors over (A) academies, (B) other schools and (C) further education. (21264)
- 18N **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure the financial viability of (a) single and (b) two-form entry schools in (i) urban areas and (ii) Croydon East constituency. (21431)
- 19N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether compensation for schools and colleges from changes to employer National Insurance contributions will be paid via a grant or the detailed schools grant. (21364)
- 20N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether pupils enrolled on courses covered by the Music and Dance scheme will be exempt from VAT increases in the next financial year. (21365)
- 21N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether pupils receiving dance and drama award funding will be exempt from increases in VAT in (a) this academic year and (b) subsequent financial years. (21366)
- 22N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether pupils on the choir schools scholarship scheme will be exempt from increases in VAT in (a) this academic year and (b) subsequent financial years. (21367)
- 23N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (21150)
- 24N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps is he taking to ensure that all villages are included the rollout of broadband infrastructure. (21460)
- 25N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Integrated National Transport Strategy will include measures to support the (a) efficiency and (b) decarbonisation of the logistics sector. (21461)

- 26N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions her Department has had with the Port of Tyne on the navigability of the River Tyne and its performance as a navigation authority. (21307)
- 27N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of transferring powers for (a) skills and (b) training for employment support from job centres to (i) mayors and (ii) unitary councils under devolution deals. (21263)
- 28N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many written representations on compensation for women affected by changes to the state pension age she has received from Labour (a) hon. Members representing Scottish constituencies and (b) Members of the Scottish Parliament since 5 July 2024. (21320)
- 29N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 19366 on Social Security Benefits: Appeals, when she plans that waiting times for mandatory reconsideration processes will be back to December 2023 levels. (21325)
- 30N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 19366 on Social Security Benefits: Appeals, what role Mandatory Reconsideration Decision Makers have in reducing clearance times for mandatory reconsiderations of Personal Independence Payment decisions. (21326)
- 31N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2024 to Question 14654 on Personal Independence Payment, what estimate her Department has made of the total amount lost to PIP fraud in financial year (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23. (21327)
- 32N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to tackle delays in processing claims for pension credit. (21379)
- 33N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment has she made of the potential impact of delays in winter fuel payments on pensioners experiencing poverty. (21380)
- 34N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 16285 on Methylphenidate: Shortages, what estimate he has made of the number of prescriptions for methylphenidate (a) successfully and (b) unsuccessfully fulfilled in Norfolk in 2024. (21526)
- 35N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to help increase levels of awareness of the potential merits of switching to (a) vapes and (b) other alternatives to smoking among adult smokers, in the context of nicotine product display restrictions. (21310)

- 36N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of deterring adults who might otherwise smoke cigarettes from using flavoured vapes on public health. (21311)
- 37N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the content is of his response of 16 December 2024 to the Mauritian counterproposals to the UK/Mauritius draft agreement. (21270)
- 38N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the (a) final assembly and (b) systems integration of the Fleet Solid Support Ships being constructed by Navantia will take place. (21333)
- 39N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 19740 on Ukraine: Military Aid, how many of the 4,000 drones were procured since 5 July 2024. (21334)
- 40N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 19738 on Ukraine: Military Aid, how many of the 15,000 anti-tank weapons were procured since 5 July 2024. (21335)
- 41N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December to Question 19737 on Ukraine: Military Aid, how many of the rounds of artillery ammunition delivered to Ukraine were procured since 5 July 2024. (21336)
- 42N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has to implement a NATO test for major defence projects procurement. (21267)
- 43N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) North Korean troops in Ukraine and (b) transactional support with Russia for those troops on the security of (i) Japan and (ii) South Korea. (21510)
- 44N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what extra (a) powers and (b) responsibilities she plans to give unitary councils. (21265)
- 45N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the responsibilities are of (a) unitary authorities and (b) mayoral combined authorities to deliver housing targets. (21266)
- 46N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 14298 on Workplace Pensions: Inheritance Tax, whether the pension scheme established under The Pensions Increase (Pension Scheme for Keir Starmer QC) Regulations 2013 is UK registered. (21386)

- 47N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to support the BBC with the cost of employers' National Insurance contributions. (21406)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

- 1 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): If he will make it his policy to establish an academy for mathematical sciences. (901945)
- 2 **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): What steps his Department is taking to protect the copyright of people working in the creative industries in the context of artificial intelligence. (901946)
- 3 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): What progress his Department has made on supporting technological innovation to accelerate NHS diagnostic processes. (901947)
- 4 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): If he will take steps to help tackle barriers to the roll out of gigabit broadband to rural areas. (901948)
- 5 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of increases in employer National Insurance contributions on the science and technology sectors. (901949)
- 6 **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): What steps his Department is taking to increase levels of innovation in Staffordshire. (901950)
- 7 **Lewis Atkinson** (Sunderland Central): What steps his Department is taking to utilise technology to improve access to public services. (901951)
- 8 **John Grady** (Glasgow East): What steps his Department is taking to increase levels of innovation in Glasgow. (901952)
- 9 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): What steps his Department is taking to increase levels of innovation in Stoke-on-Trent. (901953)
- 10 **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): What steps his Department is taking to help tackle digital exclusion. (901954)
- 11 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): What steps his Department is taking to help tackle disinformation through AI-generated deepfakes. (901955)
- 12 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): What steps he is taking to help ensure reliable mobile coverage in rural areas. (901956)
- 13 **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of broadband coverage in rural areas. (901957)

- 14 **John Milne** (Horsham): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to fund research into lobular breast cancer. (901958)
- 15 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): What steps his Department is taking with universities to support research and innovation. (901959)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

- T1 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (901960)
- T2 **Baggy Shanker** (Derby South): (901961)
- T3 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): (901962)
- T4 **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): (901963)
- T5 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): (901964)
- T6 **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): (901965)
- T7 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): (901966)
- T8 **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): (901967)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 8 January. (902038)
- 2 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): (902039)
- 3 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): (902040)
- 4 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): (902041)
- 5 **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): (902042)
- 6 **Sam Rushworth** (Bishop Auckland): (902043)
- 7 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): (902044)
- 8 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): (902045)
- 9 **Andrew George** (St Ives): (902046)
- 10 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): (902047)
- 11 **Dame Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): (902048)

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| 12 | Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon): | (902049) |
| 13 | Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): | (902050) |
| 14 | Josh Newbury (Cannock Chase): | (902051) |
| 15 | Peter Prinsley (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): | (902052) |
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 9 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Question 28 of the oral evidence to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 4 December 2024 on The work of the Cabinet Office, HC 463, what his planned timetable is for publishing the modernised public directory of Arm's Length Bodies. (21402)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, Pursuant to the answer of 10 December 2024 to Question 16595 on Cabinet Office: Pay, what the mean salary is of a civil servant in the (a) Women's Equality Unit, (b) Race Disparity Unit and (c) Disability Unit. (21403)
- 3N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 17300 on Muslim Council of Britain, what his policy is on engagement with (a) Cage, (b) MEND and (c) the Muslim Association of Britain. (21404)
- 4N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 16596 on Cabinet Office: Senior Civil Servants, how he plans to publish details of the panel members. (21405)
- 5N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will publish the minutes of the Indian Business Leaders delegation meeting of 18 December 2024. (21297)
- 6N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with the Prime Minister on the sectors in the scope of an India-UK Free Trade Agreement. (21298)
- 7N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many in-year awards were made to officials in his Department since 5 July 2024. (21299)

- 8N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when the timing of the meeting of 18 December 2024 with the Indian Business Leaders delegation was agreed. (21300)
- 9N **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the wastewater licence at Portswood Wastewater Treatment Works in Southampton. (21550)
- 10N **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to support families of (a) missing and (b) deceased individuals that are experiencing online abuse. (21488)
- 11N **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to tackle online disinformation. (21490)
- 12N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the data on the number of general practitioners employed through the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme will be available. [R] (21540)
- 13N **Kim Leadbeater** (Spennymore): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to expand the eligibility criteria for winter flu vaccinations. (21525)
- 14N **Kim Leadbeater** (Spennymore): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timescale is to provide funding for newly opened dental practices in Spennymore aiming to secure NHS contracts. (21527)
- 15N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, when the Director of Parliamentary Digital Services plans to provide a substantive reply to the correspondence of 27 November 2024 from the hon. Member for Slough. (21352)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- 1 **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): What financial support she is providing to local transport authorities and mayors. (902003)
- 2 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): What steps she is taking to make rail fares more affordable. (902004)
- 3 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): If she will review the UK's participation in the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay System programme. (902005)
- 4 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): What steps she is taking to help improve road safety for vulnerable road users. (902006)

- 5 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): What steps her Department is taking to help maintain roads. (902007)
- 6 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): What steps she is taking to help prevent road closures when roadworks are not taking place. [R] (902008)
- 7 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): What steps she is taking to help improve the accessibility of public transport. (902009)
- 8 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of local roads. (902010)
- 9 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): What steps she is taking to support the use and production of sustainable aviation fuels. (902011)
- 10 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): Whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of compensation for rail passengers in Cheltenham due to the impact of the Old Oak Common station development. (902012)
- 11 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): What the average salary is of train drivers employed by publicly owned rail operators. (902013)
- 12 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): What steps she is taking to increase railway capacity. (902014)
- 13 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): What steps she is taking to improve accessibility at Pokesdown railway station. (902015)
- 14 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the regularity of bus services on vulnerable users in West Dorset constituency. (902016)
- 15 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): If she will have discussions with Eurostar on reopening international rail services from Ashford. (902017)
- 16 **Warinder Juss** (Wolverhampton West): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of local roads. (902018)
- 17 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): What funding her Department is providing for public transport projects in the North East. (902019)
- 18 **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of local roads. (902020)
- 19 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): What steps her Department is taking to improve bus services in rural areas. (902021)
- 20 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of local roads. (902022)

- 21 **John Whitby** (Derbyshire Dales): What steps she is taking to help improve local bus services. (902023)
- 22 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): What steps she is taking to help improve the accessibility of air travel for disabled people. [R] (902024)
- 23 **Lillian Jones** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): What steps she is taking to improve passenger rail performance. (902025)
- 24 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of increasing bus fares on customers. (902026)
- 25 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): What the average salary is of train drivers employed by publicly owned rail operators. (902027)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- T1 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (902028)
- T2 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): (902029)
- T3 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): (902030)
- T4 **Michelle Scrogg** (Barrow and Furness): (902031)
- T5 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): (902032)
- T6 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): (902033)
- T7 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): (902034)
- T8 **John Slinger** (Rugby): (902035)
- T9 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): (902036)
- T10 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): (902037)

Questions for Answer on Monday 13 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of reduced glass import tariffs on UK glass manufacturers. (21312)

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- 2N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to ensure that Covid-19 loans to the (a) culture and (b) sports sectors are repaid in full. (21407)
- 3N **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on industrial lithium-ion battery storage safety. [R] (21475)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of taking (a) legislative and (b) regulatory steps to help improve lithium-ion battery safety; including in the planning application process for new battery energy storage systems. (21513)