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Questions tabled on Friday 3 January 2025

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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 7 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he plans to take with probate services to find a solution for cases where there is a chain of representation but the name of the applicant will not match that on the Grant of Probate. (21822)
- 2 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has changed the recipients by position entitled to pre-release access to reports since June 2024. (21576)
- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 16341 on Political Parties: Discrimination, if he will issue guidance on the distinction between philosophical and political belief. (21688)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to discuss the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice in negotiations on changes to the EU-UK relationship. (21689)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff in his Department have undertaken two consecutive jobs without external competition since 3rd July 2024. (21691)

- 6 **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 HL2771 on Civil Servants: Recruitment and pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2024 to Question 14502 on Gender: Equality, if he will issue guidance to public bodies to stop the practice of internship programmes which restrict applications on the basis of race or ethnicity. (21693)
- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people with citizenship of other countries can vote in UK elections; of which countries such people hold citizenship; which elections they are eligible to vote in; and whether these arrangements are reciprocal. (21697)
- 8 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to change the voting system to Supplementary Vote for mayoral elections. (21721)
- 9 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Investigation into suspected anti-competitive conduct by Vifor Pharma in relation to intravenous iron treatments, published on 31 January 2024. (21836)
- 10 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to take steps to recover the costs of compensation from Fujitsu relating to failures of the Horizon Post Office IT system. (21864)
- 11 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to appoint country-specific trade envoys. (21772)
- 12 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what criteria he plans to use to appoint country-specific trade envoys. (21773)
- 13 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Namibia. (21782)
- 14 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Botswana. (21783)
- 15 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Zimbabwe. (21784)
- 16 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Jamaica. (21785)

- 17 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Malta. (21786)
- 18 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Norway. (21787)
- 19 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Japan. (21788)
- 20 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Indonesia. (21789)
- 21 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Tanzania. (21790)
- 22 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Malawi. (21791)
- 23 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Trinidad and Tobago. (21792)
- 24 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and France. (21793)
- 25 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Germany. (21794)
- 26 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) volume and (b) value of trade between the UK and Ireland. (21795)
- 27 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, which parts of the (a) UK-Australia and (b) UK-New Zealand trade agreements will be monitored as part of the biennial monitoring reports on those treaties. (21827)
- 28 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, which groups his Department will consult for its biennial monitoring reports on the (a) UK-Australia and (b) UK-New Zealand free trade agreements. (21828)

- 29 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department plans to take to tackle private parking companies issuing penalties to customers for taking too long to purchase a ticket due to (a) queues at the parking payment machine and (b) limited mobile phone/internet signal. (21933)
- 30 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with Sri Lankan authorities on strengthening business relations for British citizens who have set up companies in Sri Lanka. (21952)
- 31 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of 2 October 2024 from the hon. Member for Twickenham on the reciprocity of aviation qualifications. (21669)
- 32 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to publish the research her Department commissioned from London Economics on large scale commercial prize draws. [R] (21854)
- 33 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to support new FM licences for radio stations in (a) Rutland, (b) Mid-Wales and (c) other rural areas. (21682)
- 34 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will have discussions with the BBC on maintaining a sustainable production department in Scotland. (21731)
- 35 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on religious minority groups. (21601)
- 36 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of building repair costs on inner-city congregations of listed places of worship. (21602)
- 37 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on religious minority groups in the North East. (21603)
- 38 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what her planned timetable is for the implementation of the National Youth strategy; what steps she is taking to involve youth sector organisations in the development of that strategy; and how her Department plans to consult young people on that strategy. (21714)
- 39 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, who the recipients were of grants from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme in Essex since 2001; and how much each recipient received. (21600)

- 40 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December to Question 19589 on Newspaper Press: Foreign Investment in UK, what level of indirect investment by foreign states will trigger the issuing of a Foreign State Intervention Notice. (21928)
- 41 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December to Question 19589 on Newspaper Press: Foreign Investment in UK, whether her Department has (a) considered and (b) taken legal advice on issuing Foreign State Intervention Notices in the last six months. (21929)
- 42 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 19590 on Newspaper Press: Foreign Investment in UK, whether the response to the consultation is contingent on free trade negotiations. (21930)
- 43 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support Institutes of Technology. (21586)
- 44 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many students took higher technical education courses at Institutes of Technology in each academic year between 2018-19 and 2023-24. (21587)
- 45 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of Unaccompanied Children Seeking Asylum who were not in school in each of the last five years, broken down by gender. (21647)
- 46 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve the central data collection on access to education for unaccompanied children seeking asylum. (21648)
- 47 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure young girls who are unaccompanied children seeking asylum are (a) able to access education and (b) supported to stay in school. (21649)
- 48 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's press release entitled One of the largest mental health trials launches in schools, published on 4 February 2019, what the results of those trials were. (21575)
- 49 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the average fees charged by independent schools for the term starting in (a) January 2024, (b) September 2024 and (c) January 2025. (21577)
- 50 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to monitor trends in Education Health and Care Plan applications by local authority area. (21579)

- 51 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to increase the opportunities for young people at (a) school, (b) college and (c) university in (i) Newcastle-under-Lyme and (ii) Staffordshire to visit museums, theatres and art galleries. (21761)
- 52 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children deemed to be at risk of abuse or neglect are home schooled in (a) Staffordshire and (b) England. (21781)
- 53 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference page 36 of the publication entitled Plan for Change: Milestones for mission-led government, published on 5 December 2024, what level of qualification will be considered higher-level. (21749)
- 54 **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to support applications for apprenticeships for students on Homes for Ukraine visas that expire before the course concludes. (21750)
- 55 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of schools that will be impacted by the extension of statutory pay and conditions arrangements to Academy teachers in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. (21663)
- 56 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help support students with special educational needs who have left independent schools in Surrey Heath constituency following the application of VAT to private school fees. (21888)
- 57 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that local councils can (a) recruit and (b) retain educational psychologists in Surrey Heath constituency. (21889)
- 58 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to provide (a) training and (b) other support to special educational needs coordinators in schools in Surrey. (21891)
- 59 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on the guidance for schools on mitigating poor air quality. [R] (21862)
- 60 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of extending the provision of air cleaning units to education facilities. [R] (21863)

- 61 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the (a) impact of the proposed pay rise for teachers on school budgets and (b) potential merits of providing additional funding to cover such a pay rise. (21707)
- 62 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the increase to employers National Insurance contributions will be covered in full for schools. (21708)
- 63 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to promote STEM courses across the Education system. (21572)
- 64 **Stephen Flynn** (Aberdeen South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of hydrogen blending in the transmission network. (21668)
- 65 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the Data Communications Company in the (a) development and (b) testing of the Virtual Wide Area Network; and whether he plans to make funding available to ensure that consumers in rural areas can access smart meters. (21960)
- 66 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions his Department has had with oil and gas companies on renewables policy. (21937)
- 67 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will commission an independent review of alternative renewable energy technologies. (21938)
- 68 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the definition of animals in the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to include (a) decapod crustaceans and (b) cephalopod molluscs. (21608)
- 69 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing penalties for water companies that discharge sewage into (a) watercourses and (b) coastal waters. (21896)
- 70 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Environmental permitting: standard rules consultation number 29, published on 9 December 2024. (21837)

- 71 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Christy Pool to North Point: how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21839)
- 72 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at South Walney: how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21840)
- 73 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Rape Haw to Creephaw Marsh: how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21841)
- 74 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at North Scale (margin): how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21842)
- 75 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at South Walney nature reserve: how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21843)
- 76 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Biggar (trail - winter): how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21844)
- 77 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Biggar (margin- summer): how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21845)
- 78 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at North Scale (trail), published on 11 December 2024. (21846)
- 79 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Biggar (trail- summer), published on 11 December 2024. (21847)

- 80 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Walney airfield (trail), published on 11 December 2024. (21848)
- 81 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at North End Marsh: how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21849)
- 82 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Hare Hill (trail): how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21850)
- 83 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Walney airfield: how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21851)
- 84 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Biggar to Tummer Hill: how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21852)
- 85 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Open access restriction at Biggar (margin - winter): how to comment, published on 11 December 2024. (21853)
- 86 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will hold discussions with the hon. Member for Newcastle-under-Lyme on taking steps to protect the residents of Mallard Close, Madeley, from the effects of repeated flooding incidents. (21770)
- 87 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing the Environment Agency with ring-fenced funding from the proceeds of fines placed on water companies for breaching sewage dumping regulations. (21934)
- 88 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what animal welfare protections exist for farmed animals at slaughterhouses. (21552)
- 89 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) official veterinarians and (b) meat hygiene inspectors there were as of 1 December 2024. (21553)

- 90 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to change meat inspection charges from April 2026. (21554)
- 91 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many Food Standards Agency welfare checks carried out by official veterinarians took place (a) on the farm, (b) during transport to the slaughterhouse, (c) upon arrival at the slaughterhouse and (d) whilst on site up to the point of slaughter in 2024. (21555)
- 92 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the RSPCA on animal cruelty at RSPCA-approved abattoirs. (21556)
- 93 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of animal welfare at abattoirs. (21559)
- 94 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question 20097, on road Environment Agency: Motor Vehicles, how much the Environment Agency has spent on vehicle livery broken down by (a) vehicle type, (b) fuel type, and (c) the proportion allocated to branding and decorative elements in each of the last three financial years. (21865)
- 95 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question 20097 on Environment Agency: Motor Vehicles, whether livery expenditures are classified as (a) essential and (b) non-essential modifications; and how these classifications are determined. (21867)
- 96 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to regulate Artificial Intelligence. (21804)
- 97 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the potential impact of visa restrictions on the research sector. (21805)
- 98 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help SMEs adopt digital technology. (21807)
- 99 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of artificial intelligence on intellectual property rights. (21808)

- 100 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Government Digital Service's report entitled Accessibility monitoring of public sector websites and mobile apps from 2022 to 2024, published on 17 December 2024, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) the digital accessibility of websites is reviewed regularly, (b) websites are checked for accessibility for the visually impaired using a keyboard and (c) automated tools are not singularly used to check digital accessibility. (21886)
- 101 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to ensure the accessibility of touch screens for (a) card payment machines and (b) other services for people with visual impairments. (21887)
- 102 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to ensure that digital inclusion initiatives are accessible to (a) all, (b) the elderly and (c) people in remote areas. (21902)
- 103 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when he plans to implement sections (a) 61 to 65, (b) 67 and (c) 70 to 74 of the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Act 2022. (21824)
- 104 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, for what reason the remaining provisions of the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Act 2022 have not been implemented; and what steps he is taking to implement these provisions. (21825)
- 105 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the impact of the delay in implementing the final provisions of the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Act 2022 on (a) mobile connectivity, (b) data poverty and (c) regional digital inclusion. (21826)
- 106 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that rural communities remain connected following the digital switchover. (21935)
- 107 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of attaching emergency batteries for mobile phones to telephone masts in rural areas. (21936)
- 108 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding into uveitis research there was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (21671)
- 109 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding into cataract research there was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (21672)

- 110 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding into keratoconus research there was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (21673)
- 111 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding into blepharitis research there was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (21674)
- 112 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Government funding into central retinal vein occlusion research there was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that funding. (21675)
- 113 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the total amount of Government investment into retinal detachment occlusion research was in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (21676)
- 114 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of bus services in rural areas. (21809)
- 115 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to the bus fare cap on trends in the level of bus users. (21810)
- 116 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of passenger rail performance. (21812)
- 117 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to increase access to rail links in rural communities. (21813)
- 118 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help increase the availability of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. [R] (21814)
- 119 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to improve public transportation to help people stay connected with communities. (21903)
- 120 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the safety of LED headlights on (a) cars and (b) other vehicles. (21874)

- 121 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Registering historic, classic, rebuilt vehicles and vehicles converted to electric, published on 9 December 2024. (21835)
- 122 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure better value for money for motor insurance customers; and what steps she is taking to make car insurers more accountable. (21723)
- 123 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the management of Avanti West Coast since her appointment. (21764)
- 124 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the (a) performance and (b) adequacy of the services provided by Avanti West Coast to residents in Newcastle-under-Lyme since her appointment. (21765)
- 125 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has to provide funding for the expansion of electric vehicle chargers in (a) Rutland and South Kesteven and (b) other rural areas. (21681)
- 126 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating a new sign asking drivers to move to the right at short slip roads. (21683)
- 127 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of airside transit electronic travel authorisation on the UK's international competitiveness. (21872)
- 128 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps her Department has taken to (a) reduce the number of abandoned leisure boats and (b) mitigate environmental damage from those boats. (21939)
- 129 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a detailed national registration system for leisure vessels. (21940)
- 130 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional (a) funding and (b) support for (i) local authorities and (ii) harbourmasters to (A) safely dispose of and (B) reclaim abandoned vessels. (21941)
- 131 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many reports of untaxed vehicles the DVLA have sent to NSL Services Ltd in (a) Bath and North East Somerset, (b) South Gloucestershire and (c) England. (21560)

- 132 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many enforcement visits NSL Services Ltd made in (a) Bath and North East Somerset, (b) South Gloucestershire and (c) England in (i) September, (ii) October, (iii) November and (iv) December 2024. (21561)
- 133 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many Great Western Railway trains were cancelled due to lack of drivers in December 2024. (21562)
- 134 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989. (21954)
- 135 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the child poverty strategy will include measures to tackle child homelessness. (21927)
- 136 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support people who are out of work but not receiving employment support. (21819)
- 137 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what sanction regime will be used for young people under the Youth Guarantee; how that regime will differ from the conditionality regime; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of that new regime on vulnerable young people with (a) mental ill-health and (b) SEND. (21820)
- 138 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are waiting for their pension credit application to be processed in each region. (21729)
- 139 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many youth hubs led by her Department are still in place. (21654)
- 140 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress her Department has made on rolling out youth hubs. (21655)
- 141 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress her Department's appointed menopause champion has made. (21656)
- 142 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department has taken to implement the Buckland Review of Autism Employment. (21657)
- 143 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to encourage employers to create workplace environments that reduce employee loneliness. (21901)

- 144 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of benefits for disabled people. (21895)
- 145 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to increase transparency in the (a) management and (b) adjustment of pension schemes. (21962)
- 146 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had discussions with the Leader of the House on scheduling a parliamentary debate on compensation for women affected by changes to the state pension age. (21963)
- 147 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a protected minimum floor for Universal Credit. (21946)
- 148 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of defined contribution pensions were accessed after a Pension Wise guidance appointment in each of the last five years. (21919)
- 149 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to publish research on the (a) Midlife MOT initiative and (b) digital Midlife MOT website. (21920)
- 150 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's guidance entitled Pension freedoms and DWP benefits, published on 27 March 2015, what assessment she has made of the impact of that policy on defined contribution pension savers. (21921)
- 151 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating an independent process to set benefit levels according to the cost of essentials. (21922)
- 152 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 19694 on Department for Work and Pensions: Artificial Intelligence, what period of time her Department considers a regular interval. (21605)
- 153 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pensioners have returned to the UK from countries where their state pension has been frozen in each of the last five years. (21569)
- 154 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has taken steps to notify British pensioners retiring abroad that their pension may be frozen. (21570)

- 155 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people who emigrate to (a) Canada and (b) Australia are aware that their state pensions will be frozen. (21606)
- 156 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when the most recent review of the frozen pensions policy was. (21607)
- 157 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make shingles vaccinations available to all people aged over 65. (21926)
- 158 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing a hub and spoke model to community pharmacy. (21916)
- 159 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to improve access to mental health services. (21799)
- 160 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to reduce waiting times for cancer treatment. (21800)
- 161 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support community pharmacies. (21802)
- 162 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to extend free NHS dental repairs to teeth damaged by seizures from epilepsy. (21823)
- 163 **Pam Cox** (Colchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) his Department and (b) the Cabinet Office is required to sign off procurement of services over £20m by the East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust. (21722)
- 164 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will set targets to reduce memory clinic waiting times in (a) Torbay, (b) Exeter and (c) Barnstaple. (21726)
- 165 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that social care services are adequately funded to support individuals experiencing loneliness. (21897)
- 166 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) reduce the stigma associated with and (b) encourage more people to seek help for loneliness. (21899)

- 167 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to integrate loneliness prevention programmes into the healthcare system. (21900)
- 168 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled NHS Pension Scheme: proposed amendments for April 2025, published on 10 December 2024. (21838)
- 169 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many repurposed medicines have successfully been granted MHRA licences in the last two years. (21742)
- 170 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average length of time has been for a repurposed medicine to be granted an MHRA licence from the point of application in the last two years. (21743)
- 171 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to decrease the amount of time it takes for a repurposed medicine to be granted an MHRA licence. (21744)
- 172 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve NHS diagnostic processes for glioblastoma brain tumours. (21702)
- 173 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's statistics entitled Mental Health of Children and Young People in England, 2023 - wave 4 follow up to the 2017 survey, published on 21 November 2023, whether he plans to publish further updates to those statistics. (21573)
- 174 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of spending on mental health services for children and young people in each year for which data are available. (21574)
- 175 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill on the illegal sale of tobacco products in (a) non-grocery and (b) non-newsagent premises. (21694)
- 176 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether additional powers will be made available to law enforcement officers to penalise (a) barber shops, (b) off-licences, (c) bookmakers, (d) pubs and (e) other non-grocery and non-newsagent premises illegally selling tobacco products as a result of the implementation of a generational ban on tobacco sales. (21695)

- 177 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the implementation of a generational ban on tobacco sales on trends in the level of (a) counterfeit cigarettes and (b) contraband cigarettes being consumed in the UK. (21696)
- 178 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have received funding from the Disabled Facilities Grant in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and (b) Staffordshire in each of the last 14 years. (21776)
- 179 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to allow up-to date medical information to be shared between the NHS and care staff in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and (b) Staffordshire. (21777)
- 180 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the 2024/25 priorities and operational guidance, updated on 24 April 2024, what steps she is taking to hold NHS England accountable for implementing regular demand and capacity assessments of Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT) services. [R] (21829)
- 181 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to address the regional variation in (a) access and (b) uptake to timely treatments for blood cancer patients. [R] (21830)
- 182 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the number of cancer medicines used in the NHS compared to other European countries. [R] (21831)
- 183 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the ability of the NHS to adopt precision medicines with companion diagnostics at pace. [R] (21832)
- 184 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the additional funding announced in the Autumn Budget 2024 for the National Institute for Health and Care Research will be allocated. [R] (21833)
- 185 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of not allowing carers to be vaccinated for Covid-19 on people requiring care. (21871)
- 186 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to make NHS dental care more accessible for people in North Cornwall constituency. (21948)
- 187 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the backlog of people waiting for NHS dental appointments in North Cornwall constituency. (21949)

- 188 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of reforming the NHS dental contract to (a) make appointments more accessible and (b) to tackle the backlog of people waiting for NHS dental appointments. (21950)
- 189 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing a Physician Associate to Junior Doctor conversion course. (21712)
- 190 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of prostate cancer services in (a) Bath and North East Somerset, (b) Swindon and (c) Wiltshire. (21558)
- 191 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the recommendations of the Independent Review of Children's social care final report (MacAlister,2022), published on the 23rd of May 2022. (21892)
- 192 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the banning of windows overlooking places used by women in Afghanistan. (21816)
- 193 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support mine clearance programmes in Sri Lanka. (21566)
- 194 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the (a) Southern African Development Community and (b) African Union on the political situation in Mozambique. (21767)
- 195 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government has taken to help stop the loss of life in Gaza since 19 December 2024. (21768)
- 196 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government has taken to help secure the release of the remaining hostages in Gaza since 19 December 2024. (21769)
- 197 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many times Ministers in his Department have met with the leadership of the African Union since 5 July 2024. (21797)
- 198 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart about Dr Hussam Abu Safiya. (21720)

- 199 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answers of 6 December 2024 to Question 16721 and of 9 December 2024 to Question 16720 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, for what reason he will not provide the information requested; and if he will reconsider his decision not to disclose this information. (21590)
- 200 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the funding level of the Integrated Security Fund will be in (a) 2025/26 and (b) each of the following five years. (21591)
- 201 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his South African counterpart on that country's objectives for the G20 Presidency. (21592)
- 202 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the proposals from Brazil during their Presidency of the G20 for an 18th Sustainable Development Goal. (21593)
- 203 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the progress on delivery of each of the Sustainable Development Goals by (a) the UK and (b) other governments. (21594)
- 204 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations his Department has received from the Government of Mauritius on the UK and Mauritius Joint Statement on the exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago dated 3 October 2024; and whether the Government of Mauritius has proposed changes to the terms agreed. (21595)
- 205 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what contacts his Department has had with Hayat Tahrir al-Sham in Syria. (21596)
- 206 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to implement the measures agreed in the Leaders' Statement and Samoa Communique at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting on 26 October 2024. (21597)
- 207 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to the (a) Chinese Government and (b) authorities in Hong Kong on report of the Hong Kong Police offering rewards for the arrests of pro-democracy activists residing in the UK and in Canada; what discussions he has had with his Canadian counterpart; and what steps he is taking to protect people affected living in the UK. (21598)

- 208 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Government is taking to increase (a) the number of specialist teams to deal with vehicle crime and (b) the funding available to track stolen cars across borders. (21724)
- 209 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of current Serious Crime Prevention Orders. (21774)
- 210 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle organised immigration crime. (21775)
- 211 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's policy is on Syrian immigrants who have been granted leave to remain status. (21958)
- 212 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her policy is on the asylum applications of Palestinian refugees who were formerly residents of Syria and left under the Assad regime. (21959)
- 213 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Skilled Worker Visa sponsorship salary threshold requirements introduced in April 2024 on retention of civil service staff initially employed on graduate visas. (21609)
- 214 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will deport (a) foreign nationals prosecuted for membership of a rape gang, (b) UK dual nationals prosecuted for membership of a rape gang scandal and (c) foreign national family members of those prosecuted. (21755)
- 215 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will consider make an assessment of the potential merits of removing UK citizenship from dual nationals prosecuted for membership of a rape gang. (21756)
- 216 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will commission an investigation into officials who had knowledge of rape gangs and failed to act. (21757)
- 217 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prevent the (a) grooming, (b) rape, (c) exploitation and (d) abuse of young girls. (21758)
- 218 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish the immigration status of people prosecuted for membership of a rape gang. (21759)

- 219 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will (a) issue an apology for failures to tackle rape gangs and (b) make an assessment of the potential merits of a compensation scheme for the victims of such gangs. (21760)
- 220 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2024 to Question 19427 on the Police National Computer, what proportion of PNC records relate to dead people. (21703)
- 221 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many prosecutions there have been for slaughterhouses in England not having CCTV in the last five years. (21557)
- 222 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the value of penalties issued in illegal working civil penalties was in each quarter for which data is available; and how many and what proportion of the penalties issued in each quarter have been paid. (21664)
- 223 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many minors were murdered by family members in 2022-23; and what steps she plans to take to reduce these numbers. (21571)
- 224 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of requiring Electronic Travel Authorisation on (a) BN(O) and (b) Hong Kong passport holders seeking sanctuary. (21568)
- 225 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment has she made of the implications for her policies of the findings of the report by the Youth Endowment Fund entitled Children, violence and vulnerability 2024. (21710)
- 226 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to protect teenagers from violence and abuse in relationships. (21711)
- 227 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with (a) his Ukrainian counterpart, (b) MOAS, (c) other humanitarian charities and (d) other stakeholders on the value of frontline medical evacuation services provided by humanitarian charities in Ukraine. (21725)
- 228 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to maintain (a) Service Family Accommodation and (b) training base accommodation in Gosport. (21580)
- 229 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the uplift in Continuity of Education allowance for costs associated with VAT on independent school fees. (21581)

- 230 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to increase retention of service personnel. (21582)
- 231 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will review the uplift in Continuity of Education Allowance for costs associated with VAT on independent school fees after six months. (21583)
- 232 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to extend Continuity of Education Allowance to all service personnel. (21584)
- 233 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he last had discussions with his Finnish counterpart on Russian shadow fleet aggression in the Baltic Sea. (21875)
- 234 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help tackle the threat from the Russian shadow fleet. (21876)
- 235 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he last had discussions with his NATO counterparts on protecting the High North. (21882)
- 236 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what forces are committed to defending the High North. (21883)
- 237 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how often Royal Navy vessels have been tasked to shadow Russian navy ships near the UK in each of the last five years. (21885)
- 238 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 17477 on RFA Argus: Amphibious Vehicles, whether his Department has identified reductions in amphibious capability from the use of RFA Argus in place of HMS Albion and HMS Bulwark. (21932)
- 239 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to expedite the removal and remediation of dangerous cladding on properties; and what steps she plans to take to ensure that properties that previously qualified for the Building Safety Fund are remediated in a timely way. (21869)
- 240 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to promote community-based initiatives that foster social connections among vulnerable populations. (21898)
- 241 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to provide funding for research on effective interventions to tackle loneliness across different demographics. (21904)

- 242 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking assess the effectiveness of loneliness reduction initiatives; and whether she plans to take steps to amend her policies in the context of the findings of these assessments. (21905)
- 243 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to announce the outcome of the consultation on cultural funding for the City of Dunfermline. (21884)
- 244 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of fire safety risk assessors that are able to carry out Fire Risk Assessments of External Wall Systems assessments. (21730)
- 245 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the cost of temporary accommodation for London councils in each of the last four years. (21643)
- 246 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to support councils to reduce the (a) need for and (b) costs of temporary accommodation. (21644)
- 247 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) increases to (i) capital gains tax and (ii) stamp duty, (b) fixed term tenancies and evictions in the Renters' Rights Bill and (c) requiring landlords to improve the energy efficiency of their properties to a EPC C rating by 2030 on the private rented sector by the end of this Parliament. (21611)
- 248 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to introduce replacement legislation for the Vagrancy Act 1824. (21612)
- 249 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 3.35 of Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, how much and what proportion of the £46 million in funding allocated to her Department will be spent on (a) recruitment and training for graduates and apprentices, (b) accelerating large sites waiting for planning approval and (c) upskilling local planning authority capacity. (21613)
- 250 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, on what dates the public hearings will be held for the Planning Inspectorate's inquiry into the Chinese Embassy planning application; and which planning inspector will be chairing the inquiry. (21614)

- 251 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the average grant subsidy per unit is to build an average affordable dwelling under the (a) social rent, (b) affordable rent and (c) affordable home ownership tenures for the current Affordable Housing Programme. (21615)
- 252 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2024 to Question 16892 on Regional Planning and Development: Finance, what her Department's policy is on the (a) continuation of the Thames Estuary Growth Board and (b) coordination of planning across the Thames Estuary area. (21616)
- 253 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the (a) full time equivalent and (b) headcount number of staff assigned to work in each of her Department's offices is. (21618)
- 254 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 16200 on Local Government: Productivity, for what reason her Department does not routinely publish letters issued to local authorities. . (21619)
- 255 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's publication entitled English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, if she will make it her policy to ensure elections to principal and strategic authorities take place concurrently. (21620)
- 256 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, what the evidential basis is for the decision to set new unitary council sizes at 500,000 or more. (21621)
- 257 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on the 16 December 2024, what discussions she had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer before setting the population threshold to 500,000 or more for newly formed councils. (21622)
- 258 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, what financial resources will be made available by her Department to support mayoral combined authorities in bringing forward spatial development plans. (21623)

- 259 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for the implementation of the proposals in the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024. (21624)
- 260 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many households were on social housing waiting lists in (a) England and (b) London in each year since 2009-10. (21625)
- 261 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 15451 on Renters' Rights Bill, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that Impact Assessments (a) receive clearance from the Regulatory Policy Committee and (b) are published no later than the First Reading of a Bill. [R] (21626)
- 262 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions on (a) construction and (b) housebuilding. (21627)
- 263 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 15439 on Local government finance, if she will list each of the bidding schemes that have operated in her Department in 2024-25. (21628)
- 264 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 15441 on Local Government: Staff, how the Local Government Workforce Development Group members will be selected; and whether the membership will be politically balanced. (21629)
- 265 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of biodiversity net gain on the cost of housebuilding. (21630)
- 266 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of biodiversity net gain on the sale of land previously used for agriculture. (21631)
- 267 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 15453 on Local Government: Accountability, if she will take steps to make the data published under the Transparency Code more (a) accessible and (b) shareable as open data. (21632)

- 268 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether properties with a rateable value of £15,000 or less will be able to continue to claim Small Business Rate Relief for the 2026-27 year. (21633)
- 269 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support small high street businesses reliant on Small Business Rate Relief. (21634)
- 270 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the financial impact of potential changes to Small Business Rate Relief after the introduction of new non-domestic rate multipliers on small businesses; and whether she plans to take steps to mitigate this impact. (21635)
- 271 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the Disabled Facilities Grant. (21780)
- 272 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that Local Housing Allowance rates reflect rents in (a) rural and (b) urban areas. (21947)
- 273 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of legislating to increase the minimum percentage of affordable housing requirement when new housing developments are (a) planned and (b) built. (21951)
- 274 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to improve national oversight of local commissioning of (a) specialist led-by and (b) domestic abuse services. (21748)
- 275 **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to prevent new housing developments being left (a) uncompleted and (b) unadopted by the local authority following developer bankruptcy. (21751)
- 276 **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to ensure that charges for freehold homeowners for the upkeep of shared (a) areas and (b) facilities are equitable. (21752)
- 277 **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that local authorities hold a legally binding bond to ensure new housing developments are completed if the developer declares bankruptcy. (21753)

- 278 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2024 to Question 18359 on Cabinet Office: Infrastructure, which existing projects will count towards the target of 150 major infrastructure projects. (21599)
- 279 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the English Devolution White Paper on the delivery of public services in Surrey. (21890)
- 280 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of repurposing vacant (a) shops, (b) offices and (c) houses; and whether this would reduce local new-build housing targets. (21953)
- 281 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many domestic abusers are serving prison sentences in England and Wales. (21733)
- 282 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of domestic abusers reoffend within (a) one year, (b) three years, (c) five years and (d) ten years of conviction. (21734)
- 283 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of domestic abusers perpetrate domestic abuse against their original victims within (a) one year, (b) three years, (c) five years and (d) ten years of conviction. (21735)
- 284 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what (a) programmes and (b) interventions are used to reduce reoffending among domestic abusers in prison; and what the reoffending rates are among prisoners who participate. (21736)
- 285 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what (a) programmes and (b) interventions are used to reduce reoffending among domestic abusers in the community; and what the reoffending rates are among people who participate. (21737)
- 286 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of violent offenders reoffend within (a) one year, (b) three years, (c) five years and (d) ten years of conviction. (21738)
- 287 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of domestic abusers perpetrated further crimes in prison in (a) 2022, (b) 2023, and (c) 2024. (21739)
- 288 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of offenders perpetrated further crimes in prison in (a) 2022, (b) 2023, and (c) 2024. (21740)

- 289 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers reported abuse by offenders in (a) 2022, (b) 2023, and (c) 2024. (21741)
- 290 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for (a) legal aid and (b) criminal courts. (21925)
- 291 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she plans to take to ensure that all prisoners have access to high-quality literacy programs. (21906)
- 292 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she plans to take to tackle the shortage of qualified (a) teachers and (b) staff to provide literacy education in prisons. (21907)
- 293 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to take steps to integrate prisoner literacy programs with other (a) educational and (b) vocational training opportunities. (21908)
- 294 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she plans to take to support the use of (a) technology and (b) digital resources to enhance literacy education in prisons. (21909)
- 295 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department is taking steps to tailor literacy programmes for prisoners (a) with learning disabilities and (b) for whom English is a second language. (21910)
- 296 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to (a) assess (i) feedback from and (ii) outcomes of and (b) improve literacy programmes for prisoners. (21911)
- 297 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department is taking steps to form partnerships with (a) external organisations and (b) volunteers to support literacy initiatives in prisons. (21912)
- 298 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will take steps to help tackle the (a) stigma and (b) barriers preventing prisoners from participating in literacy programs. (21913)
- 299 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will allocate funding to support research on effective literacy interventions for prisoners. (21914)
- 300 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how she measures the success of literacy programs; and if she will set benchmarks to track progress of those programs. (21915)

- 301 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 16135 on Crown Prosecution Service and with reference to the The Better Case Management Revival Handbook, published in January 2023, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that the Crown Court consistently manages cases. (21585)
- 302 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people convicted of causing a death have been granted parole before the halfway point in their original sentences in the last year. (21745)
- 303 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when her Department plans to respond to the consultation entitled Limitation law in child sexual abuse cases, which closed on 10 July 2024. (21650)
- 304 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will commission a national inquiry into rape gangs. (21754)
- 305 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will take steps to identify all people impacted by the collapse of McClure solicitors. (21670)
- 306 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many departmental bids have been (a) received and (b) approved by the Northern Ireland Public Sector Transformation Board. (21747)
- 307 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation on Non-Jury Trials Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007, published on 9 December 2024. (21834)
- 308 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of chemical regulation in Northern Ireland. (21762)
- 309 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Chemical Industries Association about the (a) access to and (b) regulation of safe and approved chemicals in Northern Ireland. (21763)
- 310 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has had recent discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on the number of people on hospital waiting lists in Northern Ireland. (21771)
- 311 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has had recent discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on the adequacy of road safety measures in Northern Ireland. (21778)

- 312 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has had recent discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on the health service in Northern Ireland. (21779)
- 313 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps he is taking to support Spirit AeroSystems (a) production and (b) jobs. (21563)
- 314 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the break up of Spirit on the Northern Ireland economy. (21564)
- 315 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Airbus not completing the takeover of the Spirit AeroSystems site in Belfast on jobs (a) at Airbus and (b) throughout the supply chain in (i) Northern Ireland and (ii) Britain. (21565)
- 316 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, how many formal recommendations the Committee has made to the Electoral Commission since 12 December 2019. (21766)
- 317 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support (a) small and (b) large family owned businesses. (21855)
- 318 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of an increase in the rate of employers' National Insurance contributions on (a) hairdressers and (b) other small to medium-sized high street businesses that do not qualify for business rates relief. (21870)
- 319 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing a similar Orchestra Tax Relief to vocal concerts. (21821)
- 320 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the number of public sector workers of working age who have become economically inactive in each of the last 10 years. (21661)
- 321 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what guidance her Department will issue to non-agricultural businesses on the changes to Inheritance Tax announced in the Autumn Budget 2024. (21817)
- 322 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what funding from ending the VAT exemption on private schools she plans to provide to the Scottish Government. (21815)

- 323 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish the internal equality impact assessment under the Equality Act 2010 for changes to (a) agricultural and (b) business property relief. (21588)
- 324 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what percentage of efficiency savings she plans to require of Government departments in each year of the Spending Review Phase 2 in order to meet her planned 5% savings over this Parliament; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of levels of efficiency savings announced in (a) her Department's policy paper entitled Fixing the foundations: public spending audit 2024-25, published on 29 July 2024 and (b) the Autumn Budget 2024 on her planned 5% efficiency savings over this Parliament. (21692)
- 325 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) family-owned businesses and (b) changes to Business Property Relief on the economy of local communities. (21636)
- 326 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to business property relief on (a) plant hire companies and (b) the ability of those companies to help meet housebuilding targets. (21961)
- 327 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) maintaining and (b) reducing levels of fuel duty on (i) households, (ii) small businesses and (iii) the haulage sector. (21942)
- 328 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of rises in fuel duty on rural communities. (21943)
- 329 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) expanding the base money supply and ((b) other alternative monetary policy. (21944)
- 330 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the number of families dependent on food banks. (21945)
- 331 **Katrina Murray** (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the impact of the introduction of IR35 on tax receipts. (21894)
- 332 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 14333 on Diego Garcia: Military Bases, which Departments will incur the costs of the (a) lease of the military base, (b) economic partnership and (c) Chagossian trust fund; with which Departments her Department has reached agreement; whether the financial elements are included in the (i) 2025/26 budget allocations and (ii) spending envelope to 2029/30; and whether she has received representations to increase the cost envelope since 3 October 2024. (21589)

- 333 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential risk of investment by Macquarie in (a) Lime Down Solar Park and (b) other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Developments. (21956)
- 334 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to increase the number of white working-class boys attending university. [R] (21651)
- 335 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to increase the number of white working-class boys taking up apprenticeships. [R] (21652)
- 336 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the 40 safety measures that Ofcom has set out for social media platforms to tackle misogyny.(21653)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 8 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance he has provided to government departments on publishing details of individual Civil Service pensions for senior officials under (a) Financial Reporting requirements and (b) the Freedom of Information Act. (21685)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the answer of 2 May 2023, to Question 182119, on Cabinet Office: Training, if he will take steps to encourage other public sector employers to phase out unconscious bias training. (21690)
- 3N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many compensation payments were made by the Infected Blood Compensation Authority between 17 October 2024 and 31 December 2024. (21637)
- 4N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many members of the infected blood community were invited to start their claim compensation between 17 October 2024 and 31 December 2024. (21638)
- 5N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, on what date the Infected Blood Compensation Authority compensation scheme will open for members of the infected blood community to make claims. (21639)
- 6N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 20334 on Flexible Working, on what dates the Flexible Working Taskforce met in 2023. [R] (21859)

- 7N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the sale of Royal Mail on its (a) workforce and (b) customers. (21706)
- 8N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support the comedy industry in the UK. (21719)
- 9N **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether funding for the School Games Organiser network will continue beyond March 2025. (21746)
- 10N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the England and Wales Cricket Board on the scheduled Champion's Trophy match with Afghanistan. (21955)
- 11 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is collecting data on trends in the number of in-year school applications in each local authority area. (21578)
- 12N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support college teachers who did not receive the 5.5% pay rise; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of tying pay increases for (a) college and (b) school teachers to a level above inflation. (21873)
- 13N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools will have to change their uniform policy to comply with the provisions in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. (21662)
- 14N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of academy schools' facilities to comply with the duty in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill to follow the national curriculum. (21665)
- 15N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of academy schools that do not currently comply with the duty in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill to follow the national curriculum. (21666)
- 16N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of changing the funding for built environment Level 7 apprentices on the Government's commitment to build 1.5 million homes. (21918)
- 17N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to page 98 of the Education and Skills Funding Agency's publication entitled Annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, published on 29

July 2024, if she will break down the table entitled Financial outcomes: error / suspected fraud by (a) academy trusts, (b) further education colleges and (c) independent training providers. (21857)

18N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Answer of 11 December 2014 to Question 217660 on Teachers, whether the programme of talks referred to is ongoing. [R] (21860)

19N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of supporting the expansion of (a) local authority supply pools and (b) not-for-profit supply provision on (i) supply teachers and (ii) schools. (21704)

20N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to investigate the business practices of rent-a-roof companies under the (a) Feed-In-Tariff and (b) Renewable Heat Incentive scheme. (21667)

21N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure sufficient recycling facilities are available to process end-of-life electric vehicle batteries. (21715)

22N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to develop recycling technologies for end-of-life wind turbine blades and solar panels. (21716)

23N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to speed up the delivery of planned electric vehicle charging stations. (21717)

24N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the role of energy storage and back-up systems in managing the intermittency of wind and solar power generation. (21718)

25N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of biodiversity net gain in delivering for biodiversity as intended. (21732)

26N **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question 20098 on Environment Agency: Motor Vehicles, whether wheel lug nuts on Environment Agency vehicles are (a) painted and (b) otherwise cosmetically enhanced. (21866)

27N **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question 20098 on Environment Agency: Motor Vehicles, what colour wheel lug nuts are standard for vehicles purchased by the Environment Agency. (21868)

- 28N **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of rural broadband coverage. (21806)
- 29N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the penalties are when the LAeq noise contour threshold at Stansted Airport is exceeded, and who enforces those noise restrictions. (21856)
- 30N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the net cost to the public purse was of Schedule 4 and Schedule 8 compensation to operations for disruption on the rail network in 2023-24. (21858)
- 31N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish all Departmental research undertaken in relation to the Government's response to the PHSO report on communication of Women's State Pension age on 17 December 2024. (21727)
- 32N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of State Pension age changes on the six sample cases in the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, HC 638, published on 21 March 2024. (21728)
- 33N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications for Pension Credit were (a) received, (b) processed and granted and (c) processed and not granted in each month between July and December 2024. (21659)
- 34N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pension credit claims received since 1 August 2024 have (a) not been paid to the claimant and (b) refused on grounds the claimant is ineligible. (21660)
- 35 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the level of dependence on emergency food parcels. (21923)
- 36N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 19693 on Department for Work and Pensions: Artificial Intelligence, on what date her Department decided not to publish that equality impact assessment. (21604)
- 37N **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which body within the NHS will be conducting the review into the case for lowering the screening age for prostate cancer; what the scope of this review will be; and when he expects to receive recommendations. (21924)

- 38N **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of access to emergency dentistry. (21798)
- 39N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the criteria are for Ministers to (a) intervene in an Integrated Care Board's reconfiguration proposal and (b) revisit decisions made in those proposals. (21818)
- 40N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of rolling out cardiac screening to young people. (21640)
- 41N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure early identification of cardiac problems in young people. (21641)
- 42N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many cases of gonorrhoea have been diagnosed in each of the last 30 years. (21698)
- 43N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) average and (b) maximum cost to the NHS was of untreated gonorrhoea in the latest year for which data is available; and what assessment he has made of the impact of this on the NHS. (21699)
- 44N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question 19416 on Maternity Services: Nurses, if his Department will make an estimate of the number of close relative marriage neonatal nurses there are in the NHS; and if he will publish this data. (21700)
- 45N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the (a) cost and (b) incidence of cousin marriage. (21701)
- 46 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether hubs that provide open access mental health services for children and young people in every community will be delivered only through the Young Futures programme. (21713)
- 47 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any funding previously allocated to the Dental Recovery Plan has been withdrawn. (21893)
- 48N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the availability of GP appointments in Nottingham East constituency. (21705)

- 49N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of reports of attacks by Israel on medical facilities in Gaza. (21610)
- 50N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to respond to the correspondence of 11 December 2024 from the hon. Member for Tooting, reference number RA60941. (21658)
- 51N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she expects the first overseas visitors to Northern Ireland arriving via the Republic of Ireland to be impacted by the UK Electronic Travel Authorisation scheme. (21567)
- 52 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 19468 on Special Escort Group, on what statutory basis the police are able to (a) stop and direct traffic and (b) exceed speed limits in non-emergency situations. (21686)
- 53N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to remove the gender-neutral toilets in her Department in Marsham Street. (21687)
- 54N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will launch an inquiry into grooming and rape gangs. (21677)
- 55N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will (a) collect and (b) publish the ethnicity of (i) abusers and (ii) victims of grooming gangs. (21678)
- 56N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign nationals have been convicted for grooming. (21679)
- 57N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to make being (a) the leader of and (b) involved in a grooming gang a statutory aggravating factor during sentencing. (21680)
- 58N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she expects to resume processing asylum applications from Syrian nationals. (21709)
- 59N **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help tackle the threat from the Russian shadow fleet in the (a) Baltic and (b) North Sea. (21877)

- 60N **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, he last had discussions with NATO allies on protecting sub-sea cables in the (a) Baltic and (b) North Sea. (21878)
- 61N **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help protect sub-sea cables in the North Sea from the Russian shadow fleet. (21879)
- 62N **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has offered support to Finland in protecting sub-sea cables in the Baltic Sea. (21880)
- 63N **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps NATO is taking to defend the High North. (21881)
- 64 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 17476 on Amphibious Vehicles, whether his Department has identified reductions in amphibious capability from the use of Bay Class Landing Ship Docks in place of HMS Albion and HMS Bulwark. (21931)
- 65N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the funding gap for London councils in the next four years. (21642)
- 66N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to review the rates of the Local Housing Allowance to reflect housing costs in inner London boroughs. (21645)
- 67N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that the funding model for inner London boroughs meets local demand. (21646)
- 68 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answers of 3 December 2024 to Question (a) 15923 and (b) 15934 on Mayors: Elections, for what reason Greater Lincolnshire is not listed as having a mayoral election in 2025. (21617)
- 69N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people in Birmingham received awards under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme in each of the last five years for which figures are available; and what the value of those awards was. (21861)
- 70N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 19620 on Public Expenditure: Northern Ireland, if she will increase funding to Northern Ireland for the additional cost associated with changes to Employer National Insurance Contributions in the context of the higher proportion of public sector employees. (21957)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 9 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what criteria she will use to measure the success of the ambition to halve violence against women and girls. (21684)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 13 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of including grief education in the relationships and sex education curriculum. (21917)
- 2N **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to increase access to GP appointments. (21801)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to make rail fares more affordable. (21811)
- 2N **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase access to assessments for Special Educational Needs. (21803)
- 3N **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the adequacy of the Disabled Facilities Grant. (21796)