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Questions tabled on Wednesday 8 January 2025

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 9 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to deliver a consultation on technical issues associated with renewable liquid heating fuel under Section 159 of the Energy Act 2023. [Transferred] (22491)
- 2 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of GB Energy on the cost of energy bills paid by farmers. [Transferred] (22545)
- 3 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to fund improved provisions for addiction support services in Stoke-on-Trent South. [Transferred] (22521)
- 4 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many children have been born following rape committed by people convicted for their involvement in Pakistani heritage grooming gangs. [Transferred] (22421)
- 5 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on how many (a) police officers, (b) officials of local authorities and (c) social workers (i) lost their jobs, (ii) faced legal proceedings and (iii) suffered other punitive measures due to having knowledge of Pakistani heritage grooming gangs and not taking action. [Transferred] (22429)
- 6 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to review the Lifetime ISAs property price limit. [Transferred] (22495)

- 7 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 14108 on Arm's Length Bodies, on what statutory basis Permanent Secretaries rather than Ministers approve framework agreements. [Transferred] (22455)
- 8 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her policy is on business rate relief in (a) freeports, (b) investment zones and (b) legacy enterprise zones; and how that relief will apply to the new business rate multiplier on hereditaments over £500,000 rateable value. [Transferred] (22331)
- 9 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the most recent quarterly Gross Domestic Product growth figures published by the Office of National Statistics on levels of available Overseas Development Aid spending for 2025. [Transferred] (22289)
- 10 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the policy paper entitled Plan for Change, published on 5 December 2024, CP1210, whether (a) council tax and (b) other local taxes will be included in the target of higher Real Household Disposable Income per person. [Transferred] (22378)

Questions for Answer on Monday 13 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Solicitor General, whether she plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) the Attorney General's Office and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies. (22759)
- 2 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether guidance has been issued to Government Departments on the difference between (a) positive action and (b) positive discrimination in recruitment processes. (22811)
- 3 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the annual running costs of the Child Poverty Taskforce. (22566)
- 4 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he has had with the Institution of Civil Engineers on releasing a new edition of the Construction Playbook. (22583)
- 5 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Institution of Civil Engineers' Roundtable Discussion on the Construction Playbook, published on 15 May 2024, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of aligning other initiatives with the Playbook. (22584)

- 6 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of an IT shutdown initiated by hostile foreign actors on (a) the NHS and (b) other critical digital infrastructure. (22606)
- 7N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the policy paper entitled Plan for Change, published on 5 December 2024, CP1210, whether the Government has implemented a formal reporting framework to hold individual (a) Secretaries of State and (b) Director Generals accountable for the delivery of cross-departmental Plan for Change milestones. [Transferred] (22307)
- 8N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the policy paper entitled Plan for Change, published on 5 December 2024, CP1210, what steps the Government is taking to prevent duplication of efforts across departments involved in delivering the Plan; and if the Government will publish departmental roles and responsibilities for each mission area. [Transferred] (22308)
- 9N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question 14407 on Trade Agreements, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the (a) Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and (b) Windsor Framework on the ability of Northern Ireland companies to access inputs through that Agreement which allow cumulation in Northern Ireland within relevant Rules of Origin for onward sale. (22858)
- 10N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, to ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21472 on Industrial Strategy Council: Public Appointments, if he will provide details on the number of people that were considered for appointment to the Industrial Strategy Council. (22723)
- 11 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department provides support programs including (a) appropriate training, (b) mentorship and (c) career pathways to encourage young people to enter the construction sector. (22703)
- 12 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to ensure the availability of positive mental health initiatives including (a) on-site mental health resources, (b) training for employers in mental health first aid and (c) helplines for the construction industry. (22704)
- 13 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department has taken to provide more data to horticulture businesses on (a) sanitary and phytosanitary border movements and (b) inspection rates generated from the Import of products, animals, food and feed system. (22698)

- 14 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what progress he has made on developing an improved plant health alert system; and whether the new system will include real time updates on border holds. (22699)
- 15 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to improve border infrastructure for importing (a) large plants and (b) trees. (22700)
- 16 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of net zero policies on (a) UK manufacturing competitiveness and (b) jobs in carbon-intensive industries. (22805)
- 17 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) his Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies. (22746)
- 18 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of permanently reducing business rates for grassroots music venues. (22710)
- 19 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to take steps with the Valuation Office Agency to introduce new valuation methods for business rates for grassroots music venues. (22711)
- 20 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an estimate of the number of high-street gambling operators in possession of non-remote bingo licenses that are operating as adult gambling centres. (22556)
- 21 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support the sustainability of local journalism including (a) magazines and (b) print media (i) nationally and (ii) in Southampton Test constituency. (22831)
- 22 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to encourage local magazine publishing in Southampton Test constituency. (22832)
- 23 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans she has to maintain historic places of worship. (22879)
- 24 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) her Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies; what the policy of the Government Art Collection is on decolonisation of government art; and what guidance she has issued to (A) museums and (B) National Archives on decolonisation of their collections. (22749)

- 25 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the Welsh Government's guidance entitled Public commemoration in Wales: guidance, updated on 15 November 2024. (22750)
- 26 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will include podcasts in the broadcasting code. (22681)
- 27 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking with local authorities to help support kinship carers in (a) Liverpool and (b) other areas. (22714)
- 28N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the level of persistent school absences in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in (i) Mid Cheshire constituency, (ii) Cheshire and (iii) England; and what steps her Department is taking to improve school attendance in those areas. (22815)
- 29 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff are employed in the Policy Profession Unit; what the headcount allocation for that Unit is; what grades each civil servant who works in the Unit is; and how many of these are (a) policy professionals and (b) administrative support staff. (22812)
- 30 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on the kinship allowance trial; how many kinship carers will be able to join the trial; what date she plans to launch the trial; and whether the findings of the trial be published. (22689)
- 31 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to (a) support foster placements and (b) develop regional recruitment hubs in the East Midlands. (22690)
- 32N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve support for children with (a) autism and (b) SEND in mainstream settings in Stoke-on-Trent South. (22847)
- 33 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve support for care leavers in Stoke-on-Trent South constituency. (22852)
- 34 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what (a) training and (b) support local authorities will receive to ensure the Children Not In School register does not inadvertently disadvantage parents of children with special educational needs. (22833)

- 35 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve teacher (a) recruitment and (b) retention in (i) Essex and (ii) South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (22861)
- 36 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to lower rates of student absence in secondary schools in (a) Essex and (b) South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (22862)
- 37 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to promote alternatives to university to young people. (22875)
- 38 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help prevent bullying in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in Essex. (22877)
- 39 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that young people leave school equipped with relevant skills for working life. (22878)
- 40 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase access to educational opportunities in Knowsley constituency. (22737)
- 41N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to educate children about (a) online safety and (b) the risk of online sexual predators as part of the National Curriculum. (22770)
- 42 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to monitor capacity in state schools in the context of potential pupil transfers from the private to state sector following the introduction of VAT on school fees. (22771)
- 43N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to take steps to decolonise the national curriculum. (22772)
- 44N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to incorporate educational resources from the National Crime Agency into the National Curriculum in order to inform children about the dangers of online child sexual exploitation. (22773)
- 45 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to expand the statutory definition of Children Missing Education to include children with special educational needs not receiving adequate education. (22671)
- 46 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to mandate local authorities to collect information on special educational needs disaggregated by primary need. (22672)

- 47 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what (a) statutory requirements and (b) guidance exist for (i) local authorities and (ii) schools to prevent children with special education needs becoming Children Missing Education. (22673)
- 48 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information his Department holds on the number of full-time undergraduate students paying international fees who are (a) British nationals and (b) non-domiciled in the UK. (22856)
- 49 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to continue the Academies Programme. (22804)
- 50 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she has taken with relevant authorities to improve school attendance in Romford constituency. (22590)
- 51 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) her Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies. (22748)
- 52 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) her Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to her Department; how many (i) staff and (ii) contractors are involved in each dispute; what the form of industrial action is in each dispute; which recognised trade union is involved in each dispute; what the substantive matter is that is being disputed in each case; and what steps she plans to take to end each dispute. (22760)
- 53N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had recent discussions with universities on allowing defence companies to attend university (a) careers fairs and (b) events. (22576)
- 54N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many school days were lost due to weather conditions in each year since 2010. (22580)
- 55 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many properties are not connected to the national (a) gas and (b) electricity grid in Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe constituency. (22836)
- 56N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help increase the uptake of home solar panel installations. (22659)
- 57 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the annual running costs of the Solar Taskforce. (22560)

- 58 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the annual running costs of the Global Clean Power Alliance. (22563)
- 59 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the annual running costs of Mission Control. (22564)
- 60 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the annual running costs of the National Energy System Operator. (22565)
- 61 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) mining and (b) processing rare earth minerals required for renewable technologies including (i) wind turbines and (ii) solar panels on the environment. (22806)
- 62 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of reliance on imported rare earth minerals for net zero technologies on national security. (22807)
- 63 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) his Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies. (22744)
- 64 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Government Office for Science's research entitled What are the technical and policy barriers to increasing EV battery recycling capacity in the UK?, updated on 21 November 2023, what progress he has made in researching (a) water miscible binders, (b) binderless electrodes and (c) methods of recycling polyvinylidene difluoride. (22677)
- 65 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of recycling lithium iron phosphate batteries. (22678)
- 66 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to reduce the timeframe for the authorisation of new electric vehicle battery recycling facilities. (22680)
- 67 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to improve the resilience of drainage systems. (22667)
- 68 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to prevent hand carwash operators from disposing of chemicals illegally down public storm drains. (22676)

- 69 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment Department has made of levels of flood preparedness in communities along the (a) Middle Brook, (b) Bessy Brook and (c) Douglas rivers in Bolton West constituency. (22790)
- 70N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) protect natural habitats and (b) promote biodiversity net gain. (22660)
- 71N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessments his Department has made of the potential impact of further restricting (a) use and (b) sale of fireworks on animal welfare and wildlife. (22848)
- 72 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to ban the (a) sale and (b) use of shock collars for dogs. (22850)
- 73 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what additional funding his Department has provided to (a) communities and (b) local authorities affected by recent flooding in Lincolnshire. (22559)
- 74 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to announce his decision on the future of the Farming Investment Fund. (22568)
- 75 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to align future application windows of the Farm Equipment and Technology Fund with the agricultural calendar. (22569)
- 76 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support SME manufacturers of farm equipment in cases where demand has fallen, in the context of funding provided by the Farming Investment Fund. (22570)
- 77N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage local authorities to include the recycling of small electrical items as part of household waste collections. (22820)
- 78 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) his Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies. (22758)
- 79 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much and what proportion of (a) Project Gigabit funding has been (i) spent on and (ii) allocated for and (b) additional funding announced

in the press notice entitled Hundreds of thousands of Brits in rural villages and towns to benefit from UK government broadband boost, published on 7 January 2025, has been allocated for projects in Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe constituency. (22837)

- 80 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the annual running costs of the Regulatory Innovation Office. (22562)
- 81 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) his Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies. (22754)
- 82 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the incoming US presidency on scientific research in the UK. (22782)
- 83N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to introduce new regulations to clarify the legal use of (a) ebikes and (b) scooters. (22571)
- 84N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many miles of the M1 motorway between Junction 34 and Junction 1 had speed restrictions as a result of roadworks as of 1 January in each year between 2015 and 2025. (22572)
- 85N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the impact of time delays on road users is taken into account when determining the length of motorway (a) maintenance and (b) improvement contracts. (22573)
- 86N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the average length of motorway (a) maintenance and (b) improvement contracts in terms of (i) duration and (ii) distance covered has changed in the last 10 years. (22574)
- 87N **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to review the list price at which motorists are required to pay additional car tax. (22779)
- 88 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the National Audit Office report entitled Public chargepoints for electric vehicles, published on 13 December 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of ensuring compliance with the electric chargepoint accessibility standard on (a) industry and (b) local authorities. (22687)
- 89 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the National Audit Office report entitled Public chargepoints for electric vehicles, published on 13 December 2024, what discussions her Department has had with (a) industry leaders and (b) local authorities on compliance with the chargepoint accessibility standard for electric car chargepoints. (22688)

- 90 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to resolve the strike action by the RMT on Avanti West Coast. (22693)
- 91 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to ensure that (a) rising mobilisation, (b) due diligence and (c) general programme delivery costs are (i) monitored and (ii) restrained during the transfer of train operator services to public ownership; and whether she plans to publish those costs. (22694)
- 92 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answers of 9 December 2024 to Question 17895 on South Western Railway: Nationalisation, Question 17896 on C2C: Nationalisation and Question 17897 on Abellio Greater Anglia: Nationalisation, what the evidential basis is for the expectation that transfer costs will be less than the fees provided to private operators. (22695)
- 93 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the annual running costs of the Jet Zero Taskforce. (22567)
- 94 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of AI road cameras at reducing road accidents in high risk areas. [R] (22792)
- 95 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with relevant authorities to help reduce the number of fatal car crashes in outer London boroughs. (22585)
- 96 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with relevant authorities to help tackle dangerous driving in Romford constituency. (22586)
- 97 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with relevant authorities to help tackle drink driving in Romford constituency. (22587)
- 98 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of waiting times for practical driving tests on the duration of the validity of driving theory tests. (22609)
- 99 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) her Department, (ii) each of its arm's length bodies and (iii) railway stations. (22753)
- 100 **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 19765 on Large Goods Vehicles: Concrete, when her Department plans to publish the findings from the call to evidence on weight limits for Volumetric Concrete Mixers. (22818)

- 101 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of an application for Universal Credit automatically triggering a claim for Council Tax Support. (22803)
- 102 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the time frame in which bereavement support can be claimed. (22839)
- 103 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Select Committee on Work and Pensions letter on the Pension Protection Fund and Financial Assistance Scheme payments of 17 December 2024, what progress she has made on implementing the recommendations on inflation protection for pre-1997 pensions. (22765)
- 104N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many households in England and Wales received discretionary housing payment after qualifying for local housing allowance in 2023-24. (22674)
- 105 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to publish data collected from the fit note trailblazers. (22715)
- 106 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average cost to the public purse is of (a) a Pension Credit claimant, (b) their council tax discounts and (c) other passport benefits. (22716)
- 107 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what passport benefits of what average value a Pension Credit claimant may be eligible to receive. (22717)
- 108 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to make the application process for Universal Credit more accessible for people (a) who are not able to go online and (b) with learning difficulties. (22611)
- 109 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will review the Minimum Income Floor for self-employed farmers on Universal Credit. (22817)
- 110 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) her Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies. (22751)
- 111 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many more people she expects to be in employment as a result of proposals in the Get Britain Working White Paper. (22656)

- 112 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department is collecting data about use of the Household Support Fund to support pensioners who are no longer in receipt of the winter fuel payment. (22657)
- 113 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 6 January 2025 to Question 20687 on Employment, when she expects the Labour Market Advisory Board to finish their work. (22658)
- 114 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to page 25 of the Government response to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's investigation into Women's State Pension age and associated issues, what the evidential basis is for the statement that awareness among the 45-54 age group that State Pension age was increasing had increased to 90%. (22781)
- 115 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the minimum income floor on self-employed workers that are unable to work for brief periods due to (a) health issues and (b) care responsibilities. (22793)
- 116 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what additional support is available for self-employed workers in receipt of Universal Credit that experience a short-term fall in their earnings. (22794)
- 117 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to prioritise screening for brain tumours. (22668)
- 118 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of a national screening programme for prostate cancer. (22669)
- 119N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution by the Minister for Secondary Care of 18 December 2024, Official Report, column 345, when he chaired the first of the weekly winter preparedness meetings. (22633)
- 120 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients were seen at North Cambs Diagnostic Centre in each month since its opening in June 2023. (22603)
- 121N **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's timetable is for the commencement of dentist contract renegotiations. (22778)
- 122 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve health outcomes for survivors of acquired brain injuries. (22780)

- 123 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the time taken for people on mental health waiting lists to be (a) assessed and (b) treated. (22713)
- 124 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether applications for the NHS and Social Care Coronavirus Life Assurance payment received after 30 September 2023 are eligible. (22635)
- 125 **Bambos Charalambous** (Southgate and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure patients that rely on medicines for (a) epilepsy, (b) ADHD and (c) Parkinson's are not impacted by supply shortages. (22661)
- 126N **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to review the adequacy of levels of access to ADHD medication; and if a Minister will meet with the hon. Member for York Outer to discuss ADHD medication shortages in that constituency. (22816)
- 127N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to stop the spread of the HMPV virus from China. (22557)
- 128N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of applications to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme relating to Covid-19 vaccinations have been (a) made and (b) successful for (i) Vaccine-induced thrombocytopenia and thrombosis, (ii) Guillain-Barré syndrome and (iii) other conditions. (22558)
- 129N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of difficulties faced by NHS patients in Somerset in receiving prescriptions of Creon. (22814)
- 130 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to improve patient outcomes for (a) rarer cancers, (b) sub-types of cancer and (c) triple negative breast cancer in the cancer plan. (22840)
- 131 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department's cancer plan will include measures to improve the collection of data on triple-negative breast cancer. (22841)
- 132 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the cancer plan will contain measures to improve (a) pathology and (b) testing within the (a) overall cancer and (b) triple negative breast cancer pathway. (22842)
- 133 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many times people have been called more than twice per day by NHS Blood and Transplant seeking blood donations in the last 12 months; and whether he is taking steps to ensure that the frequency of calls from NHS Blood and Transplant is not excessive. (22663)

- 134 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of (a) times blood donors have been advised in advance of delays to their NHS Blood and Transplant donor session and (b) the number of donors that have been turned away by NHS Blood and Transplant after arriving later than their scheduled appointment time after having been advised about delays to their donor session in the last twelve months. (22664)
- 135N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce ambulance waiting times in Stoke-on-Trent South constituency. (22845)
- 136N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) provide support for and (b) increase capacity of drug and alcohol recovery services in Stoke-on-Trent. (22846)
- 137 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve provision of post-natal mental health care in Stoke-on-Trent. (22849)
- 138 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve outcomes for patients with a pancreatic cancer diagnosis in Stoke-on-Trent. (22851)
- 139N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) males and (b) females have an infertility diagnosis. (22721)
- 140N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) male and (b) female patients who have received a diagnosis of infertility are waiting for fertility treatment. (22722)
- 141 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the unique (a) medical, (b) psychological and (c) social needs of (i) teenagers and (ii) young adults with cancer are included within the NHS Long-Term Plan. (22725)
- 142 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) increase the use of rapid diagnostic centres and (b) otherwise help improve early diagnosis rates for (i) teenagers and (ii) young adults with cancer. (22726)
- 143 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle barriers to (a) teenagers and (b) young adults accessing clinical trials; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of this on UK life sciences. (22727)

- 144 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to ensure that teenagers and young adults with cancer have consistent access to specialist psychological support; and how such plans will be implemented as part of the NHS Long-Term Plan. (22728)
- 145 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to raise public awareness of cancer symptoms in teenagers and young adults to improve early detection rates. (22729)
- 146N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21699 on Gonorrhoea: Health Services, what data his Department holds on the cost of treating gonorrhoea to the NHS; and if he will publish that data. (22705)
- 147N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle the sale of illegal vapes. [Transferred] (22366)
- 148N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle the import of illegal vapes. [Transferred] (22367)
- 149 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of walk-in centres. (22870)
- 150 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 3.6 of the minutes of the Covid-19 Vaccine Benefit Risk Expert Working Group held on 18 November 2020, if he will publish (a) the 36 questions posed by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency to Pfizer/BioNTech and b) any response received from that company. (22602)
- 151 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the level of health inequalities in Knowsley constituency. (22738)
- 152 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce health inequalities in Knowsley constituency. (22739)
- 153N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential (a) barriers and (b) costs for NHS trusts in implementing the perioperative care measures outlined in the document entitled Reforming elective care for patients, published on 6 January 2025. (22730)

- 154N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the document entitled Reforming elective care for patients, published on 6 January 2025, which groups of patients will be offered the prehabilitation services outlined in that plan; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending those services to all patients referred for surgery. (22731)
- 155N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to page 12 of the document entitled Reforming elective care for patients, published on 6 January 2025, what steps he plans to take to implement shared decision-making. (22732)
- 156N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to document entitled the Reforming elective care for patients, published on 6 January 2025, what estimate he has made of the size of the workforce needed to implement the (a) perioperative care measures and (b) requirements for anaesthetists outlined in that plan. (22733)
- 157N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure those diagnosed with coeliac disease receive timely and appropriate treatment. (22682)
- 158N **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to open one of the new seven day Community Diagnostic Centres at St Mark's Hospital in Maidenhead. (22857)
- 159 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress his Department has made on meeting the Mental Health Investment Standard; and how this is reflected in the funding allocated to mental health services in the NHS. (22822)
- 160 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that increased funding for mental health services is (a) improving patient outcomes and (b) reducing waiting times. (22823)
- 161 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking the reduce the time taken for people to receive urgent mental health care. (22824)
- 162 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure access to mental health services in (a) England, (b) areas with fewer mental health services and (c) rural areas. (22825)
- 163 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to measure the potential impact of the (a) amount and (b) distribution of funding for mental health services on the (i) quality and (ii) accessibility of those services for patients. (22826)

- 164 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with (a) charitable organisations and (b) community groups on helping to (i) reduce pressure on mental health services and (ii) ensure comprehensive mental health support. (22827)
- 165 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken help improve rates of early diagnosis of lung cancer. (22588)
- 166 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with the British Medical Association on its response to the Cass review. (22608)
- 167 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of restrictions on the use of electronic prescriptions for the issuing of medicinal cannabis products. (22612)
- 168 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency guidance on the use of medicinal cannabis. (22614)
- 169 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in the UK have been diagnosed with sepsis in the last 12 months. (22615)
- 170 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of ambulance waiting times over the 2024-25 Christmas and new year period. (22616)
- 171 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of trends in levels of people diagnosed with dementia over the last five years. (22617)
- 172 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the incoming US presidency on healthcare research in the UK. (22783)
- 173 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of suspending export licences for F-35 components to Israel. (22813)
- 174 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will place in the Library a copy of any electronic or written communication from Downing Street to his Department on the Chinese Embassy before the decision was made to call in the planning application. (22636)
- 175 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy to use evidence-based, responsive vaccination programmes around the world. (22581)

- 176 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for how many evacuations to the UK of Palestinians in Gaza with visas that are valid for more than 6 months his Department has sought permission from the Israeli authorities since 7 October 2023. (22799)
- 177 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 24 December 2024 to Question 19307 on Syria: Humanitarian Aid, what specific assessment has he made of (a) the impact of the current situation on civilians in Syria, (b) the need for humanitarian aid in Syria and (c) the best way to respond to the humanitarian situation. (22618)
- 178N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 19313 on BBC World Service: Foreign Relations, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Soft Power Council. (22619)
- 179N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 19316 on Development Aid: Reviews, when he received the Development Review. (22620)
- 180 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question 19318 on British Nationals Abroad: Detainees, whether he has made changes to his Department's (a) processes and (b) services in respect of supporting British nationals abroad since July 2024. (22621)
- 181 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 January 2025 to Question 18873 on Sudan: Humanitarian Aid, what potential alternative cross-border routes beyond Adré for humanitarian aid delivery into Sudan he has identified. (22622)
- 182 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 January 2025 to Question 18873 on Sudan: Humanitarian Aid, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in Sierra Leone following the Russian veto of the UN Security Council Resolution on protecting civilians. (22623)
- 183 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 January 2025 to Question 18873 on Sudan: Humanitarian Aid, what steps he is taking to ensure the protection of civilians. (22624)

- 184 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for the treaty on the British Indian Ocean Territory of his recent discussions with his counterpart in Mauritius. (22625)
- 185N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) engagement and (b) consultation he (i) has had and (ii) plans to have with parliamentarians on the treaty with Mauritius on the British Indian Ocean Territory. (22626)
- 186 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on a treaty with Mauritius on the British Indian Ocean Territory. (22627)
- 187 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the potential impact of accession by China to the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership on his Department's policies on UK-China relations. (22628)
- 188 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with (a) the Secretary of State for the Home Department and (b) other Cabinet colleagues to reduce the amount of Overseas Development Assistance spent on asylum hotels. (22629)
- 189N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment has he made of the potential merits of an international investigation into the recent Azerbaijan Airlines crash. (22630)
- 190 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department plans to provide humanitarian (a) assistance and (b) aid to Afghanistan. (22595)
- 191 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with his international counterparts to promote the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan. (22596)
- 192 **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 decision by the Taliban to prohibit women and girls from undertaking midwifery and nursing courses in Afghanistan; and if he will make a statement. (22597)
- 193 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of recent trends in the prevalence of human right abuses in China; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of such instances on civilians. (22598)

- 194 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of recent trends in the prevalence of human right abuses in Hong Kong] and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of such instances on civilians. (22599)
- 195 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2024 to Question 18362 on Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Cost Effectiveness, when he expects to be in a position to provide details of departmental budget savings. (22600)
- 196 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies on Western Sahara of Morocco's autonomy plan. (22594)
- 197N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Policing, Fire and Crime Prevention in response to the question from the hon. Member for Sheffield South East of 29 July 2024, Official Report, Column 1028, what progress her Department has made on tackling antisocial road users. (22575)
- 198 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels are (a) providing and (b) in negotiations to provide accommodation to asylum seekers in East Grinstead and Uckfield constituency. (22652)
- 199 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to page 24 of the Animals in Science Regulation Unit's annual report for 2023, published on 17 December 2024, what steps her Department is taking to improve the ability of the inspection regime to detect animal welfare failings. (22859)
- 200 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Animals in Science Regulation Unit's Annual Report for 2023, published on 17 December 2024, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of (a) letters of reprimand and (b) other sanctions in response to (i) animals dying after being left without food or water and (ii) other animal welfare failings. (22860)
- 201 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the Action Fraud reporting system. (22865)
- 202 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to protect vulnerable people from falling victim to fraud. (22866)
- 203 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with her international counterparts about (a) policing fraud and (b) convicting perpetrators of fraud. (22867)

- 204 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what preventative steps she is taking to reduce the number of fraud cases. (22868)
- 205 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding the National Economic Crime Victim Care Unit has received in each of the last three years. (22869)
- 206 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many cases of child sex trafficking have been identified in the UK in each of the last five years; and what steps she is taking to ensure (a) accurate and (b) transparent data collection for those crimes. (22871)
- 207 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to (a) identify and (b) prevent child sex trafficking. (22872)
- 208 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many passports were revoked due to links to terrorist activity in each month since January 2023. (22873)
- 209 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the UK's vulnerability to cyber-terrorism. (22874)
- 210 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps her Department has taken to improve neighbourhood policing in Knowsley constituency. (22740)
- 211 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the level of knife crime in Knowsley constituency. (22741)
- 212 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of small boat crossings of the Channel each day in December 2024. (22631)
- 213 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what leadership the Border Security Command provides to (a) Border Force, (b) National Crime Agency, (c) Immigration Enforcement and (d) the police. (22767)
- 214 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that fire services in Surrey can guarantee public safety during periods of insufficient staffing. (22838)

- 215 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of trends in the level of awareness amongst police constabularies of the legislation around the use of prescribed medical cannabis. (22613)
- 216N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on the number of police officers in Lancashire. (22762)
- 217N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were (a) arrested and (b) charged for (i) drink and (ii) drug driving in December 2024. (22763)
- 218 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued on whether transport carriers can accept (a) an expired British passport and (b) other evidence of British citizenship as proof of exemption from the electronic travel authorisation requirement. (22665)
- 219 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether dual citizens with British or Irish nationality are required to apply for electronic travel authorisation to travel to the UK in instances where their British or Irish passport has expired. (22666)
- 220 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to deport people with dual citizenship who are charged with child grooming offences. (22809)
- 221 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps with City of London Police to improve (a) the (i) support services and (ii) reporting tools available to victims of fraud and (b) the quality of intelligence on fraud provided to police forces. (22747)
- 222 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Leader of the House, pursuant to her oral contribution of 12 December 2024, Official Report, column 1045, what discussions she has had with (a) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, (b) the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and (c) other Cabinet colleagues on the west midlands pension fund. (22632)
- 223N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has received enquiries from international partners on the potential sale of (a) HMS Bulwark and (b) HMS Albion. (22653)
- 224N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with the Chief of the Air Staff on procuring a replacement for the Hawk T2. (22654)

- 225N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to allow UK defence companies to participate in (a) careers fairs and (b) related events on university campuses. (22655)
- 226N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) veterans and (b) serving personnel who have served as crew on (A) Sea Kings, (B) Pumas and (C) Chinooks have been diagnosed with (i) multiple myeloma, (ii) sarcoma and (iii) blood cancer in the last ten years. (22835)
- 227 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to ensure the continued presence of Royal Navy assets in the Middle East maritime theatre. (22591)
- 228 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will increase funding to the UK Maritime Component Command based at the Naval Support Facility in Bahrain. (22592)
- 229 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to improve retention of officers in the (a) Royal Navy, (b) Army and (c) Royal Air Force. (22593)
- 230 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to decolonise the (a) artwork, (b) heritage assets in (i) his Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies and (iii) Armed Forces premises of the Armed Forces (A) in and (B) outside the United Kingdom. (22752)
- 231N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many injured service personnel required rehabilitation services in each armed service in each year since 2015; and how much his Department on rehabilitation of injured service personnel in each service in the same period. (22577)
- 232N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the sickness rate was for service personnel by rank in each year since 2015. (22578)
- 233N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average number of training days undertaken by serving army personnel was in each year since 2015 by rank. (22579)
- 234 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent discussions on future US-UK defence collaboration he has had with the incoming US Defense Secretary. (22784)
- 235 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for permanent reform of business rates. (22670)

- 236 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to encourage community ownership of locally valued assets at risk. (22675)
- 237 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of noise regulation enforcement in residential areas. (22829)
- 238 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 19 December 2023 on The Next Stage in Our Long Term Plan for Housing Update, HCWS161, if she will publish (a) the review into the wider statutory consultee system and (b) her response to that review. (22854)
- 239 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help leaseholders with (a) service charges and (b) managing agents in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (22791)
- 240 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the role of pan-regional partnerships in encouraging regional economic growth in (a) the Midlands and (b) across the UK. (22691)
- 241 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Midlands Engine Strategy on economic growth in the Midlands. (22692)
- 242 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the annual running costs of the New Towns Taskforce. (22561)
- 243 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to Question 16491 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Consultants and Special Advisers and pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2024 to Question 5420 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Pentland Communications and Sovereign Strategy, if she will list all meetings held between her Department's special advisers and representatives of (a) Sovereign Strategy and (b) Pentland Communications since 5 July 2024 that are not otherwise in scope of the transparency requirements set out in the Cabinet Office guidance entitled Special advisers' gifts and hospitality received, and meetings with Senior Media Figures, published on 2 April 2024. (22637)
- 244 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's timetable is for the commencement of Section 111 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023. (22638)

- 245 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 24 November 2024 to Question 20295 on Counter-terrorism, whether the principles of the written ministerial statement of 14 March 2024 on New Extremism Definition and Community Engagement Principles, HCWS342, remain her policy. (22639)
- 246 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Mayor of London has requested a higher council tax referendum for 2025-26. (22640)
- 247 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 14996 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, whether the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs requested that the planning application be called-in. (22641)
- 248 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether an (a) Equality Impact Assessment and (b) Environmental Principles assessment was undertaken on the decision to call-in the planning application for the Chinese Embassy. (22642)
- 249 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance (a) her Department and (b) the Planning Inspectorate has issued on representations on planning applications subject to foreign interference. (22643)
- 250 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to publicly advertise her Department's guidance entitled Paying the right level of Council Tax: a plain English guide to Council Tax, updated 26 April 2024. (22644)
- 251 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her policy is on the provision of pensions funded from the public purse for (a) councillors, (b) council mayors and (c) combined authority mayors. (22645)
- 252 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which religions and faiths her Department formally recognises; and which faith days for those religions or faiths her Department formally marks. (22646)
- 253 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement, published on 18 December 2024, if she will make it her policy to ensure that the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead cannot increase council tax by 25% in 2025-26 without a council tax referendum of local residents. (22647)

- 254 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 99 of the English Devolution White Paper, CP 1218, whether councils will be able to ban smoking in public places under the new byelaw powers. (22648)
- 255 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether free schools will be affected by changes to charitable business rate relief for schools. (22649)
- 256 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 14996, on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, whether Innovate UK requested that the planning application be called-in. (22650)
- 257N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of enabling local authorities to apply to use ANPR to enforce designated pedestrian zones. (22834)
- 258N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure landlords are compliant with the need to ensure that new tenancies have an Energy Performance Rating of at least C from 1 April 2025. (22768)
- 259 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps to make renting easier for people with pets. (22769)
- 260 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the recommendations of the report entitled Our Future Homes: Housing that promotes wellbeing and community for an ageing population, published on 26 November 2024. (22828)
- 261 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she has taken with relevant authorities to support armed forces veterans with (a) housing and (b) financial support in Romford constituency. (22589)
- 262 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on funding to support small and medium-sized businesses starting up on high streets in Northern Ireland. (22607)

- 263 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 4.1.6 of the consultation entitled Local authority funding reform: objectives and principles, published on 18 December 2024, whether councils which have set council tax levels above the assumed level of council tax will, all other factors being equal, receive a higher grant. (22718)
- 264 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the potential role of the United Front Work Department in relation to the planning application for the Chinese Embassy. (22719)
- 265 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that candidates standing in combined authority elections are not also responsible for (a) setting up and (b) overseeing those authorities. (22808)
- 266 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) her Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies. (22742)
- 267 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidance she has issued to civil servants in the Land Registry on how frequently they should attend the office each week; how many and what proportion of desks were occupied in each Land Registry office in the most recent four weeks for which figures are available; and how many staff attended each office in person in the same period; and what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the proposed PCS trade union industrial action. (22777)
- 268N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to improve support for people being released from prison. (22853)
- 269 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been convicted for offences related to human trafficking since January 2020. (22876)
- 270 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) her Department, (ii) the (A) courts and (B) prison estates and (iii) each of her Department's arm's length bodies. (22745)
- 271N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent steps he has taken to support the expansion of university provision in Derry/Londonderry under the terms of the New Decade, New Approach agreement. (22662)

- 272N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that the work of Intertrade UK is not affected by trade barriers faced by some GB-based businesses supplying to Northern Ireland-based consumers. (22582)
- 273 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) her Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies. (22755)
- 274 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) her Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies. (22756)
- 275 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her planned timetable is for the delivery of the Loan Charge Review. (22855)
- 276 **Torsten Bell** (Swansea West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an estimate of the revenue accrued from capital gains tax on the sale of crypto-assets in the last financial year. (22761)
- 277 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increased borrowing costs on the UK's debt repayments. (22707)
- 278N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increased borrowing costs on the UK's debt repayments. (22709)
- 279 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to Orchestra Tax Relief from 1 April 2024 on the promotion of UK orchestras. (22830)
- 280 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much HM Revenue and Customs staff time and resource was dedicated to recovering funds from covid-19 (a) business relief and (b) procurement-related fraud in the latest period for which data is available. (22789)
- 281 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions her Department has had with victims of fraud on their experiences with HMRC. (22863)
- 282 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of HMRC's policies on supporting victims of fraud. (22864)

- 283N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on devolving management of the Crown Estate to Wales. (22766)
- 284 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the potential impact of closer economic ties with China on (a) the UK economy and (b) public finances. (22601)
- 285 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of interest rates on people with low incomes. (22610)
- 286N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of increased long term gilt rates on Government borrowing costs. (22764)
- 287 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) her Department, (ii) HMRC, (iii) the Valuation Office Agency and (iv) the other arm's length bodies in her Department. (22743)
- 288 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will update the Green Book to allow for the valuation of the reduced carbon footprint of UK produced materials as opposed to imported ones. (22679)
- 289 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of new US tariffs on the UK economy. (22785)
- 290 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether she plans to decolonise the (a) artwork and (b) heritage assets in (i) her Department and (ii) each of its arm's length bodies; and what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the publication entitled Public Commemoration in Wales: Guidance for Public Bodies, published by the Welsh Government in March 2024. (22757)
- 291N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will publish all submissions to the call for input on single-sex spaces that were determined to have misinterpreted the Equality Act 2010. (22701)
- 292 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make it her policy to appoint a men's health champion. [R] (22651)
- 293N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she plans to have discussions with EU counterparts on the introduction of the EU Pay Transparency Directive as part of the Government's plans to consult on the draft Equality (Race and Disability) Bill. (22821)

- 294 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, when she plans to bring forward legislation to make all hate crime an aggravated offence. (22795)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the policy paper entitled Plan for Change, published on 5 December 2024, CP1210, if his Department will publish an annual cost analysis of each of the five milestones. (22634)
- 2N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether it is her policy to continue the Opening Schools Facilities funding. (22724)
- 3N **Mark Sowards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that childcare providers are not able to charge for childcare costs on days where they are unable to deliver the service. (22810)
- 4N **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of issuing a Regulation 12 determination under the Justification of Practices Involving Ionising Radiation Regulations 2004 confirming that the use of ionising radiation for the generation of electricity from nuclear energy using oxide fuel of low enrichment in fissile content in light water cooled, water moderated thermal reactors is considered an Existing Practice for projects such as those proposed by Great British Nuclear. (22734)
- 5N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Pension Credit claims have been awarded to (a) men and (b) women since 29 July 2024. (22843)
- 6N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Pension Credit applications were (a) made and (b) awarded by the smallest geographical area for which data is available since 29 July 2024. (22844)
- 7N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the new Neffy treatment for severe allergic reactions will be available on the NHS. (22696)
- 8N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent diplomatic steps he has taken to encourage a ceasefire in Gaza. (22604)

- 9N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held recent discussions with humanitarian organisations on the adequacy of prosthetics supplies in Gaza; and if he will take steps to assist humanitarian organisations increase their supply. (22605)
- 10N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) national and (b) local inquiries have been carried out into rape grooming gangs. (22702)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- 1 **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to demonstrate UK leadership on climate change. (902138)
- 2 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): What discussions he has had with NATO allies on strengthening that alliance. (902139)
- 3 **Gordon McKee** (Glasgow South): What steps he is taking with international partners to help increase UK economic growth. (902140)
- 4 **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): What steps his Department is taking to support the victims of the humanitarian crisis in Sudan. (902141)
- 5 **Dr Jeevun Sandher** (Loughborough): What steps he is taking with international partners to help increase UK economic growth. (902142)
- 6 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): What steps his Department is taking to help secure the release of Emily Damari. (902143)
- 7 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of Iran's attacks on Israel on regional stability. (902144)
- 8 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (902145)
- 9 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): What steps he plans to take to support the victims of the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East. (902146)
- 10 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the war in Gaza on UK support for Israel. (902147)
- 11 **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): What assessment he has made of the British Council's financial sustainability. (902148)
- 12 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): What diplomatic steps his Department is taking to support the rights of religious minorities in Syria. [R] (902149)

- 13 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (902150)
- 14 **Peter Swallow** (Bracknell): What diplomatic steps he is taking with international partners to help tackle illegal migration to the UK. (902151)
- 15 **Chris Ward** (Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Sudan. (902152)
- 16 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): Whether he plans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the US Declaration of Independence. (902153)
- 17 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): What diplomatic steps he is taking to help counter potential threats to global stability by Iran. (902154)
- 18 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): What diplomatic steps he is taking to support Ukraine's efforts to counter Russia's invasion. (902155)
- 19 **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): What assessment he has made of the potential merits of recognising a Palestinian state. (902156)
- 20 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): What diplomatic steps he is taking to help support the rights of women in Afghanistan. (902157)
- 21 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): What assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the overthrow of President Bashar al-Assad in Syria. (902158)
- 22 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): What his Department's policy is on Kashmir. (902159)
- 23 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): What steps he is taking with his international counterparts to help secure the release of hostages held by Hamas. (902160)
- 24 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (902161)
- 25 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): What steps he is taking to help secure the release of Alaa Abd El-Fattah. (902162)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- T1 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902163)
- T2 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): (902164)
- T3 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): (902165)
- T4 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): (902166)

T5	Mr Paul Kohler (Wimbledon):	(902167)
T6	Sarah Green (Chesham and Amersham):	(902168)
T7	Chris Ward (Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven):	(902169)
T8	Lincoln Jopp (Spelthorne):	(902170)
T9	Kate Osamor (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill):	(902171)
T10	Mr Paul Foster (South Ribble):	[R] (902172)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing the new Neffy treatment for severe allergic reactions to schools when available on the NHS. (22697)
- 2N **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the UK's National Nuclear Laboratory is able to conduct commercially beneficial research. (22735)
- 3N **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the UK's National Nuclear Laboratory in expanding the development of americium so it could be used by the space industry. (22736)
- 4N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve trade links between Northern Ireland and the channel ports. [Transferred] (902095)
- 5N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve transport links between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. [Transferred] (902098)
- 6N **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to assist the Central Bank of Bangladesh in repatriating UK-based assets diverted illegally from that country. [R] (22788)
- 7N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many evacuations from Gaza to the UK of (a) British nationals including dual Palestinian and British nationals, (b) their immediate family members, (c) UK visa holders who have spouses or partners or children under 18 living in the UK who have valid permission to enter or remain in the UK for longer than 6

months and (d) UK visa holders who have valid permission to enter or remain in the UK for longer than 6 months granted outside the Immigration Rules or on the basis of Article 8 ECHR have been facilitated by his Department since 7 October 2023. (22796)

8N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for how many medical evacuations to the UK of Palestinians in Gaza who are non-British nationals his Department has sought permission from the Israeli authorities since 7 October 2023. (22797)

9N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many medical evacuations to the UK of Palestinians in Gaza who are non-British nationals there have been since 7 October 2023. (22798)

10N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for how many evacuations of Palestinians in Gaza with (a) pre-determination and (b) biometric excuse decisions his Department has sought permission from the Israeli authorities since 7 October 2023. (22800)

11N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the number of women murdered by domestic abusers in (a) England and Wales and (b) Merseyside in each of the last five years. (22712)

12N **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of planning permission requirements for Houses in Multiple Occupation. (22786)

13N **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many Houses in Multiple Occupation have been developed without requiring planning permission in Bolton West constituency in the last 12 months. (22787)

14N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps with local authorities to remove the requirement for households on freehold estates to pay estate management charges, in the context of the New Homes Accelerator Programme. (22801)

15N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners have been (a) released in error and (b) released in error and not re-apprehended under the Early Release scheme as of 8 January 2025. (22706)

16N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of higher bond yields on mortgage repayments. (22708)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the levels of the uptake of the flu vaccine. (22683)
- 2N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the level of uptake for the flu vaccine in each of the last four years for which data is available. (22684)
- 3N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the level of flu vaccine uptake. (22685)
- 4N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with NHS England on flu vaccine uptake among staff working in (a) the NHS and (b) social care settings. (22686)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 17 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to return the (a) areas and (b) activities of private estate management in the private sector to local authorities. (22802)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many workers earn under the lower earnings limit in (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland. (22819)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of school rebuilding projects have (a) been completed, (b) been completed within their intended time frame and (c) have passed their original deadline. (22774)
- 2N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding has been allocated in total for the school rebuilding programme. (22776)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 24 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the cost to the public purse has been of the school rebuilding programme broken down by spending on (a) completed projects and (b) ongoing projects. (22775)

