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## Questions tabled on Thursday 9 January 2025

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### Questions for Answer on Monday 13 January

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Solicitor General, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) their Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to their 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 he plans to take to end each dispute. (23029)
- 2 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he next plans to review the departmental ministerial disability champions programme. (22942)
- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Baroness Casey made a declaration of political activity following her appointment as Lead Non-Executive Director. (22993)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 27 December 2024 to Question 20832 on Special Advisers: Pay, if he will ensure that the list of special advisers is published by 31 March 2025. (22994)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 13808 on 9 Downing Street: Media, whether refurbishment works had been commissioned when this Answer was given. (22995)

- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish of the questionnaire form that incoming Ministers are asked to provide to the Propriety and Ethics Team. (22996)
- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 6 January 2025 to Question 19415 on Ed Miliband, whether the Rt Hon Member for Islington North (a) made an application for and (b) received a severance payment. (22997)
- 8 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Office for National Statistics' Higher Real Household Disposable Income per head measure takes into account changes to (a) council tax bills and (b) indirect taxation. (22924)
- 9 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of recent answers to Written Questions in the context of improving transparency in Government. (23038)
- 10 **Sam Carling** (North West Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what role rural digital connectivity will have in the industrial strategy. (23096)
- 11 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the role of the Fair Work Agency will be in helping to ensure businesses observe best practice in granting paternity leave. (22948)
- 12 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what role the Fair Work Agency will play in ensuring businesses observe best practice when granting their employees maternity leave. (22949)
- 13N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of further restricting the (a) use and (b) sale of fireworks on animal welfare and wildlife. [Transferred] (22848)
- 14 **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 reliance on imported rare earth minerals for net zero technologies on national security. [Transferred] (22807)
- 15 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much his Department has spent on measures to achieve net zero targets in the last five years. (23057)
- 16 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 14270 on Press: Regulation, what work her Department is undertaking on this issue; which other Departments have participated; and if she will publish the work completed to date. (23098)

- 17 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) their Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to their 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 he plans to take to end each dispute. (23020)
- 18 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of support provided to care leavers to access higher education. (22973)
- 19 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of young people not in employment, education or training in Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (22974)
- 20 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps the Government is taking to support (a) vocational training and (b) apprenticeship programs in Ashfield constituency. (22977)
- 21 **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of academy trusts that have reported off-payroll arrangements for staff who are also trustees in each of the last five years. (23013)
- 22 **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to page 86 of the document entitled Academies consolidated annual report and accounts: 2021 to 2022, published on 5 February 2024, whether it is her Department's policy that off-payroll arrangements can be used for the payment of (a) headteachers, (b) governors, (c) other senior staff of schools in the maintained sector. (23014)
- 23 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what reason a school tie is not permitted as an additional item of branded uniform in primary schools in the Children's Well-being and Schools Bill. (22897)
- 24 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of free breakfast provision in secondary schools on levels of school attendance. (22898)
- 25 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of levels of disadvantaged pupils in schools on rates of absence in schools. (22899)
- 26 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what comparative assessment her Department has made of trends in levels of school absence in (a) schools with 40% or more pupils in bands A-F of the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index and (b) other (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools. (22900)

- 27 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department provides on schools making second hand uniform available. (22901)
- 28 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 2316 on Equality, whether the socio-economic duty will apply to local education authority decisions on (a) parents with children joining the state system from independent schools and (b) other school admissions. (22932)
- 29 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has plans to increase funding for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) education at secondary school level. (23104)
- 30 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to introduce a standardised complaints process for academy schools. (23111)
- 31 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing a national safeguarding framework for all educational institutions including academies. (23112)
- 32 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the integration of (a) political and (b) media literacy into school curriculums. (23087)
- 33 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of strengthening media literacy programmes in the ongoing Curriculum and Assessment Review. (23088)
- 34 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 21323 on Multi-academy Trusts: Pay, if she will take steps to collate a table with the total number of academy trusts reporting (a) one, (b) two and (c) three or more members of staff or trustees whose total remuneration was in excess of £150,000 for each of the last five years. (22907)
- 35 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average pay was for headteachers in (a) primary and (b) secondary school in the maintained sector in each of the last five years. (22908)
- 36 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish a breakdown of the total number of trustees of schools multi-academy trusts that received remuneration either as a member of staff as well as a trustee, or in their capacity purely as trustee in excess of (a) £120,000, (b) £130,000, (c) £140,000 and (d) £150,000 including employer pension contributions in each of the last five years. (22909)

- 37 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish (a) the number and (b) a list of trust names of academy trusts in which the highest paid member of staff including employer pension contributions was paid (i) more than £200,000, (ii) more than £250,000, (iii) more than £300,000, (iv) more than £350,000 and (v) more than £400,000 in the last 12 months. (22910)
- 38 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to support local authorities to provide activities which promote children's (a) health, (b) wellbeing and (c) learning during school holidays. (22904)
- 39 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much her Department has spent on measures to achieve net zero targets in the last five years. (23056)
- 40 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance his Department issues to schools and local education authorities on the teaching around the British Empire in the National Curriculum. (23019)
- 41 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to implement the recommendations of the report by Professor Alexis Jay entitled Report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, HC 720, published on 20 October 2022. (23041)
- 42 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to roll out the Warm Homes Plan to Runcorn and Helsby constituency. (22975)
- 43 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Government plans to continue providing subsidy payments to the Drax power station. (22980)
- 44 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the sustainability of energy produced by Drax power station in the last 12 years. (22981)
- 45 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans his Department has to ensure that (a) commercial and (b) retail units utilise (i) solar panels and (ii) other renewable energy sources. (23085)
- 46 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that people who received grants for heat source pumps under (a) the Green Homes Grant and (b) similar schemes are supported when systems prove unfit for purpose and the installation company goes into liquidation. (23052)

- 47 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much his Department has spent on measures to achieve net zero targets in the last five years. (23059)
- 48 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the total expenditure was on achieving net zero targets in each year since 2015 by sector; and what the corresponding estimated total reduction in global emissions was in the same period. (23067)
- 49 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the annual subsidy is for renewable energy projects; and what the average increase in consumer energy bills was in each of the last five years. (23068)
- 50 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 7788 on Air Pollution, if his Department will take steps to amend clean air targets to bring the UK in line with the European Union's Ambient Air Quality Directive. (23100)
- 51 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he will publish the (a) interim and (b) final report from the Air Quality Information System Review. (23101)
- 52 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled, Government launches rapid review to meet Environment Act targets, published on 30 July 2024, whether the rapid review of the Environment Improvement Plan was completed by the end of 2024; and what his planned timetable is to publish the new statutory plan. (23102)
- 53 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to involve communities and stakeholders in the development of a new Clean Air Strategy; and what his planned timetable is for completing the strategy. (23103)
- 54 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of noise regulation enforcement in residential areas. [Transferred] (22829)
- 55 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of recent trends in the level of farm incomes in South Suffolk constituency. (22956)
- 56 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of adverse weather conditions on arable farm output in South Suffolk constituency in each of the last three years. (22957)

- 57 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help mitigate the impact of (a) increased rainfall and (b) storms on arable farm output. (22958)
- 58 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support farm businesses to adapt to adverse weather conditions. (22959)
- 59 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he has met representatives of farming businesses in South Suffolk constituency to discuss recent trends in farm incomes. (22960)
- 60 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to increase the (a) number and (b) size of (i) national parks and (ii) national park cities. (23083)
- 61 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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. [Transferred] (22698)
- 62 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department plans to publish its land use framework. (23107)
- 63 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much his Department has spent on measures to achieve net zero targets in the last five years. (23058)
- 64 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) their Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to their 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 he plans to take to end each dispute. (23028)
- 65 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to reduce the timeframe for the authorisation of new electric vehicle battery recycling facilities. [Transferred] (22680)
- 66 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to monitor the impact of online and offline pornography on violence against women and girls. (23091)



- 67 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to regulate (a) online and (b) offline pornography to help meet the Government's target of halving violence against women and girls within a decade. (23092)
- 68 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the role of online pornographic content in perpetuating violence against women and girls. (23093)
- 69 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help ensure that pornographic sites remove content that promote a sexual interest in children. (23094)
- 70 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help improve mobile phone signal coverage in rural areas of Boston and Skegness constituency; and what plans he has to ensure that (a) residents and (b) businesses in those areas receive reliable mobile connectivity. (23054)
- 71 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) their Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to their 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 he plans to take to end each dispute. (23024)
- 72 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of planned East Coast Main Line timetable change in December 2025 on local rail services in (a) County Durham and (b) the North East. (23044)
- 73 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Independent report by the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee entitled DPTAC position on the eligibility criteria for concessionary bus travel, published on 17 August 2022, whether she plans to carry out a review of the eligibility criteria for bus passes for disabled people. (23099)
- 74 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of varying fuel prices at nation-wide service station providers; and what steps she is taking to ensure equity for customers. (23086)
- 75N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of enabling local authorities to apply to use ANPR to enforce designated pedestrian zones. [Transferred] (22834)



- 76 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve the accessibility of the railways for disabled people. (23084)
- 77 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if the Jet Zero Taskforce Group will make an assessment of the potential merits of transitioning Grangemouth into a Sustainable Aviation Fuel facility. (23039)
- 78 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on supporting transport providers to buy British buses. (23040)
- 79 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) their Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to their 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 he plans to take to end each dispute. (23023)
- 80 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether costs for (a) before-school breakfast and (b) after-school clubs and programmes for children of (I) primary (II) secondary school age are eligible for reimbursement through universal credit as childcare costs for working parents. (22896)
- 81 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of excluding people on Personal Independence Payment from eligibility for the winter fuel payment on their ability to meet energy costs. (23061)
- 82 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of migrants that have been granted (a) asylum and (b) leave to remain in the last five years are receiving Universal Credit; and what estimate she has made of the projected expenditure for these claimants over the next five years. (23066)
- 83 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) their Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to their 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 he plans to take to end each dispute. (23021)
- 84 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Biggest investment into hospices in a generation, dated 19 December 2024, how much of the £100 million funding will be allocated to the North East and North Cumbria integrated care board area. (23042)

- 85 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it her policy to appoint a men's health champion. [R] [Transferred] (22651)
- 86 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will issue guidance to NHS Trusts on adopting a standardised FOI request system. [R] (23072)
- 87 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with his counterparts in the devolved Administrations to implement a national brain cancer strategy. (23113)
- 88 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with his counterparts in the devolved Administrations to implement a national strategy for treating neurological conditions. (23114)
- 89 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will undertake a review of the prescription charge exemption list to include more (a) chronic and (b) lifelong conditions. (23106)
- 90 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of access to specialist speech and language therapy services for children in (a) Merseyside and (b) Knowsley constituency. (23008)
- 91 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve care for people living with arthritis. (23009)
- 92 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to help ensure that emergency services are provided with up to date information on the (a) location and (b) status of defibrillators installed at train stations. (23089)
- 93 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to ensure that all defibrillators installed at train stations are (a) registered and (b) visible on The Circuit national defibrillator network website. (23090)
- 94 **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking with the (a) NHS and (b) voluntary sector to introduce (i) clinical and (ii) non-clinical responses for young people with mental health needs. (23010)
- 95 **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) help prevent and (b) increase early intervention for mental ill health. (23011)

- 96 **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking with the voluntary sector to introduce new ways of treating mental ill health. (23012)
- 97 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department has spent on measures to achieve net zero targets in the last five years. (23060)
- 98 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of patients waiting over 52 weeks for elective care in (a) England, (b) Norfolk and Waveney ICB area and (c) Queen Elizabeth King's Lynn Hospital Trust; and what his target is for eliminating waits of over a year. (22984)
- 99 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made in reducing waiting times for (a) speech and language therapy services and (b) neurodevelopmental services. (22985)
- 100 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to Question 20491 on Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Media, which contractors were used for the spending on media training; which Ministers received the media training; and whether voice training was included as part of the training. (23109)
- 101 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Department's tender note entitled Procurement of a Contractor to build new British Embassy, Beijing, published on 2 October 2024, what the (a) timetable and (b) budget is for construction of the new Embassy; what consents are required from Chinese authorities, and what the status is of each consent. (22931)
- 102 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Government is taking to support (a) victims and (b) victims families impacted by grooming gangs; and what steps she is taking to ensure these incidents don't occur in the future. (22978)
- 103 **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 who were found to have had knowledge at the time of grooming by Pakistani heritage grooming gangs are in positions with a duty of care towards girls. (23051)
- 104 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the average processing time for Disclosure and Barring Service checks conducted through Sussex Police. (23080)

- 105 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to bring forward legislation to make all hate crime an aggravated offence. [Transferred] (22795)
- 106 **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average time spent by people in custody in police holding cells was in the two years (a) before and (b) after the introduction of the CONNECT software; and how many people have been detained in police holding cells by each police force for (i) 0 to 12 hours, (ii) 13 to 24 hours, (iii) 25 to 36 hours, (iv) 37 to 48 hours and (v) 49 hours or more since January 2019. (22933)
- 107 **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much has been spent on the CONNECT computer software since its introduction by the Metropolitan Police on (a) further development of the software, (b) training including (i) accommodation, (ii) travel, (iii) classrooms, (iv) trainers and (v) overtime incurred by officers), (c) internal IT services to resolve CONNECT issues including ConnectHub, (d) shifts covered by officers to support staff with CONNECT, (e) initial purchase fees and installation, (f) other costs and (g) in total. (22934)
- 108 **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average time it takes an officer to complete a case file is on (a) CONNECT and (b) Case Overview and Prosecutions Application (COPA). (22935)
- 109 **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police forces purchased CONNECT computer software; and how many such forces (a) no longer and (b) continue to use the software. (22936)
- 110 **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average number of case file (a) rejections and (b) discontinuations by the Crown Prosecution Service was (i) before and (ii) after the introduction of the CONNECT computer software. (22937)
- 111 **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average number of open custody records was in (a) 2019, (b) 2022, (c) 2023 and (d) 2024. (22938)
- 112 **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average annual number is of case files rejected due to incorrectly submitted documents using (a) Case Overview and Prosecutions Application (COPA) and (b) CONNECT computer software. (22939)
- 113 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of police-support staffing levels in England and Wales; and whether her Department has been made aware of instances where police officers have been required to carry out the duties of support staff. (23045)

- 114 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will increase police funding in Boston and Skegness constituency. (23053)
- 115 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure asylum seekers are no longer housed in hotels in Boston and Skegness constituency. (23062)
- 116 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle crimes committed by individuals who have entered the country illegally. (23063)
- 117 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of migrants who entered in the UK in the last 5 years are in receipt of state benefits. (23064)
- 118 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the annual cost to the public purse of providing public services including (a) healthcare, (b) education and (c) housing of migrants that have arrived via small boat crossings in each of the last five years. (23065)
- 119 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has issued guidance to political parties on the United States of America's Foreign Agents Registration Scheme for campaigning overseas. (23030)
- 120 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 7 October 2024 to Question 7443 on Trade Unions: Subversion, whether the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme will regulate foreign actors seeking to (a) lobby and (b) influence trade unions. (23031)
- 121 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what flags she plans to fly outside her Department other than the Union flag in the next 12 months, and on which days each flag will be flown. (23032)
- 122 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 2316 on Equality, whether the socio-economic duty will apply to (a) Police and Crime Commissioners and (b) Police Constables. (23033)
- 123 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to increase recognition and accreditation of relevant civilian courses to facilitate recruitment of university students into the Reserves. [R] (23015)

- 124 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the his Department's report entitled Reserve Forces Review 2030: Unlocking the reserves' potential to strengthen a resilient and global Britain, published in May 2021, what targeted programmes exist to support those in (a) higher education and (b) further education to join the Reserves. [R] (23016)
- 125 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what funding options are available to students in (a) higher education and (b) further education who commit to joining the Reserves. [R] (23017)
- 126 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with refence to the Council of Reserve Forces and Cadets' Associations' Annual Statutory Report 2024, published on 17 December 2024, what steps he has taken to ensure training courses are adapted to take account of the needs of reservists. [R] (23018)
- 127 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Defence Recycling and Disposals Team have commenced commercial negotiations with potential buyers for (a) HMS Bulwark and (b) HMS Albion. (22952)
- 128 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help prevent the leaking of military secrets during online war games. (22953)
- 129 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what information his Department holds on the number of occasions classified military secrets have been leaked on the online war simulation entitled War Thunder. (22954)
- 130 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans his Department has for procuring a replacement for the Hawk T2. (22955)
- 131 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to help mitigate injury rates among armed forces personnel during training exercises. (22964)
- 132 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to help protect untrained military personnel from injury during training exercises. (22965)
- 133 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to avoid underreporting of incidents relating to injuries of civilian and military personnel. (22966)
- 134 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the MySafety (DURALS) system in recording incidents involving defence personnel. (22967)



- 135 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his planned timetable is for publishing his Department's annual statistics on armed forces equipment. (22968)
- 136 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason have the annual armed forces equipment statistics not been published. (22969)
- 137 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on designating a successor to the standard issue L85A3 service rifle. (23095)
- 138 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on measures to achieve net zero targets in the last five years. (23055)
- 139 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) their Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to their 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 he plans to take to end each dispute. (23022)
- 140 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of trends in levels of retail and commercial units that are vacant in (a) Chester-le-Street, (b) Stanley and (c) England. (23043)
- 141 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps the Government is taking to help (a) first-time buyers and (b) low-income families secure housing in Ashfield constituency. (22979)
- 142 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department will continue to support the Rural Housing Enablers Scheme. (22976)
- 143 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to include the perspectives of people with lived experiences of homelessness in the cross-government strategy to end homelessness. (23004)
- 144 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. [Transferred] (22777)



- 145 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the resources available to local government for planning enforcement in (a) Devon and (b) Somerset. [R] (23075)
- 146 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of boycotts of Israeli participation in (a) sporting and (b) cultural events on levels of community cohesion in the UK. (22911)
- 147 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has issued guidance on foreign donors from which donations including via (a) third parties and (b) corporate companies may be accepted by political parties. (22912)
- 148 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 18378 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Public Appointments, what assessment she made of the potential impact of changing the non-executive board members on the effectiveness of that board. (22913)
- 149 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether nutrient neutrality mitigation levy measures will be subject to economic viability assessments; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the additional mitigation levy measures on the amount that can be levied through (a) the Community Infrastructure Levy and (b) Section 106 agreements. (22914)
- 150 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to increase green spaces in urban communities. (23081)
- 151 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to empower (a) individuals, (b) grassroots organisations and (c) local authorities to increase (i) green spaces and (ii) biodiversity in their communities. (23082)
- 152 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing an alternative title for county councillors who remain in office after 1 May 2025 due to their authority's participation in the devolution priority programme. (23047)
- 153 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of encouraging council tax discounts for residents in authorities without elections on 1 May 2025 due to participation in the Devolution Priority Programme. (23048)

- 154 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what impact the Devolution Priority Programme will have on elections to Norfolk County Council. (23049)
- 155 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when a final decision on elections to Norfolk County Council will be made. (23050)
- 156 **Dr Jeevun Sandher** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Flood Recovery Framework will be activated for the flooding in Leicestershire. (23076)
- 157 **Dr Jeevun Sandher** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to expand the Flood Recovery Framework to households which (a) have been affected outside named storms and (b) are a risk of flooding in the future. (23077)
- 158 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the policy is of (a) her Department and (b) HM Courts and Tribunal Service on granting legal aid to travellers for enforcement cases against unauthorised (i) development and (ii) encampments. (22925)
- 159 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question 20225 on Prisons: Construction, if she will list the four locations affected by the nutrient neutrality rules; on what dates mitigation measures were resolved on the three sites referenced; and whether each of those three sites have full planning permission. (22926)
- 160 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question 20225 on Prisons: Construction, what the status of the planning permission is for each site; and how many additional prison places are proposed in each location. (22927)
- 161 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) their Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to their 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 he plans to take to end each dispute. (23025)
- 162 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 20496 on Scotland Office: Media, which contractors were used for the spending on media training; and which Ministers received the training. (23110)

- 163 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) their Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to their 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 he plans to take to end each dispute. (23026)
- 164 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 22037 on Candidates: expenditure, whether the 20 pence per page prescribed fee can be charged for electronic information provided by email. (22920)
- 165 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 22035 on Candidates: Expenditure, what steps the Electoral Commission is taking to increase the transparency of (a) candidate spending and (b) donation returns in relation to the General Election 2024. (22921)
- 166 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, what estimate the Electoral Commission has made of the number of people on the electoral roll in (a) Northern Ireland and (b) Great Britain for each general election since 2010. (22922)
- 167 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, what the Electoral Commission's timetable is for publishing details of spending by Labour Together for the 2024 general election. (22923)
- 168 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her planned timetable is for permanent reform of business rates. [Transferred] (22670)
- 169 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of permanently reducing business rates for grassroots music venues. [Transferred] (22710)
- 170 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to take steps with the Valuation Office Agency to introduce new valuation methods for business rates for grassroots music venues. [Transferred] (22711)
- 171N **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to review the list price at which motorists are required to pay additional car tax. [Transferred] (22779)

- 172 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of (a) access to (i) deposit and (ii) withdraw cash and (b) the availability of trained people to help with cash access services in Liverpool Walton constituency. (22972)
- 173 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question 20489 on Treasury: Media, which contractors were used for the spending on media training; and which Ministers received the media training. (23108)
- 174 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on women-owned businesses. (22940)
- 175 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes in the level of National Insurance contributions on victims support services. (22941)
- 176 **Richard Fuller** (North Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish the sources of funding for each public sector pension scheme including balancing payments made by her Department for each fiscal year between 2020-21 and 2023-24. (22895)
- 177 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 7 January 2025 to Question 21387 on Rachel Reeves: Self-assessment, for what reason she does not plan to publish her tax return. (22998)
- 178 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her Department's definition of a tax break is. (22999)
- 179 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential cumulative impact of the (a) increase in National Insurance contributions, (b) changes to the level of retail, hospitality and leisure rate business relief from 2025-26 and (c) changes to the business rate surcharge on properties above £500,000 Rateable Value from 2026-27. (22928)
- 180 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether any private sector companies contracted to her Department will receive increased payments for the increase in employer National Insurance contributions. (22929)
- 181 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 16945 on Business Rates, if she will make an estimate of business rates receipts for (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 for England only. (22930)
- 182 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the tax allowance for pensioners to £15,000. (23105)

- 183 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the annual cost of regulatory compliance for businesses in each of the last five years; and if she will make a comparative estimate of the cost of regulatory compliance (a) in the UK and (b) across the G7. (23069)
- 184N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the overseas development assistance budget to 0.7% of gross national income without applying the a fiscal test. [Transferred] (22370)
- 185 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to National Audit Office's report entitled, public service pensions, published on 19 March 2021, whether her Department plans to publish updated statistics on the balancing payments made to pensions schemes. (22986)
- 186 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what industrial disputes are ongoing within (a) their Department and (b) each of the arm's length bodies connected to their 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 he plans to take to end each dispute. (23027)
- 187 **Sam Carling** (North West Cambridgeshire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of recent changes to Meta guidelines on hateful conduct which allow Facebook users to refer to LGBT+ people as mentally ill. (23097)
- 188 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of section 159 of the Equality Act 2010 in the context of access to recruitment opportunities for white, working-class boys. (22943)
- 189 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of section 159 of the Equality Act 2010 in the context of access to training opportunities for white, working-class boys. (22944)
- 190 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of Section 158 of the Equality Act 2010 in the context of providing white, working-class boys with access to targeted outreach programmes. (22945)
- 191 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of section 158 of the Equality Act 2010 in the context of providing white, working-class boys with access to vocational training. (22946)
- 192 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of section 158 of the Equality Act 2010 in the context of access to internship opportunities for white, working-class boys. (22947)

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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 January

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21320 on written representations to the Department of Work and Pensions, whether there have been changes to the directions to Government departments on the logging of enquiries from (a) MPs and (b) Members of the devolved Parliaments and Assemblies. (22905)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 19414 on Non-departmental Public Bodies, how many non-departmental public bodies the Government plans to (a) open and (b) close. (22991)
- 3N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21859, on Flexible Working Taskforce, on what dates that taskforce met in each year from 2018 to 2022. [R] (23073)
- 4N **Mr Paul Foster** (South Ribble): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much has been spent on flood prevention works to protect the village of Croston in South Ribble constituency in the last five years; and what funds are allocated for future improvements. (23037)
- 5N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 19633 on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement, what recent assessment he has made of the extent to which primary legislation will be required before ratification. (22880)
- 6N **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support communities affected by recent flooding in Leicester; and whether he plans to make a flood recovery grant available to local authorities. (23035)
- 7N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department records the number of enquiries received from (a) hon. Members and (b) Members of Devolved (i) Parliaments and (ii) Assemblies on a quarterly basis. (22906)
- 8N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of maladministration around communications of State Pension age changes on the six sample cases in the



Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, HC 638, published on 21 March 2024.

(23034)

- 9N **Mark Sowards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people with (a) fibromyalgia, (b) ADHD and (c) other invisible disabilities are supported back into work.

(23070)

- 10N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the US Surgeon General's recommendations to include health warnings on alcohol labels; and whether he has plans to re-visit his Department's closed consultation entitled Updating labelling guidance for no and low-alcohol alternatives, published on 28 September 2023.

[R] (22971)

- 11N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the action by the Israeli Air Force on 8 September 2024 in Libya on Hezbollah's armed capability.

(22884)

- 12 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the information presented in the Hong Kong Legislative Council paper CB(2)1779/24-25(01) on 7 January 2025 and the reporting in Ming Pao on 8 January 2025, if he will (a) make an assessment of the potential impact of Hong Kong's Protection of Critical Infrastructure (Computer Systems) Bill on UK-based banks with (i) branches or offices based and (ii) electronic systems operating in Hong Kong and (b) take steps to protect those institutions from potential extraterritorial application of this legislation.

(22881)

- 13N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his counterpart in the United Arab Emirates to condemn the (a) detention of Ryan Cornelius in contravention of the ruling of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, (b) treatment of Ryan Cornelius in Al Awhir prison in contrary to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and (c) attempted coercion of Ryan Cornelius to sign a statement that he is well-treated in Al Awhir prison.

(22882)

- 14N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions her Department has held with the (a) Northern Ireland Executive and (b) Irish Government on the introduction of Electronic Travel Authorisations.

(23000)



- 15N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions her Department has had with (a) the (i) Northern Ireland and (ii) Ireland tourism industry and (b) other stakeholders on the introduction of Electronic Travel Authorisations. (23001)
- 16N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of Electronic Travel Authorisations on (a) tourism and (b) the economy in Northern Ireland. (23002)
- 17N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of Electronic Travel Authorisation exemptions for tourists travelling from Dublin to Northern Ireland for one week or less. (23003)
- 18N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which Army Reserve Centres are envisaged to require armed guarding in Northern Ireland after 2028. (22883)
- 19N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Education on the potential impact of protest-related activity on university campuses on the ability of defence companies to participate in careers fairs. (22950)
- 20N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral contribution by the Minister for Defence Procurement and Industry of 6 January 2025, Official Report, column 586, what the disposal plan is for (a) HMS Albion and (b) HMS Bulwark. (22951)
- 21N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of the cost of leasing the Diego Garcia military base will be covered by the United States. (22962)
- 22N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussion he has had with representatives of the United States administration on the cost to US armed forces of the leaseback of the Diego Garcia military base as part of the Chagos settlement. (22963)
- 23N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21267 on Defence: Procurement, when he plans full implementation of the NATO test across all his Department's procurement decisions. (22887)
- 24N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21267 on Defence: Procurement, what plans he has to review the effectiveness of the NATO test once implemented; and with what metrics. (22888)

- 25N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason the annual armed forces equipment and formations statistics was not published on 31 October 2024. (22889)
- 26N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his planned timetable is for publishing his Department's annual statistics on armed forces equipment and formations. (22890)
- 27N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with the President of the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) on the Renters Rights Bill. (22915)
- 28N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what metrics determine whether a Crown Court trial is classified as ineffective. (22891)
- 29N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether trials in the Crown Court starting on day two or later are classified as ineffective. (22892)
- 30N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of ineffective trials in the Crown Court started later than day one of the set trial date in 2024. (22893)
- 31N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of ineffective Crown Court trials which started after day one of the set trial date in 2024 reached completion. (22894)
- 32N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will have discussions with financial institutions to establish which additional banks will participate in the roll out of banking hubs. (22885)
- 33N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent estimate she has made of the change in GDP per capita by 2030. (22886)
- 34N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recent trends in borrowing costs on the Government's capacity to increase defence spending to 2.5% of GDP expenditure. (22961)
- 35N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, pursuant to the Answer of 7 January 2025 to Question 21052 on Gender: Public Consultation, if she will publish the submissions to the call for input on single-sex spaces which were determined to have met the submission criteria. (22987)

- 36N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, pursuant to the Answer of 7 January 2025 to Question 21052 on Gender: Public Consultation, if she will publish the submissions to the call for input on single-sex spaces which were determined not to meet the criteria because they contained text which was irrelevant to the request. (22988)
- 37N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, pursuant to the Answer of (a) 6 January 2025 to Question 21057 on Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Unpaid Work and (b) 20 November 2024 to Question 14502 on Gender: Equality, whether guidance is provided to Government departments on the potential situations in which it would be permissible for access to internship schemes to be restricted to people from non-white backgrounds. (22989)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 January

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 21403 on Cabinet Office: Pay, whether the mean salary of civil servants in the (a) Women's Equality Unit, (b) Race Disparity Unit and (c) Disability Unit will be included in the Government's transparency reporting. (22992)
- 2N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question 14034 on Flood Control: Gosport, when her Department plans to confirm the list of projects to receive Government flood resilience funding through the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. (22902)
- 3N **Mr Paul Foster** (South Ribble): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of pensioners receive Pension Credit in South Ribble constituency; and how many of these are new recipients since 31 July 2024. (23036)
- 4N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Pension Credit applications her Department has received in each of the last 12 months; and how many such applications were processed within the 50 day target. (22983)
- 5N **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with stakeholders on intermittent shortages of (a) Olanzapine and (b) other anti-psychosis medicines in the UK. (23071)

- 6N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to update guidance on how funds are allocated to GP surgeries in places with high demand such as Seaford, East Essex. (23079)
- 7N **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support democracy in Georgia. (23007)
- 8N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to increase awareness of e-visas in other countries. (22970)
- 9N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 16332 on Undocumented Migrants, whether she plans to make an estimate of the number of people in the UK illegally. (22990)
- 10N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 3 of the Renters' Rights Bill Impact Assessment, published in November 2024, what her Department's evidential basis is that tenants wanting to own a pet will incur approximately £7 in discretionary costs annually per household. (22916)
- 11N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 3 of the Renters' Rights Bill Impact Assessment, published in November 2024, what discussions she has had with insurers on the conclusion that tenants wanting to own a pet will incur approximately £7 in discretionary costs annually per household. (22917)
- 12N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support communities with high levels of housing growth where necessary infrastructure is not in place; and if she will have discussions with Lewes District Council on the impact of house building targets in Ringmer. (23078)
- 13N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average time is between a complaint being (a) received and (b) logged at the First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber – Residential Property). (22918)
- 14N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Renters' Rights Bill on levels of inflation in (a) the next six months and (b) the six months following the commencement of the Bill's provisions. (22919)
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**Oral Questions to the Prime Minister**

- 1 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 15 January. (902211)
- 2 **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): (902212)
- 3 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): (902213)
- 4 **Naushabah Khan** (Gillingham and Rainham): (902214)
- 5 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): (902215)
- 6 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): (902216)
- 7 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): (902217)
- 8 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): (902218)
- 9 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): [R] (902219)
- 10 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): (902220)
- 11 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): (902221)
- 12 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): (902222)
- 13 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): (902223)
- 14 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): (902224)
- 15 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): (902225)

**Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 January****Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what comparative estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of spending on road infrastructure in (a) the North East and (b) England over the last 15 years by (i) percentage of total Departmental spend and (ii) per head. (23005)
- 2N **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the (a) total cost to the public purse for, (b) proportion of her Department's total expenditure that was spent on and (c) spend per head for transport infrastructure in (a) the North East and (b) England the last 15 years. (23006)

- 3N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people were (a) awarded Pension Credit and (b) paid Winter Fuel Allowance in West Worcestershire constituency in (i) 2024-25 and (ii) 2023-24. (22903)

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### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

- 1 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): What steps she is taking to reduce gambling-related harm. (902173)
- 2 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): What assessment she has made of the contribution of community spaces to civil society. (902174)
- 3 **Joe Powell** (Kensington and Bayswater): What plans her Department has for the regulation of short-term lets. (902175)
- 4 **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): What progress her Department has made on creating a National Youth Strategy. (902176)
- 5 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): What steps her Department is taking to support small music venues. (902177)
- 6 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): What representations she has received from the creative industries sector on copyright concerns on the training of AI large language models. (902178)
- 7 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): What steps her Department is taking with the gambling and gaming industries to support responsible gambling. (902179)
- 8 **Chris Vince** (Harlow): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on supporting creative education. (902180)
- 9 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): What steps her Department is taking to support grassroots sport. (902181)
- 10 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): What steps she is taking to support the tourism sector. (902182)
- 11 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): What steps her Department is taking to promote the film industry in Berkshire. (902183)
- 12 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): What steps her Department has taken to support public trust in reliable sources of news and information. (902184)
- 13 **Kevin Bonavia** (Stevenage): What steps her Department has taken to support grassroots sport in Stevenage. (902185)
- 14 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): What recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of the planned increase in employer National Insurance contributions on charities. (902186)
- 15 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): What discussions she has had with relevant stakeholders on the future of the television industry. (902187)

- 16 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): What steps she is taking to support the tourism sector. (902188)
- 17 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): What recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of the planned increase in employer National Insurance contributions on charities. (902189)
- 18 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): What steps her Department is taking to support the creative industries. (902190)

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### Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

- T1 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (902191)
- T2 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): (902192)
- T3 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): (902193)
- T4 **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): (902194)
- T5 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): (902195)
- T6 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): (902196)
- T7 **Olivia Bailey** (Reading West and Mid Berkshire): (902197)
- T8 **Martin Vickers** (Brigg and Immingham): (902198)

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### Oral Questions to the hon. Member for Lancaster and Fleetwood, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission and the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners

- 1 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what assessment the Commissioners have made of the effectiveness of the listed places of worship and grant scheme. (902199)
- 2 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church has taken to respond to the recommendations set out in the Makin Review, published on 18 October 2024. (902200)
- 3 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to improve the maintenance of the Hyde Park Estate. (902201)



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- 4 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what assessment the Commissioners have made of the effectiveness of the listed places of worship and grant scheme. (902202)
- 5 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon and Consett): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what assessment the Commissioners have made of the effectiveness of the listed places of worship and grant scheme. (902203)
- 6 **Joe Powell** (Kensington and Bayswater): To ask the Rt hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, if the Commission will make an assessment of the potential merits of banning foreign donations to UK political parties. (902204)
- 7 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what recent steps the Church has taken to respond to allegations of child sexual abuse within the Church of England. (902205)
- 8 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church has taken to respond to the recommendations set out in the Makin Review, published on 18 October 2024. (902206)
- 9 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to tackle racial injustice. (902207)
- 10 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Rt hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, what recent assessment the Commission has made of the adequacy of the rules on donations by non-UK citizens to political parties. (902208)
- 11 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what assessment the Commissioners have made of the effectiveness of the listed places of worship and grant scheme. (902209)
- 12 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what discussions the Commissioners have had on the continuation of VAT relief under the listed places of worship grant scheme. (902210)
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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 Education, how many students were classified as educated otherwise than at school in the latest period for which figures are available; and how many children receiving educated otherwise than at school funding received less funding in the 2024-25 academic year than in 2023-24. (23046)

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- 2N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of NHS staff have been vaccinated for flu (a) this year and (b) at this stage in the flu cycle in each of the last four years. (22982)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 January

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many workers earn under the lower earnings limit in (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland. [Transferred] (22819)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 January

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will provide funding to (a) improve water quality in the river Tone in Somerset and (b) reduce pollution discharges (i) upstream of French Weir Bathing Water and (ii) downstream at Hook Bridge. (23074)