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Questions tabled on Monday 13 January 2025

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the guidance entitled Council of the Nations and Regions: Terms of Reference, published on 17 October 2024, in which Department is the (a) secretariat and (b) delivery group for that council based. [Transferred] (23143)
- 2 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed Grimsby to Walpole pylon project on the availability of farmland. [Transferred] (23122)
- 3 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation on Draft information and guidance on storm overflows, published on 16 December 2024. [Transferred] (23220)
- 4 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the Institute of the Motor Industry's survey entitled EV TechSafe Technician Forecasts - Jan 2024. [Transferred] (23173)
- 5 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the Casey Commission on social care will consult local government. [Transferred] (23152)

- 6 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes made to employer's National Insurance contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024 on costs to the private adult social care sector in (a) Scotland and (b) the rest of the UK. [Transferred] (23231)
- 7 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes made to employer's National Insurance contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024 on bed provision in the private adult social care sector in (a) Scotland and (b) the rest of the UK. [Transferred] (23232)
- 8 **Michael Payne** (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 5.149 of the Autumn Budget, whether receipts from right to buy sales (a) are ringfenced for new council housing or (b) can be used for general spending by local authorities. [Transferred] (23201)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Solicitor General, what discussions she has had with the Serious Fraud Office's Victim and Witness Care Unit on HMRC treatment of victims of fraud. (23701)
- 2 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Government plans to review the rules on donations to political parties in the UK. (23491)
- 3 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (23265)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 6 January 2025 to Question 21256 on Film: Marketing, where on gov.uk her Department plans to publish departmental spending on (a) branding and (b) official events. (23469)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 29 October 2024 to Question 10436 on Special Advisers: Training and with reference to the Freedom of Information Act request with reference FOI2024/14571, for what reason the requested information was released under the Freedom of Information Act; and if he will publish that response. (23470)

- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 14712 on Honours: Public Appointments, if he will list the assessment panel members for each of those competitions (a) before they closed and (b) after they re-opened. (23477)
- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2024 to Question 10698 on Ministers: Official Residences, who was allocated Admiralty House on a time limited basis. (23478)
- 8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Cabinet Secretary Letter to UK Government Ministers of 3 October 2024 on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, for what reason Ministers were told not to take part in the public debate. (23479)
- 9 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 December 2024 to Question 20828 on the National Security Adviser, whether the new National Security Adviser (a) attends, (b) chairs and (c) otherwise participates in any Cabinet (i) committees and (ii) subcommittees; whether he has any role in the (A) preparation, (B) drafting, (C) clearance and (D) approval of (1) agenda items, (2) minutes and (3) other documentation related to Cabinet (a) committee and (b) subcommittee meetings; and for what reason he was appointed as a special adviser rather than as a civil servant. (23480)
- 10 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has issued recent guidance on the appointment of consultant lobbyists as non-executive directors of Government Departments. (23481)
- 11 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to lay an Official Statistics Order to designate Skills England's statistical outputs as official statistics. (23483)
- 12 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Slack is permitted as an (a) corporate and (b) non-corporate communication channel in Government. (23485)
- 13 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question HL2339, on Cabinet Office: TikTok, how many staff are assigned to the New Media Unit; whether it includes special advisers; and whether it is based inside (a) 10 Downing Street and (b) the Cabinet Office. (23486)
- 14 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the potential cost to the public purse of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions on the Duchy of Lancaster. (23487)

- 15 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether it is Government policy to allow public servants time off to donate (a) blood and (b) plasma. (23466)
- 16 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the security of domestic elections from foreign interference. (23400)
- 17 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to improve relations with the European Union. (23401)
- 18 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will have discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of a youth mobility system between the United Kingdom and European Union. (23402)
- 19 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce trade barriers with the EU. (23403)
- 20 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to increase participation in elections. (23404)
- 21 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a searchable public database of political adverts to improve transparency for political (a) advertising, (b) donations and (c) spending. (23405)
- 22 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to publish the revised Gender Reassignment policy. (23677)
- 23 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the document entitled Plan for Change, published on 5 December 2024, what criteria his Department plans to use to assess the progress made on each of the Government's five key missions; and how frequently the Government plans to update Parliament on the status of each mission. (23331)
- 24 **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, if he will commission a public review into the potential impact of the delivery of that Plan's milestones on areas of public policy not covered in that Plan. (23332)
- 25 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what (a) insurance requirements and (b) enforcement mechanisms are in place for (a) private hire and (b) delivery drivers. (23547)

- 26 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to include appointments to the Fair Work Agency in the Public Bodies Order in Council; and whether the chair appointment will be classified as a significant appointment. (23484)
- 27 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the implications for (a) his policies and (b) bilateral trade relations of Argentina's most recent debt repayments to international bondholders. (23275)
- 28 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of Mexico's recent constitutional reforms on UK investments in the regional energy sector. (23276)
- 29 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 14th October 2024 to Question 5918 on Department for Business and Trade: Canada, whether he plans to meet the Agent General of (a) Ontario, (b) Quebec and (c) Saskatchewan in the next six months. (23277)
- 30 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent progress he has made on free-trade negotiations with the Swiss Confederation. (23278)
- 31 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what criteria is being used to select the body administering funding from the statutory gambling levy. (23407)
- 32 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the contribution of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme to the heritage crafts sector. (23300)
- 33 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the impact of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on religious minority groups in (a) Hampshire (b) South East England. (23301)
- 34 **David Baines** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) providing funding for speech and language interventions earlier than reception age and (b) help ensure that Family Hubs can support families within the home learning environment before the age of three. (23539)
- 35 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that schools are equipped to meet the needs of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities; and what additional (a) support, (b) resources and (c) training she is providing to improve (i) accessibility, (ii) inclusion and (iii) personalised learning in mainstream education. (23358)

- 36 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for introducing measures to improve inclusivity and expertise in mainstream schools. (23384)
- 37 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to implement inclusivity and expertise in mainstream schools. (23385)
- 38 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what hat assessment she has made of potential steps to improve and the (a) pay and (b) working conditions of supply teachers in North East Hertfordshire constituency. (23641)
- 39 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing domestic fee status for the children of British National (Overseas) visa holders in the UK. (23693)
- 40 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) fast-tracking higher-level teaching assistants to become teachers and (b) introducing teaching apprenticeships. (23636)
- 41 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the increase in employer National Insurance contributions on SEND transport to educational institutions. (23702)
- 42 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children with SEND use provided travel to and from educational facilities (a) nationally, (b) in Essex and (c) in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (23703)
- 43 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the safety valve on SEND provision in Huntingdon. (23533)
- 44 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mandatory requirements for nurseries to provide itemised breakdowns of additional service charges. (23548)
- 45 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions her Department has had with childcare providers on (a) changes in the level of additional service charges and (b) their potential impact on working families' ability to access affordable childcare. (23549)
- 46 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much additional funding her Department has allocated for special educational needs provision by Suffolk County Council following the Autumn Budget 2024. (23590)

- 47 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21873 on Teachers: Pay, when she plans to publish the allocation of the £300 million revenue funding for Further Education in the 2025/26 financial year. (23433)
- 48 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a suicide prevention strategy aimed at (a) school and (b) university students. (23434)
- 49 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will commission a survey of the mental health of children and young people in 2025. (23435)
- 50 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase (a) awareness and (b) uptake of the Adoption and Special Guardian Support Fund for eligible families. (23437)
- 51 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many families are eligible for the Adoption and Special Guardian Support Fund; and how many of these have accessed the fund since 7 February 2024. (23438)
- 52 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that heat pumps are a viable option for homes and businesses currently off the gas grid. (23696)
- 53 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to address regional disparities in access to public electric vehicle charging points to ensure equitable access across the UK. (23697)
- 54 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the UK's electric vehicle infrastructure keeps pace with the increasing number of electric vehicles on the road. (23698)
- 55 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12669 on Animal Products: Smuggling, if he will make an assessment of the likelihood of (a) banned and (b) African swine fever infected meat entering the UK via commercial channels without being intercepted at Sevington. (23681)
- 56 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12667 on African Swine Fever: Disease Control, whether his Department plans to continue to provide funding to Dover District Council beyond financial year 2024-25. (23682)
- 57 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 28 October 2024 to Question 10798 on African Swine Fever, what uncertainty is there around the human mediated pathways for African swine fever. (23683)

- 58 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for his policies of the publication entitled Farmed fur animals harbour viruses with zoonotic spillover potential, published by Nature on 4 September 2024. (23406)
- 59 **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the paper entitled Marine Protected Areas network report (2019 to 2024), published on 18 December 2024, what steps he plans to take to protect designated features within the MPA network that are not in a favourable condition from (a) destructive forms of fishing and (b) other stressors. (23251)
- 60 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with water companies on upgrading infrastructure to ensure the sewage system can accommodate heavy rainfall without overflowing sewage into waterways. (23690)
- 61 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to make healthy food options affordable to low-income families. (23691)
- 62 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Rodenticide Stewardship Scheme in reducing wildlife exposure to rat poisons; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking further steps to combat criminal use of rat poisons to kill birds of prey. (23627)
- 63 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 14343 on Litter, if he will publish each response to the consultation on statutory litter enforcement guidance that closed in April 2024. (23646)
- 64 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 18950 on Planning Permission: Air Pollution, if he will place in the Library a copy of the (a) equality impact and (b) environmental principles assessments made in relation to the new interim guidance on the consideration of the Environment Act PM2.5 targets in planning decision. (23647)
- 65 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of (a) 20 December 2024 to Question 19918 and (b) 3 January 2025 to Question 19918 on Waste: Codes of Practice, for what reason his Department has not issued the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse's enforcement guidance as statutory guidance. (23648)

- 66 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2024 to Question 19918 on Waste: Codes of Practice, if he will publish the responses to the consultation on making the Code of Practice statutory. (23649)
- 67 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the policy paper entitled Simpler Recycling in England: policy update, published on 29 November 2024, what the evidential basis is for the statement that he inherited legislation that could have required households to have up to seven bins. (23650)
- 68 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department holds data produced by WRAP on the number of containers required for waste and recycling collections by each waste collection authority. (23651)
- 69 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to Question 19922, on Domestic Waste: Waste Disposal, if he will take steps to ensure households are not fined for leaving items by the curtilage of their property to be given away and re-used. (23652)
- 70 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department issues guidance to local authorities on the size of (a) household rubbish and (b) recycling bins. (23653)
- 71 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of the introduction of meat-free Mondays in public sector canteens. (23654)
- 72 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support (a) wildlife sanctuaries and (b) nature reserves in Essex. (23284)
- 73 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what (a) financial and (b) other support his Department is providing to Rainham Marshes. (23285)
- 74 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the conservation of red squirrels. (23286)
- 75 **Dr Jeevun Sandher** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to expand the Flood Resilience Scheme to households which (a) have been affected outside named storms and (b) are at risk of flooding in the future. (23656)

- 76 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): 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 the outbreak of TB in Northern Irish farms. (23317)
- 77 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help reduce barriers to the roll-out of gigabit broadband to rural areas. (23426)
- 78 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (23262)
- 79 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that local magazine publishers (a) nationally and (b) in Southampton Test constituency are protected against copyright infringement from AI developers. (23661)
- 80 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of an opt-out for AI and copyright on smaller and medium-sized publishing businesses. (23662)
- 81 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that local magazine publishers (a) nationally and (b) in Southampton Test constituency can access licensing deals with AI developers. (23663)
- 82 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of an opt-out for AI and copyright on digital competition. (23664)
- 83N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to ensure that the skills needed for the implementation of the AI Opportunity Action Plan are developed across all four nations of the UK. (23414)
- 84 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to require (a) Instagram and (b) other social media channels to add posting dates to all posts. (23507)
- 85 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to increase awareness of the warning signs of lobular breast cancer. (23323)

- 86 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Advanced Research and Invention Agency on support for research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative artificial intelligence since July 2024. (23440)
- 87 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Arts and Humanities Research Council on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative artificial intelligence since July 2024. (23441)
- 88 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Economic and Social Research Council on supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative artificial intelligence since July 2024. (23442)
- 89 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Science and Technology Facilities Council on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23443)
- 90 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with Innovate UK on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23444)
- 91 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with Research England on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative artificial intelligence since July 2024. (23445)
- 92 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions has he had with Horizon Europe on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative artificial intelligence since July 2024. (23446)
- 93 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has plans to commission a domestic research strategy for (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative artificial intelligence. (23447)

- 94 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with UKRI on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative artificial intelligence since July 2024. (23448)
- 95 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with business stakeholders on the Government's approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative artificial intelligence since July 2024. (23449)
- 96 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with universities on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23450)
- 97 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to regulate the (a) detection, (b) prevention and (c) removal of deepfake images created by generative Artificial Intelligence. (23451)
- 98 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Government Office for Technology Transfer on their approach to supporting market innovation into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23452)
- 99 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Regulatory Innovation Office on UK research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23453)
- 100 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with Advanced Research and Invention Agency on support for research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23454)
- 101 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Arts and Humanities Research Council on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing deepfake images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23455)

- 102 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Economic and Social Research Council on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing child sexual abuse images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23456)
- 103 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Science and Technology Facilities Council on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing child sexual abuse images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23457)
- 104 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with Innovate UK on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing child sexual abuse images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23458)
- 105 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with Research England on their approach to supporting research into (a) detecting, (b) preventing and (c) removing child sexual abuse images created by generative Artificial Intelligence since July 2024. (23459)
- 106 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what transparency obligations his Department plans to introduce on generative AI developers. (23544)
- 107 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that generative AI does not undermine creative industries. (23545)
- 108 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of amending the national speed limit for rural roads. (23552)
- 109 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will publish practical driving test results broken down via (a) age and (b) gender for each of the test centres in greater Glasgow. (23553)
- 110 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has plans to consult with (a) community and (b) environmental groups on her Department's plans to modernise airspace. (23336)
- 111 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many street works carried out under emergency procedures she considers as evidence of misuse. [R] (23509)

- 112 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the utilities industry on minimising disruption caused by street works. [R] (23510)
- 113 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with Transport for London to reduce fare evasion. (23512)
- 114 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve the accessibility of bus services for disabled people in Lincolnshire. (23256)
- 115 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (23264)
- 116 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of audio-visual announcements by bus operators under the Bus Services Act 2017. (23665)
- 117 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the roll out of the Bus Open Data Service. (23555)
- 118 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing (a) home-to-school and (b) home-to-work transport from the registration of local services requirements of the Bus Open Data Service. (23556)
- 119 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many Public Service Vehicle operator licences were issued in each of the last five years for which data is available. (23557)
- 120 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a single Public Service Operator licence for each traffic area in England. (23558)
- 121 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 20346 on Bus Services: ICT, if she will take steps to ensure all new buses include charging points. (23559)
- 122 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of local authorities franchising bus services on smaller bus operators. (23560)
- 123 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the proportion of rail journeys eligible for discounts through the 2025 Rail Sale. (23561)

- 124 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many roads were closed during flooding in (a) Bedfordshire, (b) the East of England and (c) nationally in (i) 2024 and (ii) the latest period for which data is available. (23562)
- 125 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many open access applications (a) were approved in 2024 and (b) are awaiting a decision from the Office of Rail and Road. (23563)
- 126 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department holds on the number of bus incidents where driver fatigue was identified as an issue in (a) 2024 and (b) the last five years for which data is available. (23564)
- 127 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the second stage of the process evaluation of the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 will take place. (23565)
- 128 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to help ensure rail stations are step free. (23320)
- 129 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to help ensure that airports are accessible. (23321)
- 130 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people that were (a) eligible for and (b) not in receipt of Pension Credit in Runcorn and Helsby constituency on 13 January 2025. (23427)
- 131 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are receiving PIP as a result of having a lung condition; and whether breathlessness is taken into account when conducting a PIP assessment. (23671)
- 132 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her timeline is for completing the second pensions review. (23525)
- 133 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of changing Support for Mortgage Interest from a loan to a benefit. (23526)
- 134 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes made to Support for Mortgage Interest in 2018 on people in receipt of that loan. (23527)
- 135 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of how many people have been absent from work because of long term sickness over the last six months. (23315)

- 136 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many separated families applied to the Child Maintenance Service for advice on creating a family-based arrangement from 2021 to 2024; and how many parents who approached the Service did not proceed with a (a) Direct Pay and (b) Collect and Pay agreement in each of those years. (23592)
- 137 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many former armed forces personnel have been subject to enforcement proceedings by the Child Maintenance Service since 2021. (23593)
- 138 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what private sector companies the Child Maintenance Service has contracted to implement enforcement proceedings; what the value of each contract is; whether funds paid by parents are paid to such companies; and what accountability mechanisms are in place. (23594)
- 139 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the costs to the Child Maintenance Service are of the (a) supervision and (b) processing of (i) Direct Pay and (ii) Collect and Pay arrangements. (23595)
- 140 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many paying parents party to a child maintenance agreement are assessed to have an income of less than £12,570 per year; how many paying parents are in receipt of universal credit; and how many paying parents are estimated to be earning less than the receiving parent. (23596)
- 141 **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the eligibility criteria for IVF for access to treatment for surrogate mothers where the intended parents are same-sex male couples. (23508)
- 142 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to (a) treatment and (b) support services for people with arthritis; and what steps he is taking to increase awareness of the condition. (23686)
- 143 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the number of people with (a) learning disabilities and (b) autism in inpatient units; and what progress she has made on implementing (i) community-based support and (ii) housing solutions to (A) prevent unnecessary admissions and (B) facilitate timely discharge in line with the Transforming Care Programme and Building the Right Support plan. (23359)
- 144 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure (a) adequate and (b) sustainable funding for (i) social care and (ii) disability care services. (23360)

- 145 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that disabled people employed in the health and social care sector are afforded (a) reasonable adjustments, (b) support in the workplace and (c) other employment rights. (23361)
- 146 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to ensure the engagement of (a) disabled children and adults, (b) their families and (c) representative organisations, in consultations on health and social care policy development. (23362)
- 147 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Mental Health Investment Standard (a) on meeting his Department's priorities and (b) in tackling historical disparities between mental and physical healthcare provision. (23364)
- 148 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the supply of HRT products in London. (23335)
- 149 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce ambulance waiting times (a) in the A&E queue and (b) for Torbay and South Devon NHS foundation trust. (23529)
- 150 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to meet with the leadership of the Lobular Moon Shot Project to discuss funding. (23700)
- 151 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to ensure (a) equivalent health funding is allocated to the devolved Administrations and (b) all UK nations benefit equitably from health service improvements. (23657)
- 152 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 2.71 of the Autumn Budget 2024, whether the £70 million for new radiotherapy machines will be made available to upgrade machines. (23289)
- 153 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 2.71 of the Autumn Budget 2024, how the £70 million for new radiotherapy machines will increase access to (a) adaptive radiotherapy and (b) other forms of modern radiotherapy. (23290)
- 154 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the radiotherapy tariff was last updated; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential need for further updates. (23291)

- 155 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 2.71 of the Autumn Budget 2024, what estimate he has made of the number of radiotherapy machines that will be replaced; and whether his Department plans to fund a rolling replacement programme. (23292)
- 156 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 2.71 of the Autumn Budget 2024, what criteria he plans to use to prioritise the allocation of the funds for radiotherapy cancer treatments. (23293)
- 157 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many radiotherapy machines are (a) over the 10-year recommended age and (b) at risk of being out of date by the end of 2025; and how many of such machines he plans to replace with funding announced in paragraph 2.71 of the Autumn Budget 2024. (23294)
- 158 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department (a) has consulted and (b) plans to consult with (i) clinical experts, (ii) the radiotherapy industry, (iii) patients and (iv) charities on how best to allocate the funds announced in the Budget for new radiotherapy machines. (23295)
- 159 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of radiotherapy infrastructure. (23296)
- 160 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that funding for radiotherapy cancer treatments addresses regional inequalities in access to (a) advanced radiotherapy techniques and (b) radiotherapy satellite centres; and if he will include an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of such inequalities in the NHS 10 year plan. (23297)
- 161 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what percentage of cancer patients have access to radiotherapy as their primary treatment; and what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for his policies of barriers to increasing that percentage. (23298)
- 162 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of funding levels for NHS Dentists in the South West of England; and if his Department will draw up plans on how to use additional funding for the NHS as announced in the Autumn Budget 2024 to provide more dental appointments in the South West of England. (23644)

- 163 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 7 January 2024 to Question 20962 on NHS: Staff, whether the engagement on the NHS workforce plan will include (a) a formal consultation separate to that on the 10 year health plan and (b) health charities as a key stakeholder group. (23314)
- 164 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many delayed discharges there were in Lincolnshire since 2022. (23261)
- 165 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (23263)
- 166 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of people who developed secondary breast cancer after completing the 10-year recommended hormone therapy in the latest period for which data is available. (23287)
- 167 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on whether there are ongoing trials to assess whether continuing hormone therapy indefinitely after a primary breast cancer diagnosis would prevent this cohort of patients from going on to develop secondary breast cancer. (23288)
- 168 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to promote cooperation between Integrated Care Boards on (a) data and (b) treatment options for patients. [R] (23623)
- 169 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to increase the five-year survival rate of Acute Myeloid Leukaemia, from 22% to 44%. [R] (23624)
- 170 **Kim Leadbeater** (Spen Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 21525 on Influenza: Vaccination, whether he plans to expand the eligibility criteria for winter flu vaccinations in the context of trends in the number of people with flu in winter 2024-25. (23496)
- 171 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on a long term funding settlement for NHS dentistry. (23369)
- 172 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the timely publication of the final results of the Mirocals trial for motor neurone disease; and what steps his Department plans to take to ensure rapid access to Proleukin for patients through NHS pathways if the trial outcomes are positive. (23688)

- 173 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the waiting time for Emergency Care in Epsom and Ewell constituency. (23689)
- 174 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that private ambulance service personnel on NHS contracts receive (a) recognition and (b) honours. (23634)
- 175 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that NHS patients who consent to have their data shared with UK medical institutions for research and development will not have their data shared overseas. (23635)
- 176 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support patients adversely impacted by pelvic mesh implants. (23566)
- 177 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many penalty charge notices have been issued against patient transport service vehicles in each of the last five years for which data is available. (23567)
- 178 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will include an expansion of (a) radiology and (b) oncology speciality training places in the next iteration of the Long Term Workforce Plan. (23252)
- 179 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of recruitment freezes in the NHS diagnostics workforce on plans to ensure same day scan results in Community Diagnostic Centres. (23253)
- 180 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to increase speciality training places in (a) radiology and (b) oncology. (23254)
- 181 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring NHS trusts to develop long-term plans for the (a) cancer and (b) diagnostic workforce including (i) training and (ii) consultant posts. (23255)
- 182 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions his Department has had with women experiencing (a) pain and (b) complications from transvaginal mesh implants. (23704)
- 183 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of the length of waiting lists for a lifesaving organ in (a) Greater Manchester and (b) England. (23467)

- 184 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to issue Severe Shortage Protocols for (a) methylphenidate, (b) dexamfetamine, (c) atomoxetine, (d) lisdexamfetamine, (e) guanfacine, (f) oestrogel, (g) bupropion and (h) lamotrigine. (23425)
- 185N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he plans to extend the assurances provided on funding for the increase in employer National Insurance costs to NHS Trusts to general practice. [Transferred] (23205)
- 186 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to regulate the advertising of vapes in local vape shops on high streets so that they do not appeal to children. (23430)
- 187 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dentists have been recruited under the Dental recruitment incentive scheme in (a) Suffolk Coastal constituency, (b) Suffolk and (c) the East of England. (23591)
- 188 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department is providing to increase patient capacity in the Queen's Hospital, Romford Accident and Emergency Department. (23279)
- 189 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department is providing to increase patient capacity on mental health wards in (a) Romford constituency and (b) the surrounding area. (23280)
- 190 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve primary care facilities in (a) Romford constituency and (b) the surrounding area. (23281)
- 191 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to visit healthcare facilities in the (a) London Borough of Havering and (b) surrounding area in the next six months. (23282)
- 192 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department is providing to people affected by seasonal flu in Romford constituency. (23283)
- 193 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many organs were donated for transplant in 2024. (23316)
- 194 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the time taken to diagnose (a) mouth and (b) throat cancer. (23318)
- 195 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his timescale is for launching an independent commission into adult social care. (23319)

- 196 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle delays to care packages. (23322)
- 197 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the dementia diagnosis rate was for people aged under 65 who had developed symptoms on 13 January 2025; and if he will publish a monthly estimate of this rate within national primary care dementia data. (23678)
- 198 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will increase NHS dental funding to improve (a) accessibility, (b) workforce retention and (c) patient outcomes; and what steps he has taken to ensure there is equitable access to dental services. (23597)
- 199 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason ambulance services must sign up to a maintenance package in order to reclaim VAT in relation to the leasing of vehicles. (23520)
- 200 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many hospital visits the Minister for Health (Secondary Care) has made in the last six months; and which hospitals she visited. (23389)
- 201 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many meetings he has attended to discuss winter preparedness. (23390)
- 202 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many meetings the Minister for Health (Secondary Care) has attended on (a) A&E performance and (b) flow through the emergency care system. (23391)
- 203 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many meetings the Minister for Health (Secondary Care) has attended to review NHS performance on discharging patients from hospital. (23392)
- 204 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of recent trends in the level the social care capacity available to support discharges from hospitals in the last 12 months. (23393)
- 205 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many meetings the Minister of State for Health (Secondary Care) has had with the National health and social care discharge taskforce. (23394)
- 206 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to increase (a) hospital and (b) social care capacity for winter 2024-25. (23395)
- 207 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many deaths were associated with the abuse of nitrous oxide in (a) England and (b) Wales in (i) 2021, (ii) 2022 and (iii) 2023. (23309)

- 208 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many deaths were associated with helium and nitrogen in England and Wales in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (23310)
- 209 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many deaths were associated with the abuse of volatile substances in England and Wales in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023; and what volatile substances were mentioned on death certificates in England and Wales in each of those years. (23311)
- 210 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) age and (b) sex was of people whose deaths related to volatile substances in England and Wales from 2021 to 2023; and what the location of each such death was. (23312)
- 211 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the mean age of death was of deaths related to volatile substances in England and Wales from 2021 to 2023. (23313)
- 212 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding he plans to provide for child and adolescent mental health services in the next financial year. (23436)
- 213 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. (23542)
- 214 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to raise awareness of Duchenne muscular dystrophy. (23543)
- 215 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to his Bangladeshi counterpart on (a) violence and (b) persecution against religious minorities since August 2024. (23302)
- 216 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): 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 alleged reports of violence against (a) religious minorities and (b) Christian communities in the Dhamirahat region of Bangladesh. (23303)
- 217 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to uphold human rights in Sudan. (23492)
- 218 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 15510 on Ghana: Treaties, whether his Department holds any record (a) of a treaty ceding Akwamu to the Gold Coast Colony signed in 1886 and (b) the ratification of any such treaty. (23506)

- 219 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish Lord Mandelson's declaration of interests as the new Ambassador to the United States. (23476)
- 220 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Namibian counterpart on relations between the UK and that country. (23600)
- 221 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2024 to Question 2170 on British National (Overseas): Pensions, whether he has had recent discussions with other banks on access to (a) pensions and (b) other financial assets in Hong Kong for people with British National (Overseas) visas. (23694)
- 222 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department took to assess the safety of travel to countries bordering the Red Sea before issuing travel advice on diving and snorkelling in the travel advice on Egypt. (23329)
- 223 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether (a) he and (b) the Minister of State (Europe, North America and Overseas Territories) has met the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark since taking office. (23270)
- 224 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark on (a) Greenland and (b) the Faroe Islands since taking office. (23271)
- 225 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of reports of the detention and subsequent release of María Corina Machado; and what representations he has made to the Venezuelan government on the right to free political expression. (23272)
- 226 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential geopolitical implications of the expansion of BRICS. (23273)
- 227 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many British nationals have requested consular assistance in Haiti since July 2024. (23274)
- 228 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that UK aid to Pakistan is not used to support human rights abuses in Balochistan. (23326)

- 229 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): 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 attacks on Christian communities in Nigeria during December 2024. (23327)
- 230 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with the Secretary of State for the Home Department to help deter malign Iranian activity in the UK. (23613)
- 231 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much and what proportion of the Government's allocated funding for the promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief has been directed towards supporting persecuted Christian communities globally in the last three financial years.(23299)
- 232 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress she has made on ending the use of hotels to accommodate asylum seekers. (23511)
- 233 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle financial scams. (23513)
- 234 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what timetable she has set for establishing specialist rape and sexual offences teams in every police force. (23371)
- 235 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what timetable she has set to introduce domestic abuse experts in 999 control rooms. (23372)
- 236 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what timetable she has set to introduce a victims' legal advocate in every police force area. (23373)
- 237 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to encourage uptake of the SafeLives Independent Domestic Violence Advisor training course. (23374)
- 238 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to amend police funding to help tackle extreme misogyny. (23376)
- 239 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to prevent increased quantities of disposable vapes being imported before June 2025. (23423)

- 240 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that importers comply with the ban on disposable vapes from June 2025. (23424)
- 241 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking with (a) Europol, (b) Eurojust, (c) French authorities and (d) other international partners (i) on tackling migration challenges and (ii) to help reduce deaths in the Channel. (23684)
- 242 **Adam Jgee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department holds on the total number of calls Staffordshire Police have received requesting help on domestic abuse incidents between (a) 20 December 2024 and (b) 2 January 2025. (23601)
- 243 **Adam Jgee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps her Department has taken to tackle criminal activity via county lines. (23602)
- 244 **Adam Jgee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's planned timetable is for implementing the recommendations of the Final report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, published in October 2022. (23603)
- 245 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department considers the Muslim Brotherhood and its international offshoots extremist entities. (23464)
- 246 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prevent neglect of monkeys used for medical research. (23465)
- 247 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many chartered flights for the deportation of illegal migrants there were in each of the last five years; and how many such migrants there were on each such flight. (23572)
- 248 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many removals of illegal migrants were (a) voluntary and (b) enforced since 2018. (23573)
- 249 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the nationality was of the illegal migrants removed since 2018. (23574)
- 250 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of illegal migrants have been deported following an immigration raid in each of the last five years. (23575)

- 251 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average award to each individual under the Voluntary Returns Scheme was; and what the total cost to the public purse of the Voluntary Returns Scheme was in each of the last five years. (23576)
- 252 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people scheduled for deportation have absconded in each of the last five years. (23577)
- 253 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of conducting a review of the number of irregular migrants resident in the UK. (23578)
- 254 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many travel warrants have been issued to irregular migrants in each of the last five years; and what the total cost to the public purse of these were. (23579)
- 255 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing legislation to lower the threshold at which the Department has a legal duty to deport foreign national offenders. (23581)
- 256 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of known irregular migrants the Department has lost track of in each of the last five years. (23582)
- 257 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 18440 on Visas: Families, whether her Department collects data on the immigration status of sponsors for family visa applications. (23583)
- 258 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been returned to their country of origin by the Third Country Unit in the last five years. (23584)
- 259 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what training programmes there are for (a) law enforcement and (b) judicial officers to (i) identify and (ii) tackle grooming gang activities. (23585)
- 260 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department (a) collects and (b) analyses the (i) demographic, (ii) ethnic and (iii) religious backgrounds of people convicted of grooming gang offences. (23587)
- 261 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a comparative review of grooming-gang offences with other countries to learn best practice. (23588)

- 262 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with individual police forces on ensuring a timely administration of the Immediate Choice Police pension group to receive their McCloud remedy pension payments. (23692)
- 263 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of moving responsibility for drugs policy to the Department of Health and Social Care. (23632)
- 264 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of imposing civil rather than criminal penalties on people found in possession of drugs for personal use. (23633)
- 265 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Animals in Science Regulation Unit's annual report 2023, published on 17 December 2024, for what reasons has there been an increase in incidents involving failure to provide adequate care for animals. (23568)
- 266 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Animals in Science Regulation Unit's annual report 2023 published on 17 December 2024, what steps her Department is taking to increase compliance with (a) legislation and (b) licence conditions with respect to the provision of care for animals. (23569)
- 267 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the fire service's preparedness to effectively (a) manage and (b) respond to forest fires in Surrey. (23675)
- 268 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help deter Russian interference in democratic processes in the UK. (23614)
- 269 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that police resources for tackling knife crime at a local level are used effectively. (23615)
- 270 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to implement the provisions on foreign interference in the National Security Act 2023 that have yet to be commenced. (23514)
- 271 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to respond to the consultation entitled Alcohol in licensed pavement areas, which closed on 11 July 2024. (23515)
- 272 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to reform industrial relation practices in the (a) fire and rescue service and (b) police service. (23516)

- 273 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will hold discussions with responsible authorities on taking steps to tackle (a) unlawful gambling, (b) unlawful street vendors, (c) unlawful parking and (d) unlicensed pedicabs on Westminster Bridge; and who the responsible authorities are. (23517)
- 274 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to reduce the legal age for tattoos to 16 under the Tattooing of Minors Act 1969. (23518)
- 275 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions (a) ministers, (b) officials, and (c) special advisors had with chief constables about the deployment of armed officers at Christmas markets in England and Wales in 2024. (23521)
- 276 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 27 December 2024 to Question 19469 on Home Office: Equality and with reference to the Civil Service Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Expenditure Guidance, published on 14 May 2024, if she will remove all stand-alone equality, diversity and inclusion roles. (23523)
- 277 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to respond to the consultation on Alcohol in licensed pavement areas; and what her policy is on (a) pavement licences and (b) takeaway pints. (23524)
- 278 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 16963 on Israel: F-35 Aircraft, whether any F-35 components manufactured in Britain are designed specifically for the F-35I Adir variant of the F-35 fighter jet. (23609)
- 279 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether UK forces (a) took part and (b) provided support to their Israeli counterparts in the airstrikes on Yemen on Friday 10 January 2025. (23610)
- 280 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to provide immediate mental support to veterans medically discharged from service. (23324)
- 281 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what military funding he plans to provide to Ukraine in 2025. (23325)
- 282 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of the Defence Medical Services cadre is operationally fit to deploy. (23616)

- 283 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve the UK's space-based (a) positioning, (b) navigation and (c) timing capabilities, in the context of encrypted and alerting services. (23617)
- 284 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 30 October 2024 to Question 10482 on Flats: Fire Prevention, when the Department's previous contract with PRP Group expired for the independent audit of Fire Risk Appraisals of the External Walls for under 11 metre buildings; and what estimate she has made of when the procurement of a new contract will be complete. (23428)
- 285 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to protect pubs in (a) Forest of Dean constituency and (b) other rural communities. (23687)
- 286 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a statutory duty to provide public conveniences. (23672)
- 287 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities to provide public conveniences. (23673)
- 288 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the publication entitled Explanatory note on the National Insurance Contribution compensation 2025 to 2026, published 18 December 2024, for what reason the allocation was not calculated using published local authority payroll data. (23431)
- 289 **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 (a) support for homeless people, and (b) the criteria by which those at risk of homelessness are deemed vulnerable. (23645)
- 290 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to increase levels of investment in high streets in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (23257)
- 291 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the supply of adapted housing for (a) adults and (b) children with disabilities in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (23259)

- 292 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to (a) protect and (b) enhance green spaces in (i) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (ii) Lincolnshire. (23260)
- 293 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with refence to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question HL3240 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, which (a) local authorities and (b) public bodies have submitted representations to the planning inquiry. (23338)
- 294 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to recommendation 3 of the report entitled Report on the 2024 UK Parliamentary general election and the May 2024 elections, published by the Electoral Commission, if she will make it her policy that postal voting should be the default option for all overseas voters when they register for elections. (23339)
- 295 **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 14950 on Council tax and with reference to the Provisional local government finance settlement: England, 2025 to 2026, published on 18 December 2024, what estimate her Department has made of the (a) increase in council tax receipts between 2024-25 and 2025-26 on which the core spending power estimates in the draft Settlement are based and (b) the proportion of the increase in council tax receipts that are expected to be derived from (i) increases in the level of council tax in (A) Band D and (B) and other bands and (ii) changes in net housing supply in 2025-26. (23340)
- 296 **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 15001 on Local Government Finance and with reference to the Provisional local government finance settlement: England, 2025 to 2026, published on 18 December 2024, what estimate her Department has made of the (a) value of locally retained business rates in 2025-26 and (b) the proportion of core spending power comprised by those rates. (23341)
- 297 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17829 on Combined Authorities, what guidance her Department has issued on whether a two-tier area currently with a county council and district councils will (a) form a combined authority for that county area or (b) be merged with another county area to form a combined authority. (23342)
- 298 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department has issued on how the proposed Community Right to Buy will (a) operate and (b) differ from the community rights provisions of the Localism Act 2011. (23343)

- 299 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17835 on Local Government Pension Scheme, and with reference to the consultation paper entitled Local Government Pension Scheme (England and Wales): Fit for the future, published on 14 November 2024, on what (a) geographical areas or (b) local government tiers will the new asset pools be based. (23344)
- 300 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how the allowances of combined authority mayors will be determined. (23345)
- 301 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 18950 on Planning Permission: Air Pollution, if she will make an estimate of the average additional cost resulting from that interim guidance for a new building dwelling in areas with poor air quality. (23346)
- 302 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 19363 on INTERREG Programme, whether any of the Interreg programmes are still operational. (23347)
- 303 **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 16954 on New Towns, what discussions she has had with local authorities on participation in the New Towns programme. (23348)
- 304 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her policy is on the frequency at which local authorities can issue local newspapers. (23349)
- 305 **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: England, 2025 to 2026, published on 18 December 2024, what estimate she has made of the expected increase in average Band D council tax in England in (a) cash and (b) percentage terms between 2024-25 and 2025-26 when calculating the core spending power increase. (23350)
- 306 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Regulator of Social Housing has provided guidance to registered providers of social housing on translation of guidance into foreign languages. (23351)

- 307 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2024 to Question 18959 on Planning Authorities: Staff, whether she plans to provide funding for the ongoing salary costs of the 300 new planning officers in the 2006-07 financial year. (23352)
- 308 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 6 January 2025, HCWS353, on Community Ownership Fund Round 4, how will the funds previously allocated to the Fund be utilised elsewhere. (23353)
- 309 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will list the programmes launched since 5 July 2024 requiring local authorities to bid for funding. (23354)
- 310 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps the Government is taking to support energy efficiency in domestic dwellings through the replacement of single glazed windows with double or triple glazing; and in what circumstances is planning permission required for such replacements. (23355)
- 311 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 16 December 2024, Official Report, HCWS316, on the Devolution White Paper, whether devolution by default will include the devolution of local taxation powers by default. (23356)
- 312 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to Answer of 13 October 2023 to Question 201037 on Rivers: Environment Protection, what steps her Department has taken to support the implementation of the Chalk Stream Recovery Pack. (23357)
- 313 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of changes in the numbers of Permitted Development Rights. (23660)
- 314 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support her Department provides to local authorities for English language tuition for (a) British National (Overseas) visa holders and (b) their families. (23695)
- 315 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had recent discussions with postal workers on the potential impact of low-level letter boxes on health and safety at work. (23504)
- 316 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of banning low level letter boxes on levels of injuries in postal workers. (23505)

- 317 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on steps to improve public engagement with politics. (23397)
- 318 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure all eligible voters are on the electoral register. (23398)
- 319 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on steps to increase democratic education. (23399)
- 320 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2024, to Question 19922, on Domestic Waste: Waste Disposal, whether the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman has issued guidance on the issuing of fixed penalty notices for householders who leave items by the curtilage of their property to be given away and re-used. (23655)
- 321 **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what will happen to existing Council debt following local government reorganisation. (23337)
- 322 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to encourage developers establishing new buildings to have (a) solar panels, (b) batteries and (c) heat pumps fitted; and what support is available to those developers. (23493)
- 323 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the merits of assessing council tax value based on the number of bedrooms within a property. (23495)
- 324 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of using alternative voting systems to first past the post for new local authorities. (23541)
- 325 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to review sentencing guidelines for extreme misogyny. (23375)
- 326 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what her planned timetable is for establishing specialist rape courts in every Crown Court location in England and Wales. (23377)
- 327 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department's sentencing review will include domestic abuse offences. (23378)

- 328 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department's sentencing review will include sexual violence offences. (23379)
- 329 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department's sentencing review will consider the suitability of sentences for stalking offences. (23380)
- 330 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department's sentencing review will consider the suitability of sentences for honour-based violence. (23381)
- 331 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department's sentencing review consider the suitability of sentences for doxing offences. (23382)
- 332 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department's sentencing review will consider the potential merits of designating misogyny as a hate crime. (23383)
- 333 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many deaths were registered in Wales between 1 January 2024 and 8 September 2024. (23408)
- 334 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many deaths were registered in Wales between 9 September 2024 and 31 December 2024. (23409)
- 335 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, of the deaths registered in Wales between 1 January 2024 and 8 September 2024 and which were not reported to the Coroner, how long on average did it take for a certificate for (a) burial or (b) cremation to be issued. (23410)
- 336 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, of the deaths registered in Wales between 9 September 2024 and 31 December 2024 and which were not reported to the Coroner, how long on average did it take for a certificate for (a) burial or (b) cremation to be issued. (23411)
- 337 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (England and Wales) Regulations 2024 on the timely registration of deaths. (23412)
- 338 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people on bail for immigration cases have public authorities lost track of in each of the last five years. (23580)
- 339 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a review of sentencing guidelines for people convicted of grooming-gang offences. (23586)

- 340 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average time is for grooming-gang offences to proceed through the judicial system from initial report to final decision. (23589)
- 341 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison cell fires there were in 2024, broken down by institution. (23432)
- 342 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he considers the International Criminal Court to be a foreign court. (23474)
- 343 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of government support for debt advisory services. (23429)
- 344 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the number of credit unions operating in (a) London and (b) England. (23333)
- 345 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to increase the number of credit unions operating in England. (23334)
- 346 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the new carbon capture clusters on the economy in (a) Teesside and (b) Merseyside. (23679)
- 347 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she had discussions with industry stakeholders at the International Investment Summit on investment in the UK's strategic energy infrastructure. (23680)
- 348 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what support her Department is providing to SMEs on the changes to employers National Insurance contributions. (23605)
- 349 **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to require public country-by-country reporting by multinational corporations on (a) taxation and (b) where companies are (i) trading and (ii) making profits. (23626)
- 350 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many farms were subject to inheritance tax in South Holland and the Deepings constituency in the last five financial years. (23258)
- 351 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate HMRC have made of levels of money laundering from Bangladesh into the UK property market. (23471)

- 352 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish all internal equality impact assessments produced for measures included in the Autumn Budget 2024 and lay copies of them in the House of Commons library. (23472)
- 353 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Financial Conduct Authority's consultation entitled Diversity and inclusion in the financial sector – working together to drive change, which closed on 18 December 2023, if she will recommend that the Financial Conduct Authority does not introduce a new regulatory framework on diversity and inclusion in the financial sector. (23473)
- 354 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the revenue raised by extending deemed reseller rules to include UK-established sellers. (23416)
- 355 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the extent of VAT non-compliance by overseas retailers selling (a) goods and (b) services in the UK through online marketplaces. (23417)
- 356 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending deemed reseller rules to include UK-established sellers. (23418)
- 357 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of taxing wine according to strength on wine (a) producers and (b) vendors. (23674)
- 358 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the increase of tax paid by hospices as a result of changes to National Insurance contributions rates. (23611)
- 359 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the costs to HMRC of processing changes to rates of National Insurance contributions. (23612)
- 360 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to help tackle the ethnicity pay gap. (23669)

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- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any products originating from China are stocked by the 10 Downing Street gift shop. (23475)

- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Ministerial residence in 11 Downing Street pays council tax as a (a) sole or main residence, (b) single person discount and (c) second home. (23482)
- 3N **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024. (23666)
- 4N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps is he taking to tackle the impact of grey imports on UK businesses. (23604)
- 5N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate he has made of the number of imported disposable vapes manufactured in China in (a) 2024 and (b) 2023. (23421)
- 6N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when the next phase of Help to Grow Management Programme funds will be available to universities. (23304)
- 7N **Nigel Farage** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure sanctions are taken against companies which have been sanctioned by other nations for links with the Muslim brotherhood. (23537)
- 8N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 19977 on Trade Union Officials, on what dates (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have met with trade union officials since 1 November 2024. (23618)
- 9N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the net monetary value to business was of the removal of regulation in each year from 2010 to 2024. (23619)
- 10N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with businesses on the subsidy control regime. (23620)
- 11N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2024 to Question 19287 on Trade Agreements: India, whether talks have begun. (23621)
- 12N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many laptop computers procured for his Department have been (a) lost and (b) stolen in each of the last 12 months. (23622)
- 13N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department has taken to monitor the application of the General Product Safety Regulations in Northern Ireland and Great Britain. (23490)

- 14N **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024. (23667)
- 15N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to Section 132 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, whether any employers' associations maintain a political fund. (23639)
- 16N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that the risks of (a) cold water, (b) open water and (c) drowning are covered in the national curriculum. (23489)
- 17N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with local councils on the future funding of the Holiday Activities and Food programme. (23308)
- 18N **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the (a) retention and (b) pass rate is for 16 to 19 year olds studying three A level-equivalent (i) applied general and (ii) tech level qualifications. (23642)
- 19N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of supplies of Liquefied Natural Gas between January and April 2025. (23267)
- 20N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 17189 on National Grid: Costs of the Western and Eastern Links, if he will make an estimate of the time for delivering the onshore option for Eastern Green Link 1&2. (23388)
- 21N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Answer of 3 November 2020 to Question 110812 on Renewable Energy: Government Assistance, if he publish the same information for each year since 2019-20. (23638)
- 22N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to Question 17503 on Fishing Catches, what (a) criteria and (b) thresholds were applied in deciding which instances of non-compliance with the landing obligation merited enforcement through (i) verbal and (ii) written advice; and when the Marine Management Organisation expects to conclude decisions on remaining cases of non-compliance. (23249)
- 23N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he will attend the UN Oceans Conference in June 2025. (23250)

- 24N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) protect the livestock sector from the confirmed outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Germany and (b) prevent the disease entering the UK. (23461)
- 25N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure the financial viability of National Landscapes. (23670)
- 26N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to Question 20371 on Sewers: Private Sector, tabled on 16 December 2024. (23497)
- 27N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the National Food Strategy will account for the role of biodiversity in underpinning the food system. (23530)
- 28N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the devolved Administrations on the AI Opportunity Action Plan. (23413)
- 29N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussion he has had with (a) Skills England and (b) the equivalent agencies in the devolved nations on the AI Opportunity Action Plan. (23415)
- 30N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress her Department has made on the preparation of a third cycling and walking investment strategy. (23640)
- 31N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people (a) made applications for Pension Credit and (b) were successful between 29 July 2024 and 21 December 2024. (23266)
- 32N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people who on the National Living Wage who will become liable for income tax from 6 April 2025. (23269)
- 33N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to consult with organisations that advocate for deaf and disabled people on employment support reforms; and what recent discussions she has had with those organisations on supporting deaf and disabled people in the workplace. (23608)
- 34N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether people previously diagnosed with (a) Down Syndrome and (b) other severe learning difficulties will be required to undergo a further assessment when their (i) personal independence payment and (ii) employment support allowance are migrated to universal credit. (23247)

- 35N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the (a) efficacy and (b) efficiency of NHS Pathways. (23396)
- 36N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21526 on Methylphenidate: Norfolk, how many prescriptions for methylphenidate were dispensed by Norfolk and Waveney (a) integrated care board and (b) clinical commissioning group in each year between 2019 and 2024. (23598)
- 37N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Agency on the closure of the Apricity business. (23305)
- 38N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to update existing regulations in the fertility industry. (23306)
- 39N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of existing regulation of the fertility industry. (23307)
- 40N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of issuing guidance to hospitals on using withheld numbers to contact patients about appointments. (23628)
- 41N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was for an autism diagnosis in Kent in (a) 2025 and (b) 2020; and what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for receiving an autism diagnosis. (23631)
- 42N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many nursing positions for the provision of care in corridors have been advertised in NHS hospitals since 4 July 2024. (23536)
- 43N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the age profile is of the NHS midwifery workforce for each Agenda for Change pay band in each region of England in the most recent month for which figures are available. (23499)
- 44N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the age profile is of the NHS midwifery workforce in (a) the most recent month for which figures are available and (b) the same month in each year since 2015. (23500)
- 45N **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the New Hospital Programme Review has been completed; and when he plans to announce the results of the review. (23554)

- 46N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department issues to NHS England on extending the legal duty to provide care for asylum seekers to individuals with rejected asylum applications; and whether that guidance is mandatory. (23519)
- 47N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of China's Kamtok Dam project on the (a) environment, (b) society and (c) economy in Tibet. (23546)
- 48N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): 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 reported killings of religious minorities in Nigeria; and what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to help ensure freedom of religion and belief in that country. (23658)
- 49N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of continuation of the conflict in Sudan on the number of Sudanese refugees seeking asylum in the United Kingdom. (23637)
- 50N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with Rwandan counterparts on (a) human rights abuses and (b) violence against women and girls by militia groups in the eastern regions of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. [R] (23439)
- 51N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of illegal vapes seized at the border in (a) 2024 and (b) 2023. (23422)
- 52N **Nigel Farage** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to prescribe Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organisation. (23538)
- 53N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the United Arab Emirates proscribing (a) Cambridge Education and Training Centre Ltd, (b) IMA6INE Ltd, (c) Wembley Tree Ltd, (d) Waslaforall, (e) Future Graduates Ltd, (f) Yas for Investment and Real Estate, (g) Holdco UK Properties Limited and (h) Nafel Capital as terror groups. (23462)
- 54N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department considers the Muslim Association of Britain an extremist entity. (23463)
- 55N **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much their Department spent on (a) media and (b) voice training for Ministers between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024. (23668)

- 56N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her planned timetable is for the implementation of the Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Act 2023. (23630)
- 57N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's transparency data entitled Breakdown of Home Office costs associated with the MEDP with Rwanda and the Illegal Migration Act 2023, Table 1: Home Office spend on the MEDP and the IMA, published on 2 December 2024, if she will provide a breakdown of the Other fixed costs referenced in that table. (23522)
- 58N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has reached agreement with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the financial year when defence spending will reach 2.5% of GDP. (23386)
- 59N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the contractual end date is for the principle members of the Strategic Defence Review team. (23387)
- 60N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Hawk T1 aircraft are in service with the (a) RAF and (b) Fleet Air Arm. (23534)
- 61N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the finite fatigue index is of each remaining Hawk T1 aircraft. (23535)
- 62N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to announce which local authorities have been selected for the devolution priority programme. [R] (23599)
- 63N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the bedroom tax on the number of incidences of exploitation by criminals taking over the homes of vulnerable people. (23606)
- 64N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring social housing providers to refer tenants to a local debt advice service before serving them with an eviction notice for rent arrears. (23607)
- 65N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of funding provided by the Government to local councils. (23419)
- 66N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to help alleviate child poverty in (a) Slough and (b) the Thames Valley region. (23420)

- 67N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many grey belt planning applications have been submitted since 12 December 2024. (23488)
- 68N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the local government reorganisation plans will include provision on (a) planning responsibilities held by the South Downs National Park Authority for Lewes and (b) other National Parks. (23659)
- 69N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of making it compulsory for developers to form agreements with water companies for the adoption new-build drainage systems. (23498)
- 70N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support is available for landlords of traditional pre-1919 buildings to (a) conduct detailed retrofit assessments and (b) ensure compliance with EPC requirements. (23501)
- 71N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the consistency in EPC ratings provided by different assessors; and whether she plans to improve that consistency through changes to (a) methodology, (b) training and (c) regulation. (23502)
- 72N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to introduce (a) exemptions and (b) alternative pathways for landlords unable to meet the EPC C rating requirement due to structural limitation. (23503)
- 73N **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have (a) been committed to prison and (b) been given suspended committal orders for non-payment of council tax in each year since 2019. (23550)
- 74N **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department holds a demographic breakdown of people (a) sent to prison and (b) given suspended committal orders for non-payment of council tax in each year between 2019 and 2024. (23551)
- 75N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether any offenders convicted of a grooming gang offence were released under the SDS40. (23328)
- 76N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether any offenders convicted of gang rape have been released early from prison in the last six months. (23460)

- 77N **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much funding has been allocated to the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner (a) in total and (b) for support services for survivors of sexual assault and abuse since 2012. (23643)
- 78N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether the Independent Review of the Windsor Framework will consider the (a) operation and (b) output of the Northern Ireland Assembly Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee. (23685)
- 79N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people aged 80 and over are eligible for the additional £260 per year pension. (23268)
- 80N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes made to employer's National Insurance contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024 on the (a) staffing levels of and (b) level of (i) economic and (ii) social contributions to charities; and if she will make it her policy to exempt the charitable sector from these changes. (23246)
- 81N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent representations she has received (a) directly and (b) via other Departments from the Special Educational Needs and Disability Transport Operators Group on the potential inclusion of (i) drivers and (ii) passenger assistants in any (A) grant and (B) compensation scheme to offset the impact of changes in employer national insurance contributions; and if she will include this cohort in any such scheme. (23248)
- 82N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the planned reforms to agricultural property relief, what steps her Department will take to support farmers who have lost their exemption because their (a) spouse or (b) civil partner has died. (23629)
- 83N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of which regions are most impacted by financial exclusion. (23531)
- 84N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what data her Department holds on the number of adults who are victims of illegal money lending each year. (23532)
- 85N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will issue new guidance to (a) the civil service and (b) public bodies to prevent practices which limit (i) recruitment and (ii) internships on the basis of protected characteristics. (23468)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 17 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to activate the Flood Recovery Framework in response to flooding (a) in Lincolnshire and (b) elsewhere in January 2025. (23494)
- 2N **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for announcing the outcome of bids submitted to the Water Restoration Fund in spring 2024. (23625)
- 3N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is for (a) ambulances held in queues and (b) people waiting at home for an ambulance. (23528)
- 4N **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of regulating companies that are funded by local government to provide day activity services to adults with disabilities. (23676)
- 5N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with mortgage lenders on ensuring mortgage offers are maintained for properties near electricity pylons, in the context of proposals to increase the number of electricity pylons. (23571)

Questions for Answer on Monday 20 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to allow not-for-profit Community Interest Companies to receive the associated advantages of non-profit organisations. (23330)
- 2N **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to paragraph 3.71 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, HC 295, what support will be provided for fusion energy research in financial year 2025-26. (23540)
- 3N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that businesses comply with the Equality Act 2010 in granting access to disabled individuals accompanied by guide dogs. (23370)

- 4N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to require the NHS to give the same priority to UK citizens as undocumented migrants when accessing A&E services. (233699)
- 5N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to continue with the Mental Health Investment Standard. (23363)
- 6N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the ability of Integrated Care Boards to meet Mental Health Investment Standard requirements. (23365)
- 7N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has had recent meetings with mental health experts on the effectiveness of the Mental Health Investment Standard. (23366)
- 8N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the role of the Mental Health Investment Standard in (a) meeting his Department's priorities and (b) tackling historical disparities between mental and physical healthcare provision. (23367)
- 9N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to strengthen the Mental Health Investment Standard. (23368)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to reduce waiting times for Tier 3 weight management services in Derbyshire. (23570)