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Questions tabled on Tuesday 14 January 2025

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many deaths were registered in Wales between 1 January 2024 and 8 September 2024.
[Transferred] (23408)
- 2 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many deaths were registered in Wales between 9 September 2024 and 31 December 2024.
[Transferred] (23409)
- 3 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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.
[Transferred] (23410)
- 4 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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.
[Transferred] (23411)
- 5 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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.
[Transferred] (23309)
- 6 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many deaths were associated with helium and nitrogen in England and Wales in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023.
[Transferred] (23310)

- 7 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (23311)
- 8 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (23312)
- 9 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the mean age of death was of deaths related to volatile substances in England and Wales from 2021 to 2023. [Transferred] (23313)
- 10 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to protect pubs in (a) Forest of Dean constituency and (b) other rural communities. [Transferred] (23687)
- 11 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on steps to increase democratic education. [Transferred] (23399)
- 12 **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 19922 on Domestic Waste: Waste Disposal, whether the Government 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. [Transferred] (23655)
- 13 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what (a) insurance requirements and (b) enforcement mechanisms are in place for (a) private hire and (b) delivery drivers. [Transferred] (23547)
- 14 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Rodenticide Stewardship Scheme in reducing wildlife exposure to rat poisons; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking further steps to combat criminal use of rat poisons to kill birds of prey. [Transferred] (23627)
- 15 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he 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. [Transferred] (23412)
- 16 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase awareness of the warning signs of lobular breast cancer. [Transferred] (23323)

- 17 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will commission a survey of the mental health of children and young people in 2025. [Transferred] (23435)
- 18 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with NICE on the potential merits of offering Givinostat for Duchenne muscular dystrophy. (23967)
- 19 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he considers the International Criminal Court to be a foreign court. [Transferred] (23474)
- 20 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people on bail for immigration cases have public authorities lost track of in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (23580)
- 21N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Renters' Rights Bill on levels of inflation in (a) the next six months and (b) the six months following the commencement of the Bill's provisions. [Transferred] (22919)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Solicitor General, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24051)
- 2 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many officials are in the team supporting the Windsor Framework Review; what their roles and responsibilities are; what criteria were used to select that team; what the composition is of the selection panel for the Second Permanent Secretary for EU and International Economic Affairs; how that panel was appointed; and what steps he is taking to ensure that the Windsor Framework Review is (a) transparent and (b) independent. (24053)
- 3 **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to support good mental health among civil servants. (24072)

- 4N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he 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. [Transferred] (23468)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse was of repainting the Downing Street media room. (23884)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2024 to Question 15191 on Prime Minister: Anacta,, where on gov.uk his Department publishes details of special advisers' meetings. (23891)
- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what criteria was used to allocate locations for test-and-learn pilots; and how much funding will be allocated to each local authority. (23892)
- 8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled The Approvals Process for the Creation of New Arm's-Length Bodies, published on 15 March 2018, which of the three tests in Chapter 2 the Regulatory Innovation Office meets. (23893)
- 9 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to para 3.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cabinet Office and the UK Statistics Authority, published on 30 April 2020, and pursuant to the Answer of 7 January 2025 to Question 21345 on Eurostat: Office for National Statistics, whether the Office for National Statistics plans to publish the agreement with Eurostat on statistical cooperation. (23894)
- 10 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the approximate average cost to the public purse is of answering a written parliamentary question. (23955)
- 11 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24032)
- 12N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an estimate of the number of people on the National Living Wage who will become liable for income tax from 6 April 2025. [Transferred] (23269)
- 13 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (23714)

- 14 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what data his Department holds on the number of women seeking fertility treatment whilst at work (a) nationally and (b) by region. (23985)
- 15 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what trading schemes are (a) operational and (b) planned under the terms of Part 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008. (24115)
- 16 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24033)
- 17 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the impact of the proposed two-tier test system on (a) grass-roots and (b) county level cricket in England and Wales. (23924)
- 18 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Education on the potential impact of proposed statutory uniform limits on the rate of participation in school sports. (23925)
- 19 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the VAT exemption for disability-adapted motor vehicles. (23926)
- 20 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Football Association's decision to scrap FA cup replays on the financial sustainability of (a) EFL teams and (b) non-league football teams. (23927)
- 21 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with (a) the Football Association, (b) the Women's Super League and (c) football clubs on the adequacy of the provision of mental health services for female professional football players. (23928)
- 22 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of regulation of gambling (a) advertising, (b) sponsorship and (c) marketing. (23712)
- 23 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with Ofcom on (a) the prevention of and (b) the number of instances of online bullying. (24123)

- 24 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24034)
- 25 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency; and if she will make it her policy to review that Scheme beyond March 2025. (24128)
- 26 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to remove the 50% faith cap on newly opened schools. (23775)
- 27 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of auto-enrolment schemes for free school meals. (24015)
- 28 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to issue guidance on improving (a) inclusivity and (b) expertise in mainstream schools. (23810)
- 29 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to issue statutory guidance on improving (a) inclusivity and (b) expertise in mainstream schools. (23811)
- 30 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to allow schools to set their own inclusivity guidelines. (23812)
- 31 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to allow local authorities to influence inclusivity guidelines for schools under their jurisdiction. (23813)
- 32 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether local authorities will be responsible for providing inclusivity training to schools within their jurisdiction. (23814)
- 33 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much additional funding her Department has allocated for special educational needs provision by Norfolk County Council since the Autumn Budget 2024. (24019)
- 34 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to (a) support children in foster care and (b) the work of foster carers (i) in South Norfolk constituency and (ii) nationally. (24020)

- 35 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the progress 8 attainment disparity between Free School Meal eligible students and non- Free School Meal eligible students (a) in South Norfolk constituency and (b) nationally. (24021)
- 36 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (23713)
- 37 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many new teachers in key subjects she expects to recruit each year. (23733)
- 38 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what percentage change in net recruitment from the last Parliament will be needed to meet the target of an additional 6,500 new expert teachers in key subjects this Parliament. (23734)
- 39 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure the target for an additional 6,500 new expert teachers in key subjects this Parliament will be met. (23735)
- 40 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6019 on Private Education: Teachers, whether any schools have (a) left the Teachers' Pension Scheme and (b) entered phased withdrawal since 14 October 2024. (23737)
- 41 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how Technical Excellence colleges will differ from the Institutes of Technologies programme. (23738)
- 42 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of VAT changes on (a) private schools and (b) demand on the state sector in North Dorset constituency. (23804)
- 43 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to funding for Level 7 apprenticeships from the Growth and Skills Levy on the availability of Clinical Associates in Psychology in the NHS. (23816)
- 44 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a programme to increase awareness of the signs of rape gang abuse for teachers in primary and secondary schools. (23998)
- 45 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an awareness programme to protect primary and secondary school children from rape gang abuse. (23999)

- 46 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help improve children's oracy in Gloucester. (24094)
- 47 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to next update guidance on removing pupils from the classroom. (23709)
- 48 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average progress 8 score (a) overall, (b) for girls and (c) for boys was in each year for which data is available by ethnic group. (23830)
- 49 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average attainment 8 score (a) overall, (b) for girls and (c) for boys was in each year for which data is available by ethnic group. (23831)
- 50 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average (a) progress 8 score, (b) attainment 8 score and (c) share of pupils getting grade 5 or above in English and maths was for each ethnic group in each region of England in each of the last eight years. (23832)
- 51 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24035)
- 52 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will bring forward proposals to finalise the care placements for children in care to align with applications to post-16 education. (24063)
- 53 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of ADHD medication shortages on children in school. (24065)
- 54 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Oral Statement of 4 November 2024 on Higher Education Reform, Official Report, column 46, what progress she has made on the leak inquiry; and if she will make a statement. (23863)
- 55 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of support for (a) householders and (b) businesses to mitigate of the costs of net zero transition. (24009)
- 56 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to publish a consultation on licences to explore new oil and gas fields. (23956)

- 57 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of opening new oil and gas fields in the North Sea on the Paris Agreement goal to limit the global average temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. (23957)
- 58 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 10 January 2025 to Question 21077 on Ithaca Energy: Occupied Territories, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of reports that the Rosebank oil field's minority owner is owned by a firm operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (23958)
- 59 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he plans to take to ensure that the the creation of offshore energy does not harm marine habitats and ecosystems. (24104)
- 60 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) The Crown Estate to help ensure that the deployment of offshore energy does not negatively impact the marine environment. (24105)
- 61 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to balance the needs of different sea users, in the context of offshore energy. (24106)
- 62 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to consult with sea users on the development of offshore energy projects. (24107)
- 63 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the needs of sea users, in the context of food security. (24108)
- 64 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy that no offshore energy development projects will take place in the most sensitive marine habitats. (24109)
- 65 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what is his Department's most recent estimate of the cost of delivering Net Zero. (24116)
- 66 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the cost to (a) consumers (b) the public purse of the Sustainable Industry Reward scheme in each of the next five years. (24117)

- 67 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the position of Head of Mission Control, Net Zero is a full-time role. (24118)
- 68 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential merits nuclear fusion as a future energy source. (23753)
- 69 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will have discussions with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on the potential for small modular nuclear reactors to power datacentres in the UK. (23754)
- 70 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many and what proportion of full-time equivalent members of staff in his Department work on supporting (a) advanced and (b) small modular nuclear reactors. (23755)
- 71 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many and what proportion of full-time equivalent members of staff in Great British Nuclear work on the UK's small modular reactor programme. (23756)
- 72 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his Departments target is for nuclear capacity in gigawatts by (a) 2030, (b) 2040 and (c) 2050. (23757)
- 73 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to Great British Energy's press release, Negotiations begin for UK's small modular reactor programme, on 11 November 2024, what steps he is taking to help ensure decisions on the UK small modular reactor programme are not delayed beyond spring 2025. (23758)
- 74N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what support is available for landlords of traditional pre-1919 buildings to (a) conduct detailed retrofit assessments and (b) ensure compliance with EPC requirements. [Transferred] (23501)
- 75N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to introduce (a) exemptions and (b) alternative pathways for landlords unable to meet the EPC C rating requirement due to structural limitation. [Transferred] (23503)
- 76 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increasing the energy efficiency of rental properties on carbon emissions in Surrey. (24059)

- 77 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24036)
- 78 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help support (a) elderly and (b) other vulnerable people with heating costs in winter 2024-25. (23966)
- 79 **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what was the total funding allocated to projects by Darwin Plus in each financial year since 2019-20. (23705)
- 80 **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the future of the Darwin Plus programme. (23708)
- 81 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many incidents of flooding have been reported in (a) South Norfolk constituency and (b) Norfolk in the last five years. (24022)
- 82 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the number of farms that will be affected by changes made to agricultural property relief and Inheritance Tax at the Autumn Budget 2024 in (a) North Dorset constituency, (b) Dorset and (c) the UK. (23805)
- 83 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on how many abattoirs there were in (a) England and (b) the UK in (i) 2023 and (ii) 2024. (23904)
- 84 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has for the Smaller Abattoir Fund. (23905)
- 85 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the ability of the abattoir network in (a) England and (b) the UK to meet the needs of food (i) production, (ii) processing and (iii) security. (23906)
- 86 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the labour supply for abattoirs in (a) England and (b) the UK to meet requirements for (i) processing, (ii) food hygiene and (iii) veterinary oversight. (23907)

- 87 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of moratoriums on the building of incinerators . (23936)
- 88 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to commission a study into the potential impact of Halal meat on animal welfare. (23993)
- 89 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to tackle perfluoroalkyl substances in the marine environment. (24100)
- 90 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce new measures to tackle perfluoroalkyl substances in the marine environment. (24101)
- 91 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of banning perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances where there are alternatives. (24102)
- 92 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to further restrict the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances where there are alternatives. (24103)
- 93 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the UK's marine natural capital. (24110)
- 94 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate he has made of the value of UK's marine natural capital to coastal communities. (24111)
- 95N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of making it compulsory for developers to form agreements with water companies for the adoption of new-build drainage systems. [Transferred] (23498)
- 96 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on bringing forward the Forest Risk Commodities regulations to enact the Environment Act 2021 provisions on deforestation in supply chains. (23727)
- 97 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): 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 recommendations within the Environmental Audit Committee's report entitled The UK's contribution to tackling global deforestation, published on 4 January 2024. (23728)

- 98 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to support UK businesses to comply with (a) domestic and (b) EU regimes for the prevention of deforestation in supply chains. (23729)
- 99 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has commissioned modelling on the reduction in residual waste collection frequency as a consequence of the Simpler Recycling programme. (24030)
- 100 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has held discussions with WRAP on the frequency of household residual bin collections by local waste collection authorities. (24129)
- 101 **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 20290 on Domestic Waste: Waste Disposal, whether his Department has undertaken an (a) equality impact and (b) environmental principles assessment in relation to the Simpler Recycling policy. (24130)
- 102 **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, what representations he has received, on outsourced private enforcement firms issuing fines in breach of non-statutory enforcement guidance. (24031)
- 103 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24037)
- 104 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the condition of water supplied by Thames Water. (23763)
- 105 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) promote and (b) support animal-free research; and what initiatives the Government provides to help increase funding for animal-free research research methods. (23963)
- 106 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support British sheep farmers. (24070)
- 107 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to protect British wool businesses. (24071)

- 108 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for introducing mandatory food waste reporting. (23898)
- 109 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to ensure AI training is accessible to all sectors of society. (23826)
- 110 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to ensure the AI plan for change helps small businesses utilise artificial intelligence. (23827)
- 111 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating an AI Growth Zone at Daresbury Science Park. (23828)
- 112 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of AI growth opportunities at Daresbury Science Park. (23829)
- 113 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress his Department has made on the roll-out of gigabit broadband (a) nationally and (b) in West Bromwich constituency. (23950)
- 114 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to improve access to mobile telecommunications in blackspots. (23946)
- 115 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to tackle digital poverty in (a) Gloucester and (b) Gloucestershire. (24096)
- 116 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Government's press release of 25 September 2024 entitled PM tells US investors Britain is open for business as he secured major £10 billion deal to drive growth and create jobs, what the evidential basis is that the investment in the Blyth data centre will create 4,000 jobs. (23743)
- 117 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 19688 on Food Supply, if he will take steps to include alternative proteins in the proposed food strategy. (23745)
- 118 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK Science and Technology Framework, what steps he is taking to integrate the five critical technologies into the government's modern industrial strategy. (23746)

- 119 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2024 to Question 18934 on Government Departments: ICT, which companies were contracted to provide IT services after consideration of spend requests against the Digital Assurance Gateway. (23747)
- 120 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2024 to Question 18934 on Government Departments: ICT, what the total value of the spend requests considered against the Digital Assurance Gateway is; and what the average time taken to consider them was. (23748)
- 121 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to reform the regulation of Standard Essential Patents to support innovation and growth among UK technology small and medium enterprises. (23749)
- 122 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Intellectual Property Office publication entitled Standard Essential Patents: 2024 forward look, published on 27 February 2024, what his planned timetable is for the launch of the public technical consultation. (23751)
- 123 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether it remains his policy to invest £2 billion over 10 years in engineering biology. (23752)
- 124 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24038)
- 125 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the uptake in cyber security jobs over the last five years. (23760)
- 126 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress he has made on using AI algorithms to analyse medical images. (23767)
- 127 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to support elderly people with digital inclusivity. (23768)
- 128 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to improve consumer protections for air travel. (24012)

- 129 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with airlines on the transparency of their terms and conditions. (24013)
- 130 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing legislation to require more (a) frequent and (b) detailed checks on the immigration status of licenced taxi drivers. (23997)
- 131 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Cornwall Newquay Airport to London Southend Airport route operated by Eastern Airways is part of a Public Service Obligation deal. (24099)
- 132 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to increase the number of electric vehicle charging points across (a) Gloucester and (b) the South West. (24089)
- 133 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve public transportation options for children with special education needs and disabilities that are in further education. (24090)
- 134 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with the management of Great Western Railway since her appointment. (24091)
- 135 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24039)
- 136 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Child Maintenance Service is taking to ensure equitable treatment of Armed Forces families. (24014)
- 137 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to tackle (a) fraud, (b) debt and (c) error through AI. (23938)
- 138 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of age related discrimination on (a) recruitment and (b) retention in the workplace. (23849)
- 139 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support pensioners on the poverty line. (23931)

- 140 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many complaints submitted to the Pension Ombudsman Service are awaiting adjudication; and whether she plans to provide additional resources to the Pension Ombudsman Service to reduce the backlog. (24026)
- 141 **Andy MacNae** (Rossendale and Darwen): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in the postcode areas (a) BB1, (b) BB2, (c) BB3 and (d) BL7 are (i) in receipt of pension credit and (ii) waiting for their assessment for pension credit. (23986)
- 142 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that people receiving Universal Credit have adequate support for accessing (a) employment opportunities and (b) training in Gloucester. (24095)
- 143 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of her Department's steps to enforce pension provision by private companies. (24124)
- 144 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Get Britain Working White Paper, what steps she plans to take to ensure that disabled people can access specialist careers advice. (23730)
- 145 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Get Britain Working White Paper, what steps she plans to take to ensure that (a) work coaches and (b) disability employment advisors understand the barriers to employment faced by disabled people. (23731)
- 146 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Get Britain Working White Paper, what steps she plans to take to engage with disabled people in the development of the new jobs and careers service. (23732)
- 147 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24040)
- 148 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress the Health and Safety Executive has made in their review of the Approved Code of Practice and guidance of the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 on provision of disposal facilities in workplace toilets; and whether the Executive plans to hold a public consultation on any changes. (24005)
- 149 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff in her Department have been unable to secure further sponsorship following changes to the Skilled Worker salary threshold. (23961)

- 150 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to the Skilled Worker salary threshold on service levels in her Department. (23962)
- 151 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help support families with the costs of raising (a) twins and (b) children of multiple births; and if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of her maternity pay policies for families with multiple births. (24069)
- 152 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to respond to the Freedom of Information Act request by Mr Langton of 21 December 2024. (23965)
- 153 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to provide a formal response to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes, published on 19 July 2021. (23968)
- 154 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 13 January 2025 to Question 22633 on NHS: Weather, on what date in early December he first chaired a winter preparedness weekly meeting. (23771)
- 155 **David Baines** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) increase capacity on children's heart units and (b) ensure that children requiring treatment receive it in a timely manner. (24127)
- 156 **Lee Barron** (Corby and East Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many suicides there were in Northamptonshire in each year since 2020; and how many of these were men. (24074)
- 157 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle (a) staffing shortages and (b) infrastructure problems in hospitals in Gloucestershire. (24077)
- 158 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on introducing early diagnosis services for osteoporosis. (24052)
- 159 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the affordability of prescriptions on people with long-term conditions. (23959)
- 160 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to promote the use of Prescription Prepayment Certificates. (23960)

- 161 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to introduce early diagnosis services for osteoporosis. (23776)
- 162 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will issue guidance on commissioning policies for NHS-funded IVF. (24016)
- 163 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to cardiac screening for young people who take part in sports and exercise. (24007)
- 164 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will (a) review (i) diagnostic and (ii) treatment practices for people with chronic urinary tract infections and (b) take steps to improve conditions for people with such infections. (24008)
- 165 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of revising the Infection Prevention Controls guidance in the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual and Health Technical Memoranda guidelines prior to 1 March 2025 to ensure (a) recognition of the role of airborne transmission of SARS-Cov-2 and (b) appropriate guidance on (i) the use of FFP3 masks, (ii) improved standards of ventilation and air filter devices in (A) clinical and (B) non-clinical healthcare settings and (iii) other measures to limit airborne transmission of (1) Covid-19 and (2) other respiratory viruses; and if he will take steps to ensure the distribution of those guidelines to all employers and providers of healthcare workers. (24010)
- 166 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of waiting until the publication of the final Module 3 Covid-19 Inquiry report to (a) recognise the role of airborne transmission of SARS-Cov-2 and (b) update (i) Infection Prevention Controls guidance in the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual and (ii) Health Technical Memoranda guidelines to limit airborne transmission of (A) Covid-19 and (B) other respiratory viruses on (1) health workers and (2) patients. (24011)
- 167 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to (a) recruit and (b) train specialist palliative care staff. (23973)
- 168 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of resident doctor training positions. (23949)
- 169 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what direct funding his Department provides to support refugees with medical backgrounds with integrating into the NHS. (23939)

- 170 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what charities his Department has supported to assist refugees into the NHS. (23940)
- 171 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department issues to local authorities on providing adequate facilities for stoma bag patients. (23943)
- 172 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to improve the usage of sunscreen of factor 30 and above. (23777)
- 173 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to promote awareness of skin cancer (a) prevention measures, (b) signs and (c) symptoms. (23778)
- 174 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the level of sunbed usage by adults. (23779)
- 175 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to publish the call for evidence for the men's health strategy; and what estimate he has made of when the men's health strategy will be published. (23844)
- 176 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet (a) NHS England, (b) MHRA and (c) bodies supporting people affected by (i) Post-Finasteride Syndrome and (ii) Post-SSRI Sexual Dysfunction following the use of anti-depressant medication to discuss that issue. (23846)
- 177 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) NHS England and (b) social care providers on increasing opportunities for social prescribing. (23847)
- 178 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with (a) NHS England and (b) social care providers on expanding opportunities for social prescribing. (23848)
- 179 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the recent advice from the British Medical Association to stop engaging with advice and guidance pathways. (23850)
- 180 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with the British Medical Association on proposals to pay GPs £20 per request for undertaking advice and guidance with hospital specialists. (23851)

- 181 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an estimate of the potential (a) savings to the NHS, (b) impact on waiting times and (c) impact on the workload of GPs of proposals to pay GPs £20 per request for undertaking advice and guidance with hospital specialists. (23854)
- 182 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of comparative data for GPs undertaking advice and guidance with hospital specialists in different (a) geographical areas and (b) medical specialisms. (23855)
- 183 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of referring the NHS Business Services Authority to the Pensions Regulator, in the context of concerns with the annual allowance. [R] (23856)
- 184 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of alleged errors made by the NHS Business Service Authority on (a) doctors pensions saving statements and (b) the annual allowance. [R] (23857)
- 185 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the size of the backlog of Remedial Pensions Savings Statements currently outstanding by the NHS Business Services Authority. [R] (23858)
- 186 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many newly qualified GPs have been employed under the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme since August 2024. (23859)
- 187 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to conduct a review of the medicines supply chain to ensure that the causes of ongoing shortages of medicines for (a) epilepsy, (b) Parkinson's and (c) ADHD are (i) understood and (ii) addressed. (24075)
- 188 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital emergency department in each of the last ten years. (24023)
- 189 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to NHS dentistry in (a) South Norfolk constituency and (b) Norfolk. (24024)
- 190 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department has spent on skin cancer awareness campaigns in each of the last three financial years. (23722)

- 191 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the NHS 10-year-plan will include measures to address excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation. (23723)
- 192 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the frequency of sunburn in children and young people under 18. (23724)
- 193 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve early diagnosis of osteoporosis. (24003)
- 194 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting lists for treatment for chronic migraines. (23982)
- 195 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to fund research into new treatments for chronic migraines to (a) increase quality of life and (b) reduce the number of patients experiencing side effects. (23983)
- 196 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of (a) the NHS and (b) MHRA's response to women suffering as a result of vaginal mesh implants. (24114)
- 197 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 13 January 2025 to Question 22602 on Coronavirus: Vaccination, for what reason the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency does not intend to publish this information. (23741)
- 198 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to provide increased access to high-intensity focused ultrasound laser therapy for the treatment of prostate cancer. (23954)
- 199 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing funding to improve (a) services and (b) research for individuals affected by neurological conditions. (24060)
- 200 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24041)

- 201 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of registration timeframes for new healthcare providers registering with the Care Quality Commission. (23987)
- 202 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse is of hospital repairs over the last 12 months. (23762)
- 203 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle addiction issues in under 18s. (23764)
- 204 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on GP online booking services. (23765)
- 205 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure adequate support in schools for young people with bipolar disorder. (23766)
- 206 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to allow children who are (a) out of school and (b) in alternative provision to receive seasonal vaccinations that are otherwise provided on school premises. (23742)
- 207 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) strategic (b) outline and (c) final business cases were submitted to his department in each of the last three years. (23861)
- 208 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (23711)
- 209 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what flags other than the Union flag will be flown from his Department's buildings in London in 2025; and on which dates each flag will be flown. (23888)
- 210 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question HL2411 on FCDO: Flags, how much has been spent on lighting up his Department's buildings in relevant colours since 5 July 2024; and on what (a) occasions and (b) dates. (23889)
- 211 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing legislation to ratify the UN Global Ocean Treaty. (24113)

- 212 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in Denmark on the US interest in Greenland. (24082)
- 213 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to the government of Azerbaijan on territorial claims made by President Aliyev for territory within Armenia. (23944)
- 214 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will end aid spending to countries which have a space programme. (24120)
- 215 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his European counterparts on steps to tackle Islamic extremism in Europe. (24121)
- 216 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): 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 violence by armed groups and militias such as M23 armed group in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo; and what steps he is taking to help reduce this. (23970)
- 217 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24042)
- 218 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department took to support the Nagasaki Peace Memorial Ceremony in August 2024; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the non-attendance of the UK ambassador on relations between the UK and Japan. (24067)
- 219 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with President-Elect Trump on comments made by Elon Musk via social media posts about the UK Government. (23969)
- 220 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle (a) domestic abuse and (b) violence against women and girls in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (23971)

- 221 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle (a) shoplifting, (b) retail crime and (c) crime and violence against shop workers in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (23972)
- 222 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (23710)
- 223 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether all immediate choice officer pensions will be remedied by 1 April 2025. (23879)
- 224 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral evidence of 7 January 2025 given by Shein to the Business and Trade Select Committee, HC 370, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the compliance by Shein with slave labour legislation. (23945)
- 225 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle retail crime in Gloucester. (24093)
- 226 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle anti-social behaviour in Gloucester. (24097)
- 227 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign national offenders are living in the community. (23833)
- 228 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign national offenders of each nationality were living in the community in the most recent year for which data is available. (23834)
- 229 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of successful asylum claimants who have moved into social housing since 2018 by local authority. (23838)
- 230 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department holds on local authority spending on successful asylum claimants in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (23839)
- 231 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people left the police in each of the last five years; and whether her Department holds information on the five most common reasons given by those departing the police voluntarily. (24001)

- 232 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of police officers (a) were eligible for and (b) took statutory paternity leave in each of the last five years; and what the average number of weeks taken were for the same time period. (24002)
- 233 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24044)
- 234 **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to increase (a) awareness of the PASS CitizenCard and (b) the number of licensed premises that accept it as a suitable form of identification. (24058)
- 235 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help prevent the illegal sale of ADHD medication for recreational use. (24066)
- 236 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner's request for emergency funding to pay chief constables' salaries. (24025)
- 237 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of all claims each country of origin of people claiming asylum was in each month of the last year. (24027)
- 238 **Yuan Yang** (Earley and Woodley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make a comparative estimate of the funding allocation provided to (a) Thames Valley Police and (b) other regional police forces. (24056)
- 239 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential dangers posed by explosive ordnance on international exports and imports. (23821)
- 240 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (23716)
- 241 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) UK and (b) other personnel were in the Joint Expeditionary Force in each year since 2016; and how much the UK has contributed to the Joint Expeditionary Force in the same period. (24080)

- 242 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the (a) number of days and (b) proportion of expected lifespans that naval vessels spend in maintenance. (24081)
- 243 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on recruitment consultants in each year since 2016; and how many personnel have been recruited to the (a) RAF, (b) Army, (c) Navy and (d) Marines in each year since 2016. (24083)
- 244 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24045)
- 245 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if his Department, will take steps to ensure the workforce that produced the Eurofighter Typhoon is retained for future defence projects. (23988)
- 246 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what funding he is providing for infrastructure projects in the marine protected area. (23769)
- 247 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 10 January 2025 to Question 21356 on Tri Fire, what proportion of (a) pre-remediation fire risk appraisals of the external walls and (b) post-remediation qualifying assessments that were carried out by Trifire for buildings under the Developer Remediation Contract scheme have been audited by the Department. (23825)
- 248 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to discourage landbanking. (24006)
- 249 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking with (a) local councils and (b) Bromley Council to tackle homelessness. (23977)
- 250 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support community ownership of local assets. (23978)
- 251 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, steps her Department is taking to help improve housing standards in the private rented sector. (23979)

- 252 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to update hon. Members on the progress of the implementation of the Section106 Affordable Housing Clearing Service. (24073)
- 253 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he plans to take to ensure the long-term maintenance of the Local Authority Data Explorer following the closure of the Office for Local Government. (23845)
- 254 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the geographic level at which housing targets are set will change in the event of local government reorganisation. (23736)
- 255 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution in response to the hon. Member for North Dorset during the Oral Statement of 16 December 2024 on English Devolution, Official Report, column 53, when her Department will commence a review into fair funding for rural councils. (23801)
- 256 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate her Department has made of the additional costs of providing council services in rural areas. (23802)
- 257 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer of 6 January 2025 to Question HL3294 on Parish and Town Councils: Employers' contributions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the increase in the rate of employers' National Insurance contributions on (a) parish councils and (b) parish precepts. (24125)
- 258 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 14343 on Litter, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the compliance of (a) local authorities and (b) outsourced companies with the provisions of the non-statutory Code of Practice on issuing fines to receive greater (i) revenue and (ii) profits. (23782)
- 259 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential role of long-term fixed-rate mortgages in enabling more first-time buyers to get on the property ladder. (23785)
- 260 **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 20283 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, on what date officials met

representatives of the People's Republic of China; whether special advisers were in attendance; whether representatives of other Departments were in attendance; and whether minutes were kept of the meeting. (23786)

261 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 16495 on Local Government and Mayors: Elections, what her timetable is for updating the list with combined authority mayoral elections. (23787)

262 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 16496 on Housing: Construction, how many homes are being delivered under each round of the Brownfield Land Release Fund (a) 1 and (b) 2; and what is the target deadline for delivery in each fund and round. (23788)

263 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the average grant per unit was for a social rent dwelling in the 2015-18 Affordable Housing Programme. (23792)

264 **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 18960 on Council of the Nations and Regions: National Identity, if she will make her policy to champion (a) the English national identity and (b) pride in England as a constituent nation of the United Kingdom. (23793)

265 **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 18951, on Local Government Finance, whether the debt of Woking Borough Council will be redistributed to a new unitary local authority covering Woking. (23794)

266 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what data her Department collects on resident satisfaction with local government. (23795)

267 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Planning Reform Working Paper: Development and Nature Recovery, published on 15 December 2024, and pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to Question 20226 on Environmental Impact Assessment, whether Environmental Outcomes Reports will involve carbon reporting of (a) proposed new construction and (b) embedded carbon in existing buildings. (23796)

268 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to his Department's explanatory note entitled, Employer National Insurance Contributions funding, published on 18 December 2024, for what reason the funding is being based on net current expenditure. (23797)

- 269 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 99 of the English Devolution White Paper, CP 1218, published on 16 December 2024, whether councils would be allowed to outsource the enforcement of council byelaw breaches to private companies. (23798)
- 270 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her guidance entitled Explanatory note on the National Insurance Contribution compensation 2025 to 2026, published on 18 December 2024, on what methodological basis the figure of £515 million was reached to help local authorities mitigate the additional impact of the increase in employer National Insurance contributions; and what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of representations from the Local Government Association on its estimate of (a) direct and (b) indirect costs for local government. (23799)
- 271 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the written statement of 18 December 2024 on Local Government Finance Settlement, HCWS342, whether the Local Audit Office will itself undertake local government audits; and whether local audit will be undertaken by the private or public sector. (23800)
- 272 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 10 January 2025, to Question 20980, on MHCLG: Photography; whether the photographer was recruited (a) via open and fair competition and (b) on a full-time contract; and what the pay grade of the photographer is. (23864)
- 273 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 10 January 2025 to Question 20982 on Civil Servants: Recruitment, what the (a) job title, (b) unit or division and (c) grade is of each Civil Service job not advertised externally; and for what reason her Department is not advertising all jobs externally. (23865)
- 274 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many times the Communities and Recovery Steering Group has met; on what dates; in which locations; and whether minutes are taken. (23866)
- 275 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the (a) cash and (b) real terms change in total government grant in (i) monetary and (ii) percentage terms is for each local authority in England from 2025-26 to 2026-27. (23867)
- 276 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 21478 on Local Government: Correspondence and with reference to the letter of 16 December 2024 to

council leaders from the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution, for what reason local elections in May 2025 may be delayed before the conclusions of the statutory consultation on specific unitary proposals. (23868)

- 277 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, what her timetable is for the (a) publication and (b) passage of the English Devolution Bill; and whether she plans to consult on the provisions of the Bill before it is published. (23869)
- 278 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Pursuant to the answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 21478 on Local Government: Correspondence, and with reference to the letter of 16 December 2024 to local council leaders from the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution, what her policy is on requests for Principal Area Boundary Reviews by local authorities related to such changes. (23870)
- 279 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Pursuant to the answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 21478 on Local Government: Correspondence and with reference to the letter of 16 December 2024 to local authority leaders from the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution, how the (a) number of councillors and (b) electoral wards will be decided for new unitary local authorities; and what plans she has to consult the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. (23871)
- 280 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 16542 on Councillors: Data Protection, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of using a Legislative Reform Order to remove the requirement for councillor's home addresses to be published. (23872)
- 281 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish the responses to the consultation entitled Changes to various permitted development rights which closed on 9 April 2024. (23873)
- 282 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to commence section 113 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023. (23874)
- 283 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her definition of non-violent extremism is. (23875)
- 284 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish the full internal Equality Impact Assessment for changes to Right to Buy discounts. (23876)

- 285 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 18565 on Recruitment: Location, how many and what proportion of civil servants in her Department are on location-neutral employment terms. (23877)
- 286 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 22092 on Local Government: Reform, whether local council mergers will be required under the English Devolution White Paper. (24126)
- 287N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with local authorities on parish and town councils, in the context of her Department's proposals to reorganise local government structures. (24131)
- 288 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to increase the supply of social housing in Gloucester constituency. (24092)
- 289 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to review the (a) effectiveness of the means testing process for and (b) maximum level of grant available through the Disabled Facilities Grant. (24122)
- 290 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of planning protections afforded to Local Wildlife Sites in the in the update to the National Planning Policy Framework. (23739)
- 291 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure biodiversity net gain is not used to override protections afforded to Local Wildlife Sites and other designated nature sites. (23740)
- 292 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the impact of local government reorganisation is on Police and Fire Commissioners who are coterminous with an existing combined authority. (23953)
- 293 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to improve protections for homeowners facing damage to their homes from neighbouring buildings. (23815)
- 294 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f)

investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24046)

- 295 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of repealing the Trade Union Act 2016 on the use of leverage campaigns in industrial disputes. (23908)
- 296 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many council tax payers pay over 12 months. (23911)
- 297 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what reason the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme 2021-24 is being allocated by bidding. (23912)
- 298 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to Question 19356 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, where will the public hearings take place for the public inquiry. (23913)
- 299 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, in what circumstances foreign nationals not eligible for social housing are eligible for Government funded (a) temporary and (b) permanent accommodation. (23914)
- 300 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2024 to Question 3829 on Islamophobia, whether she plans to undertake a formal consultation on the definition of Islamophobia. (23915)
- 301 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 2635 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Public Expenditure, if she will provide a breakdown of the £5 million saving in legal fees. (23916)
- 302 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what (a) Freedom of Information and (b) Environmental Information Regulation responses her Department has issued releasing organisational responses to consultations in the last 36 months. (23917)
- 303 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024, to Question 18376, on MHCLG: Birmingham, what other Government hubs operate in Birmingham; and whether she made an assessment of the potential merits of merging the departmental office with other Government buildings in Birmingham. (23918)

- 304 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 18555 on Asylum: Hotels, what assessment her Department has made of the potential effect on the (a) first time buyer and (b) private rental market of housing asylum seekers in rented accommodation. (23919)
- 305 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 9072 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Ministers' Private Offices, if she will provide a breakdown of the £33,790.50. (23920)
- 306 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of creating new unitary authorities on district council housing allocations in the South West. (23964)
- 307 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what progress she has made on changing licensing in the funeral home sector. (23803)
- 308 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if her Department will make an estimate of the number of Sharia Courts there are in the UK. (23994)
- 309 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make it her policy to close all Sharia courts in the UK. (23995)
- 310 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the operation of Sharia courts on the legal system. (23996)
- 311 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the (a) nationality, (b) ethnicity, (c) gender and (d) age is of the victims of Pakistani heritage grooming gangs. (24000)
- 312 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24047)
- 313 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of sexual harassment laws. (23761)
- 314 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their

Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published.

(24048)

- 315 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to the Answer of 26 November 2024 to Question 14636, on Prime Minister: Tiktok, what meetings Downing Street special advisers have had with (a) senior media executives and (b) other executives from Tiktok that are not due to be routinely published on gov.uk transparency returns. (23887)
- 316 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 18205 on Former Prime Ministers: Convictions, and with reference to paragraph 1.6 of the Ministerial Code, if he will take steps to correct the record of his oral contribution of 4 December 2024, Official Report, column 291. (23895)
- 317 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24049)
- 318 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to increase the supply of affordable housing (a) in Beckenham and Penge constituency and (b) generally. (23974)
- 319 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to help increase access to high street banking services in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (23975)
- 320 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she has taken to help improve living standards for low-paid workers. (23976)
- 321 **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which news services her Department holds subscriptions to. (23899)
- 322N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the number of imported disposable vapes manufactured in China in (a) 2024 and (b) 2023. [Transferred] (23421)
- 323 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (23715)
- 324 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Answer of 12 April 2024 to Question HL3689 on EU Budget: Contributions, if she will make an estimate of the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the EU on the public finances in financial years (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (23883)

- 325 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increased availability of long-term fixed-rate mortgages on first-time buyers. (23784)
- 326 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will have discussions with the Royal Household on (a) transparency and (b) accountability of money provided from the public purse. (24098)
- 327 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of investing in the marine economy. (24112)
- 328 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 3.52 of the Autumn Budget 2024, what the aggregate capital cost before subsidy is of the 11 projects. (24119)
- 329 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24043)
- 330 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recent trends in the rate of inflation on (a) consumers and (b) businesses. (23759)
- 331 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to allow Hartley pension holders to transfer their pensions funds to other administrators. (24068)
- 332 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) strategic (b) outline and (c) final business cases were submitted to her Department in each of the last three years. (23860)
- 333 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many Bloomberg subscriptions her Department has. (23862)
- 334 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many (a) internal policy reviews, (b) independent reviews, (c) external reviews, (d) taskforces, (e) public consultations, (f) investigations and (g) other reviews their Department launched between 5 July 2024 and 5 January 2025; what the titles were of those reviews; and how many of those reviews have been (i) completed and (ii) published. (24050)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 17 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 14712 on Honours: Public Appointments, what discussions he had with the Commissioner for Public Appointments on the closure and reopening of competitions for appointments to the (a) Community and Voluntary Service, (b) Parliamentary and Political Service and (c) Diversity and Outreach (formerly called Representation and Outreach) honours committees. (23885)
- 2N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to respond to Question 20170 on Cabinet Office: Ministers' Private Offices, tabled on 16 December 2024. (23726)
- 3N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps he has taken to ensure legally compliant labelling on imported food and drink. (23819)
- 4N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, who the advisers are to the Board of Trade. (23921)
- 5N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2024 to Question 10261 on Board of Trade, whether the review into the Board of Trade has concluded; and what his planned timetable is for making a decision on the (a) appointment and (b) future direction of the Board. (23922)
- 6N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 20204 on Nissan, what his planned timetable is for publishing the updated transparency data on meetings. (23923)
- 7N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of US policies made between 20 January 2017 and 20 January 2021 on UK exporters. (24084)
- 8N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on international trade since 5 November 2024. (24086)
- 9N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the upcoming Blackwall of Silverstone tunnel tolls on congestion at the Dortmund crossing. (23929)

- 10N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, who the recipients were of grants from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme in Wimbledon since 2001; and how much each recipient received. (24076)
- 11N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support grassroots (a) women's and (b) girls' football. [R] (23842)
- 12N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure grassroots (a) women's and (b) girls' football clubs have the facilities they need to (i) play and (ii) train. [R] (23843)
- 13N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for implementing alternative student finance following the introduction of the Lifelong Learning Entitlement in the 2025-26 academic year. (23822)
- 14N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps she has taken to increase awareness of financial support available to students. (23823)
- 15N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to continue the grant to the Choir Schools Association in the next academic year. (23835)
- 16N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much her Department granted to the Choir Schools Association through the Music and Dance Scheme in each year since 2010. (23836)
- 17N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Energy in response to the hon. Member for Gordon and Buchan during the Oral Statement of 13 January on Gas Storage Levels, Official Report, column 32, if he will publish details of the meetings the Minister for Energy has had with oil and gas companies in Aberdeen since July 2024. (23882)
- 18N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of US policies in relation to renewable energy between 20 January 2017 and 20 January 2021 on the UK's renewable energy commitments. (24085)
- 19N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with his European counterparts on international climate commitments since 5 November 2024. (24088)
- 20N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of total percentage of the biodiversity for which the UK has global responsibility is located in the UK's Overseas Territories. (23706)

- 21N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what percentage of his Department's total biodiversity budget was spent on supporting biodiversity in the UK Overseas Territories in 2024-05. (23707)
- 22N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of proposed plans to make it easier to build data centres on levels of water usage. (23806)
- 23N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will take steps to monitor the water usage of data centres built in AI Growth Zones. (23807)
- 24N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Government to crack down on waste incinerators with stricter standards for new builds, published 30 December 2024, whether incinerators rejected at the planning stage are still able to appeal. (23991)
- 25N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his Department's timetable is for publishing the independent Pornography Review led by Baroness Bertin. (23817)
- 26N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 27 December 2024 to Question 20613 on UK Research and Innovation: Staff, what are the duties regionally-organised business growth advisers; and who pays their salaries. (23744)
- 27N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the SEPs Resource Hub launched by the IPO in October 2024 on small and medium enterprises. (23750)
- 28N **Jonathan Hinder** (Pendle and Clitheroe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 6 January 2020 to Question 492 on Colne-Skipton Railway Line, whether her Department has completed the further feasibility work. (24054)
- 29N **Jonathan Hinder** (Pendle and Clitheroe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of restoring the Skipton to Colne rail route. (24055)
- 30N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of increasing the rate of Statutory Sick Pay. (23948)

- 31N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the NHS England 987 inclusion health scheme on access to A&E services outside of the scope of that scheme. (23773)
- 32N **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board on steps to reduce the number of patients awaiting treatment in Heywood and Middleton North constituency. (23947)
- 33N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he expects to receive the outcome of the Group B Streptococcus trial from the UK National Screening Committee. (23720)
- 34N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with NHS England on which (a) straight-to-test pathways Community Diagnostic Centres and (b) hospital-based diagnostic services will be used to (i) develop and (ii) deliver its plan to reform elective care. (23852)
- 35N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide an update on negotiations with National Pharmacy Association following its recent ballot on the withdrawal of services. (23853)
- 36N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will publish (a) the business case for and (b) analysis held of the Genetic Risk Equity project. (23896)
- 37N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 22100 on Genetics: Diseases, how many additional (a) midwives and (b) close relative neonatal nurses were provided for the Genetic Risk Equity project; and what proportion of funding that represented. (23897)
- 38N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure rural and semi-rural communities have access to pharmacies. (23900)
- 39N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of increases in cases of flu on NHS healthcare provision. (23901)
- 40N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure hospitals are able to meet increased demand as a result of increased hospital admissions for flu. (23902)

- 41N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce accident and emergency waiting times in hospitals in East Kent. (24029)
- 42N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that all healthcare professionals have adequate training and awareness of endometriosis. (24057)
- 43N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to support primary care to reduce the time it takes to receive (a) results and (b) appointments from secondary care services. (23992)
- 44N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the National Prostate Cancer Audit's report entitled NPCA State of the Nation Report 2024, published January 2025, what steps he is taking to tackle inequalities preventing Black men from (a) receiving early diagnosis and (b) accessing NICE recommended treatments following advanced prostate cancer diagnosis. (23841)
- 45N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps he has taken with (a) international counterparts and (b) the Secretary of State for Defence to remove explosive ordnance from areas that have previously been conflict zones. (23820)
- 46N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the US Ambassador on comments about Ministers by members of the incoming US Administration. (24087)
- 47N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Science and Technology on publication of the independent Pornography Review. (23818)
- 48N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will have discussions with representatives of the travel industry on the potential impact of electronic travel authorisations on international visitors to Northern Ireland. (23718)
- 49N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21677 on Offences Against Children, whether her Department plans to reform the collection of data on grooming gangs. (23880)
- 50N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department will publish the ethnicity data on grooming gangs collected by the police. (23881)

- 51N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of asylum claims in each local authority were (a) successful, (b) ongoing and (c) rejected since 2018. (23837)
- 52N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how (a) many people were in receipt of and (b) much was spent on support under section (i) four, (ii) 95 and (iii) 98 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 in each year since 2015. (23840)
- 53N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Leader of the House, if she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that all Departments publish impact assessments to Bills when they are published at first reading. (23890)
- 54N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of Land Registry application processing times; and what steps she is taking to improve those times. (23772)
- 55N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to activate the Flood Recovery Framework in response to flooding (a) in Lincolnshire and (b) elsewhere in January 2025. [Transferred] (23494)
- 56N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her timetable is for releasing funds for the Eden Project North. (23789)
- 57N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the additional cost to Eden Project North of delays to that project. (23790)
- 58N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, from what source the £2.5 million released for Eden Project North in July 2024 came; and whether the decision to release the funding was taken by the previous administration. (23791)
- 59N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of amending planning permission regulations to make the local water supplier a statutory consultees in applications to build data centres. (23808)
- 60N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to include a specific requirement to provide rural affordable housing in commissioning the next phases of funds for Homes England. (23933)

- 61N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to include a specific requirement to support community-led housing in commissioning the next phases of funds for Homes England. (23934)
- 62N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to launch a further consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework to reduce the cost and complexity for community-led housing providers aiming to build small numbers of affordable homes in rural communities. (23935)
- 63N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when her Department's proposals for planning restrictions on heat pumps will be implemented. (23932)
- 64N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the allowances permitted for those undertaking jury duty for (a) loss of earnings, (b) cost of any care or childcare, (c) food and drink and (d) travel and parking costs. (23824)
- 65N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether any offenders who were convicted of child sexual abuse have been released early from prison since 5 July 2024. (23878)
- 66N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps he is taking with (a) the Northern Ireland Executive and (b) Invest NI to help promote Northern Ireland as an inward investment opportunity during the forthcoming Open Golf Championship at Royal Portrush. (23719)
- 67N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the Register of Members' Financial Interests, on what dates he stayed in Lord Alli's accommodation since becoming Prime Minister. (23886)
- 68N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of how many full time employees will not be paying income tax when the freeze on personal tax thresholds ends in April 2028. (23717)
- 69N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has plans for a comprehensive financial services regulatory regime for cryptoassets in the UK. (23721)
- 70N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of a tourism tax on the tourist industry. (23941)
- 71N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support the hospitality industry. (23942)

- 72N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the level of Government funding to (a) hospices and (b) the palliative care sector. (23903)
- 73N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on specialist colleges. (23930)
- 74N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if her Department will publish a timeline for the introduction of mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting. (24028)

Questions for Answer on Monday 20 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with his European counterparts on the potential merits of strengthening technology regulation. (24017)
- 2N **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of AI bots on (a) community cohesion and (b) national security. (24018)
- 3N **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the safety of LED headlights on cars (a) generally and (b) on country roads. (23770)
- 4N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to provide the same level of support to self-employed parents taking maternity leave as to self-employed people taking leave for adoption. (24079)
- 5N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the guidance entitled Reconfiguring NHS services - ministerial intervention powers, published on 31 January 2024, if he will clarify the changes in circumstances following which he may consider and intervene in the same reconfiguration more than once. (24004)
- 6N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to take steps to give Police and Fire Commissioner roles to combined authority mayors. (23952)

- 7N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to ensure that premises covered by the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill will also be required to provide (a) first aid equipment and (b) public access trauma kits. (24078)
- 8N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to prevent the use of drones for smuggling (a) weapons, (b) drugs and (c) other contraband into prisons. (23951)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

- 1 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): What plans she has to support councils with house building targets. (902241)
- 2 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): What steps she plans to take to reform the leasehold system. (902242)
- 3 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): What steps she plans to take to reform the leasehold system. (902243)
- 4 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): If she will make it her policy to introduce a new planning use class for second homes. (902244)
- 5 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund on local communities in Northern Ireland. (902245)
- 6 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): What steps she plans to take to reform the leasehold system. (902246)
- 7 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): What steps she is taking to support local authorities on using high street rental auctions to help regenerate town centres. (902247)
- 8 **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): What steps her Department is taking to help improve housing standards in the private rented sector. (902248)
- 9 **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): What steps her Department is taking to support councils in reducing levels of homelessness. (902249)
- 10 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): What steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to increase the supply of affordable housing. (902250)
- 11 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): What steps her Department is taking to support community ownership of local assets. (902251)
- 12 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the cost of providing public services in rural local government areas. (902252)

- 13 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): What discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on using local growth funding to help increase economic growth. (902253)
- 14 **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): If she will take steps to support social housing providers to fund houses made available under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. (902254)
- 15 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): What assessment she has made of the potential merits of abolishing residential leaseholds. (902255)
- 16 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): What plans her Department has for local government re-organisation in Devon. [R] (902256)
- 17 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help fund the infrastructure required to meet house building targets. (902257)
- 18 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): What steps her Department is taking to work with the devolved Administrations to support people sleeping rough in winter 2024-25. (902258)
- 19 **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the English Devolution Bill on local public services. (902259)
- 20 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): What steps she is taking to ensure that not-for-profit freeholders are accountable for their management practices. (902260)
- 21 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the English Devolution Bill on local public services. (902261)
- 22 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): What recent progress she has made on planning reform. (902262)
- 23 **Elaine Stewart** (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): What discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on using local growth funding to help increase economic growth. (902263)
- 24 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): What discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on ensuring that all new homes are built to high energy efficiency standards. (902264)
- 25 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of increases in house building on local services in Canterbury. (902265)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

- T1 **Frank McNally** (Coatbridge and Bellshill): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (902266)
- T2 **Dr Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): (902267)

T3	Alan Strickland (Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor):	(902268)
T4	Sarah Owen (Luton North):	(902269)
T5	Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill):	(902270)
T6	Phil Brickell (Bolton West):	(902271)
T7	Catherine Atkinson (Derby North):	(902272)
T8	Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon):	(902273)
T9	Jonathan Davies (Mid Derbyshire):	(902274)
T10	Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree):	(902275)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 21 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing introducing individual (a) licencing and (b) partnerships for AI companies. (23809)
- 2N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a single social tariff for water bills. (23990)
- 3N **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of women's health hubs. (23980)
- 4N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is negotiating a new UK-Egypt Association Agreement. (23989)
- 5N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department last reviewed the level of fees for citizenship applications. (23774)
- 6N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 14th October 2024 to Question 6697 on Magistrates' Courts: Telford, when she expects Shropshire remand cases to be returned to Telford Magistrates' Court. (23937)

- 7N **Nigel Huddleston** (Droitwich and Evesham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the answer of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State to the urgent question of 14 January 2025 on Drones: High-security Prisons, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the work of the organised crime groups on crime and disorder in the locality of (a) HMP Long Lartin and (b) other affected prisons. (23780)
- 8N **Nigel Huddleston** (Droitwich and Evesham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the answer of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State to the urgent question of 14 January 2025 on Drones: High-security Prisons, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of using military technology to block drones flying over prisons; and whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Defence on this issue. (23781)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will work with local authorities to ensure Education, Health and Care plans are updated post annual review for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to take into account the potential impact on the transition to KS3 and post-16 education. (24064)
- 2N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make it her policy to introduce mandatory food waste reporting urgently. (23725)
- 3N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to increase the availability of rolling stock suitable for (a) the Henley branch line and (b) other non-electrified branch lines. (24061)
- 4N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will take steps to (a) increase (i) frequency and (ii) reliability and (b) decarbonise services on (A) the Henley branch line and (B) other branch lines. (24062)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Scotland

- 1 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reduce the level of child poverty in Scotland. (902226)
- 2 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): What steps he is taking to strengthen the Union. (902227)

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- 3 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): What recent discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on support for the farming industry in Scotland. (902228)
 - 4 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help promote Scotland internationally. (902229)
 - 5 **Martin Rhodes** (Glasgow North): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Make Work Pay initiative on workers in Scotland. (902230)
 - 6 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): What discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on support for the green energy sector in Scotland. (902231)
 - 7 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of Great British Energy on Scotland. (902232)
 - 8 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the adequacy of Government support for women pensioners in Scotland. (902233)
 - 9 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): What assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of not issuing new oil and gas licences on economic growth in Scotland. (902234)
 - 10 **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the adequacy of Government support for women pensioners in Scotland. (902235)
 - 11 **Kenneth Stevenson** (Airdrie and Shotts): What assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on public services in Scotland. (902236)
 - 12 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): What assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the impact of levels of taxation on people in Scotland. (902237)
 - 13 **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support people with the cost of living in Scotland. (902238)
 - 14 **Joani Reid** (East Kilbride and Strathaven): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the future of industry in Scotland. (902239)
 - 15 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): What steps he is taking with the Scottish Government to help support businesses in Scotland to produce clean power. (902240)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of women being able to access paid leave for fertility treatment on the economy. (23981)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 24 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of seeking fertility treatment on women in the workplace. (23984)