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Questions tabled on Wednesday 15 January 2025

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 January

- Lee Barron (Corby and East Northamptonshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many suicides there were in Northamptonshire in each year since 2020; and how many of these were men.

 [Transferred] (24074)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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.

 [Transferred] (23887)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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 the Prime Minister will take steps to correct the record of his oral contribution of 4 December 2024, Official Report, column 291.
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has issued guidance on whether breaching the Business Appointment Rules is grounds for consideration by the Forfeiture Committee for the revocation of an honour. (24254)
- Ben Maguire (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of investing in the marine economy.

 [Transferred] (24112)

- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what trading schemes are (a) operational and (b) planned under the terms of Part 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008.

 [Transferred] (24115)
- 7 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance his Department issues to local authorities on providing adequate facilities for stoma bag patients.

 [Transferred] (23943)
- 8 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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.

 [Transferred] (23745)
- 9N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to tackle the impact of grey imports on UK businesses.

 [Transferred] (23604)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with Ofcom on (a) the prevention of and (b) the number of instances of online bullying. [Transferred] (24123)
- 11 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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.

 [Transferred] (23963)
- 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.

[Transferred] (23997)

- 13N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people aged 80 and over are eligible for the additional £260 per year pension.

 [Transferred] (23268)
- Dr Neil Hudson (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on how many abattoirs there were in (a) England and (b) the UK in (i) 2023 and (ii) 2024.

 [Transferred] (23904)
- 15 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help prevent the illegal sale of ADHD medication for recreational use.

 [Transferred] (24066)
- 16N **Nigel Farage** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure sanctions are taken against companies which have been sanctioned by other nations for links with the Muslim brotherhood.

 [Transferred] (23537)

- 17 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the (a) nationality, (b) ethnicity, (c) gender and (d) age is of the victims of Pakistani heritage grooming gangs.

 [Transferred] (24000)
- 18 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Leader of the House, what the approximate average cost to the public purse is of answering a written parliamentary question.

[Transferred] (23955)

- 19 Liam Conlon (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to increase the supply of affordable housing (a) in Beckenham and Penge constituency and (b) generally.
 [Transferred] (23974)
- 20 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's letter to Leaders of all two-tier councils and neighbouring unitary authorities of 16 December 2024, what is the (a) process and (b) timetable for secondary legislation to postpone local council elections from May 2025 to May 2026. (24220)
- 21 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Media, Culture and Sport on the VAT exemption for disability-adapted motor vehicles. [Transferred] (23926)
- 22 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (23785)

Questions for Answer on Friday 17 January

- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Solicitor General, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have used AI in the last 12 months.

 (24133)
- 2 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his priorities are for the third Global Disability Summit in April 2025. (24362)
- 3 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) Ministers and (b) officials from his Department plan to attend he Global Disability Summit in April 2025. (24363)

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- 4N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Register of Members' Financial Interests, on what dates he stayed in Lord Alli's accommodation since becoming Prime Minister.

 [Transferred] (23886)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department has issued on how the policy and work of non-ministerial departments can be scrutinised by (a) oral and (b) written Parliamentary Questions. (24242)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the policy of the Government Property Agency is on (a) retaining or (b) removing gender neutral toilets from the government estate, in the context of building regulations on toilets for new and refurbished buildings which came into effect in October 2024. (24244)
- 7 Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) people and (b) organisations received a hard copy official Christmas card delivered by Royal Mail from (i) the Prime Minister, (ii) the Cabinet Secretary, (ii) the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, (iv) him, (v) the Permanent Secretary of his Department and (vi) the National Security Adviser in 2024. (24245)
- 8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to make updates to the Financial Reporting Manual. (24246)
- 9 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Succession Select search tool published by Cabinet Office and the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, on 17 December 2024, if he will make an assessment of the compatibility of the rationale for the Succession Select tool with the policy of external recruitment for Senior Civil Service vacancies. (24252)
- 10 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, (a) when and (b) where the next round of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with Israel will take place. (24180)
- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether (a) his Department and each of (b) its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support.
- 12 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support the growth of the creative industries (a) through the Creative Careers Programme and (b) generally. (24321)
- 13 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help ensure that young people benefit from grassroots sports facilities. (24322)

- Liam Conlon (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how the National Youth Strategy will help tackle barriers to opportunity for children and young people in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (24323)
- Liam Conlon (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that artificial intelligence complies with existing copyright law. (24324)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the (a) adequacy of adoption by (i) professional and (ii) grass roots sports organisations and (b) effectiveness of the UK-wide Concussion Guidelines for Grassroots Sport, updated in November 2024. (24215)
- 17 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle homophobia in boxing. (24153)
- 18 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with representatives of the electronic music and nightclub sector on the night-time culture economy. [R] (24378)
- Mr Paul Kohler (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment o the potential merits of formally recognising (a) nightclubs and (b) music venues as cultural, heritage and community assets.

 [R] (24379)
- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether (a) her Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support. (24279)
- 21 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding allocated to the National Citizen Service will be redistributed to youth services. (24185)
- 22 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential impact of a transient visitor levy on UK tourism. (24301)
- 23 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of a transient visitor levy on the UK visitor economy. (24302)
- 24 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help make lower league football clubs more financially viable. (24315)

- 25 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending eligibility for Pupil Premium Plus to (a) children who have not been looked after and (b) other children in kinship care. (24381)
- Matt Bishop (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to (a) renew the and (b) extend eligibility for kinship families to the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund. (24382)
- 27 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities system in supporting children with acquired brain injuries. (24212)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to publish guidance on the risks to children of acquired brain injuries in (a) schools and (b) sports clubs.
- 29 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she has taken to encourage schools to adopt the recommendations on (a) preventing and (b) treating concussion in the UK-wide Concussion Guidelines for Grassroots Sport, updated in November 2024. (24214)
- 30 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of providing financial support to specialist education colleges to help mitigate the increase in employee National Insurance contributions. (24296)
- 31 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to extend the Targeted Retention Incentive to specialist SEND teachers.

 (24297)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's press release, Government reaffirms commitment to Free Speech in universities, published on 15 January 2025, when she will implement the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme. (24258)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her oral statement on 15 January 2025 on Higher Education Regulatory Approach, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of encouraging higher education institutions to adopt The Chicago Principles on freedom of speech and academic freedom. (24259)
- Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding her Department plans to provide for T-Level qualifications in each of the next three financial years. (24240)

- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether (a) her Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support. (24280)
- 36N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on specialist colleges.

 [Transferred] (23930)
- **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps the Government is taking to help ensure accurate representation of (a) cases involving children already known to social services and (b) other aspects of home education in (i) public statements and (ii) media coverage. (24396)
- 38 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the number of school children that are in absolute poverty.
 (24172)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to tackle anti-semitism in schools. (24176)
- **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to (a) support the private education sector and (b) encourage its expansion (i) domestically and (ii) internationally. (24330)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to make it easier for parents to obtain Educational Health Care Plans for their children. (24319)
- **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the oil and gas sector contributes to meeting global climate targets. (24314)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps the Government is taking to encourage people to buy electric vehicles.

 (24400)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (24134)
- **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether (a) his Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support. (24281)

- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of Great British Energy on the cost of energy bills paid by farmers. (24403)
- 47 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps with his international counterparts to negotiate a treaty on ending fossil fuel. (24294)
- 48 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to increase funding available to national landscape teams. (24207)
- 49 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much funding he has allocated to flood resilience projects this financial year; and how much of that funding is dedicated to flood risk mitigation for communities in high-risk flood zones. (24333)
- Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Executive Summary of his Department's policy paper entitled Flood and coastal erosion risk management: An investment plan for 2021 to 2027, published on 29 July 2021, what steps his Department is taking to support the implementation of flood defence projects; and whether he expects all projects to be delivered on time.
- David Chadwick (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on implementing the River Wye Action Plan. (24367)
- 52 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to the natural environment. (24320)
- 53N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to ensure legally compliant labelling on imported food and drink.

 [Transferred] (23819)
- Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to permit the controlled release of beavers into the countryside. (24402)
- Cat Eccles (Stourbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that the children of families of boaters without a permanent mooring have daily access to education without falling under enforcement of the Canal and River Trust and other navigation authorities.

(24371)

- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (24135)
- 57 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent estimate he has made of the quantity of best and most versatile agricultural land. (24140)
- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether (a) his Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support. (24282)
- 59 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of frequent flooding on the (a) economy and (b) social cohesion of areas impacted. (24198)
- 60 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to open the Property Resilience Repair Grant Scheme, in the context of the floods in Oxfordshire on 22-24 November 2024. (24199)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what research, analysis and intelligence WRAP provides her Department to inform policy.

 (24365)
- Or Roz Savage (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which legislation created the requirement for individuals to obtain permission from every riparian property owner to pass through their land while using a waterway; and whether he plans to (a) clarify and (b) amend existing guidance on public access to rivers.
- 63 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help the wine and spirits industry manage the implementation of a UK-wide Deposit Return Scheme. (24395)
- 64 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the number of dairy farmers in the last ten years. (24169)
- 65 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): 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 wool prices in the last (a) 6 months, (b) 12 months and (c) 8 years. (24373)
- 66 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to take steps to ensure that the use of AI does not lead to large scale job losses. (24401)

- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department is taking steps the Government is taking to (a) clarify (i) liability and (ii) enforcement thresholds under the Online Safety Act 2023 and (b) address unintended consequences of that Act for small, independent online community operators.
- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether (a) his Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support. (24283)
- 69 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to tackle websites which (a) promote and (b) normalise suicide. (24361)
- 70 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of proposed AI data centres on UK (a) security and (b) defence. (24317)
- 71 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with the DVLA on the potential merits of accepting eye tests from certified opticians other than Specsavers for frequent license renewals where they are required. (24349)
- 72N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the upcoming Blackwall and Silvertown tunnel tolls on congestion at the Dartford crossing. [Transferred] (23929)
- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether (a) her Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support. (24284)
- 74 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress she has made with National Highways on the next round of RIS3 funding: and whether the A180 will be included in this funding stream. (24186)
- 75 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress she has made on discussions to establish a direct rail link between London and Cleethorpes. (24187)
- 76 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to take steps to improve the equitable distribution of practical driving test slots in (a) England and (b) Leicester East constituency. (24293)

- 77 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to (a) increase the number of practical driving tests available in (i) Greater London and (ii) Essex and (b) help prevent unauthorised vendors selling practical test slots online. (24150)
- 78 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the number of rented electric (a) bikes and (b) scooters illegally parked on pavements. (24151)
- 79 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of diesel train availability on the Twyford to Henley on Thames branch line. (24374)
- 80 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the previous Government's policies on life expectancy in Glasgow North East constituency. (24326)
- 81 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an estimate of the cost to the public purse of social security benefits for people unable to work because of an acquired brain injury. (24211)
- 82 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (24136)
- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether (a) her Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support.
- 84 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of young people out of work in Knowsley constituency. (24292)
- Mark Sewards (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of recommending the inclusion of Attendance Allowance recipients to the Motability scheme. (24332)
- 36 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to encourage people with physical illnesses to work from home.
 (24167)
- 87 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of pensioners no longer eligible for winter fuel payment in winter 2024-25. (24303)

- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of pensioners earning less than the Pension Credit threshold who did not receive winter fuel payment in winter 2024-25. (24304)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people signed up for Pension Credit between July and December 2024. (24305)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of pensioners in poverty in winter (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2023-24. (24306)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what target her Department set for the number of new sign ups to Pension Credit between July and December 2024. (24307)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the Household Support Fund in supporting pensioners in winter 2024-25. (24308)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of Household Support Fund funding allocated to pensioners in 2024-25. (24309)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the number of palliative care specialists available in the care system. (24201)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of training given to palliative care specialists. (24202)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of a designated out of hours palliative care advice line in every region. (24204)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential benefits of allocating palliative care funding through a long-term centrally managed, ringfenced grant. (24205)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending free NHS dental repairs to teeth damaged by seizures from epilepsy. (24350)

- 99 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of extending the Start for Life programme to (a) Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency and (b) other local authorities that do not receive funding through the programme. (24351)
- 100 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the publication by NHS England entitled Reforming elective care for patients, published on 6 January 2025, whether the fee paid to GPs for providing advice and guidance with hospital specialists will cover the costs of any subsequent follow up request for further guidance.
- Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the publication by NHS England entitled Reforming elective care for patients, published on 6 January 2025, whether he has had recent discussions with General Practitioners on the potential impact of changes to the legal framework for when GPs follow advice and guidance pathways.
- 102 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to increase access to PSA tests for the early diagnosis of prostate cancer for men in rural areas. (24141)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to improve information about early diagnosis for prostate cancer for men from areas of socio-economic deprivation. (24142)
- 104 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of provisions within the Tobacco and Vapes Bill on trends in the level of usage of very high puff-count vapes among young people. (24255)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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 Material Focus study enttiled, Big puff" vapes are surging onto the market adding to the vape environmental crisis, published on 16 December 2024, and whether he plans to take steps to tackle the popularity of high puff-count vapes amongst 16 to 34 year olds. (24256)
- 106 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of very high-puff count vapes on trends in the level of youth vaping. (24257)
- 107N **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of regulating companies that are funded by local government to provide day activity services to adults with disabilities. [Transferred] (23676)

- Mr Paul Kohler (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on location of a breast cancer screening site in Merton; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of using a breast cancer screening van until a suitable site has been located. (24377)
- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) his Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support.
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 19157 on Bowel Cancer: Health Services, what steps he has taken to support Bowel Cancer UK's Never Too Young campaign. (24404)
- Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much of the funding allocated for Pharmacy First has been spent as of 15 January 2025.
- 112 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the planned timetable is for the UK National Screening Committee review of its advice on screening for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

 (24163)
- 113 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Full government response to the Lord O'Shaughnessy review into commercial clinical trials, if he will publish an assessment of progress on implementing the review's recommendations. (24165)
- 114 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities will be resuming the annual evidence reviews on tobacco-based products previously undertaken by Public Health England.

 [R] (24358)
- Tim Roca (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with NHS England on (a) the timetable for the next review of the Additional Roles Reimbursement scheme and (b) the findings of previous ARRS reviews on GP control of money allocated as part of the scheme . (24368)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase (a) awareness and (b) understanding of primary biliary cholangitis among (i) general practitioners and (ii) other healthcare professionals. (24173)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the diagnosis of primary biliary cholangitis (a) overall and (b) in women. (24174)

- Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which appointments will count towards the plan to deliver 40,000 more NHS appointments a week. (24346)
- 119 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how he is measuring the delivery of 40,000 more NHS appointments a week.
- 120 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of pensioners hospitalised in winter 2024-25.
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of NHS treatment for pensioners in winter (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2023-24. (24312)
- 122 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for the future of Torbay Hospital. (24331)
- 123 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Independent review of children's social care: final report, published 23 May 2022, whether he plans to implement the recommendation on care experience and caring as protected characteristics. (24372)
- 124 **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he is having with disabled
 people to help ensure that their views are represented at the Global Disability Summit in
 Berlin on 2-3 April 2025. (24364)
- Ayoub Khan (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the ceasefire agreement
 between Israel and Hamas, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) secure a
 permanent ceasefire agreement and (b) implement the measures needed for post-war
 reconstruction in Gaza. (24397)
- Ayoub Khan (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the ceasefire agreement
 between Israel and Hamas, if his Department will take steps to help ensure that a
 substantial increase in humanitarian aid flows into Gaza is included as a condition within
 a permanent ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas. (24398)
- Ayoub Khan (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential
 impact of the Israel-Hamas ceasefire agreement on the (a) presence and (b) activities of
 the Israeli Defense Forces in (i) Gaza, (ii) the Golan Heights and (iii) the West Bank. (24399)

- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether (a) his Department and (b) each of its
 arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid
 time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support.

 (24287)
- 129 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in the new Syrian government on protecting the rights of minority religious communities in Syria.

 (24168)
- 130 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Israeli
 government on the attack on Balata refugee camp in December 2024. (24360)
- Shivani Raja (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of announcing a national inquiry into grooming gangs; and what steps she is taking to (a) support investigations into alleged crimes and (b) help prevent similar crimes in the future. (24295)
- 132 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested for using forged passports at airports in the last 12 months. (24171)
- Luke Taylor (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how the pilot rollout of (a) Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and (b) Domestic Abuse Protection Orders in Sutton will be reviewed to assess their effectiveness. (24316)
- 134 Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Leader of the House, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 18705 on Home Office: Equality, if she will hold discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the adequacy of the time taken to respond to written parliamentary questions where there is a Freedom of Information request on the same subject.
- 135 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that veterans in rural areas have access to mental health support services. (24209)
- 136 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Israeli armed forces personnel are attending training courses in the UK; which courses they are taking; and where those courses are located. (24181)
- 137 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many visits to Israel for what purpose the (a) Chief of the Defence Staff, (b) Chief of the Air Staff and (c) Commander of Strategic Command have made since 1 January 2024. (24182)

- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether (a) his Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support.
- 139 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of aid sent to Ukraine to help track down Russian war criminals. (24170)
- 140 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on preventing interventions by hostile actors on new (a) AI and (b) data centres. (24318)
- 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, whether (a) leaseholders, (b) mortgage lenders, (c) building
 insurers and (d) other stakeholders can seek confirmation from her Department whether
 a building's (i) Fire Risk Appraisal (ii) Qualifying Assessment has (A) been audited by her
 Department and (B) met the required standard.
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference page 53 of the National Audit Office's
 report entitled Dangerous cladding: the government's remediation portfolio, published on
 4 November 2024, what proportion of fire risk appraisals of external walls conducted by
 developers up to 31 December 2024 (a) have been audited by her Department and (b) did
 not meet the required standard.
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's publication
 entitled Building Safety Remediation: monthly data release November 2024, published
 on 19 December 2024, and in the context of her Department's Remediation Acceleration
 Plan, published on 02 December 2024, what assessment she has made of the reason why
 only 10% of buildings that were forecast to start remediation in the last quarter have done
 so.

 (24206)
- Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the average waiting time was between completion of a development in areas at risk of flooding and installation of flood defences pledged at planning stage since 2019; and how many developments built since in areas at risk of flooding don't have flood defences. (24335)
- Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to take steps to require developers to complete flood defences committed to at planning stage in areas at risk of flooding within a mandated time period. (24336)

- Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to increase the number of new homes built to high standards of environmental resilience; and what proportion of housebuilding projects are meeting those standards. (24337)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an estimate of how many people with acquired brain injury are experiencing (a) homelessness and (b) rough sleeping. (24210)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (24137)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether it is her policy to introduce increased roles

 for parish and town councils. (24260)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to
 Question 20226 on Environment Impact Assessment, what his planned timetable is for
 replacing the system of environmental assessment. (24188)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to
 Questions 19351 and 19356 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, if she place in the
 House of Commons Library each written representation that will be considered by the
 Planning Inspectorate's inquiry. (24189)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has issued guidance on
 when planning permission is required to rent out a dwelling as a short-term let. (24190)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, for what reason she has placed a limit on
 the amount local authorities can spend on temporary accommodation costs from
 Homelessness Prevention Grant. (24191)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential
 impact of limits on the amount that local authorities can spend on temporary
 accommodation from the Homelessness Prevention Grant on costs to local authorities.

 (24192)

- 155 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to the £515 million of new funding
 to support councils with the costs associated with the increase in employer National
 Insurance contributions, announced on 18 December 2024, whether she plans to continue
 this funding in local government finance settlements beyond 2025-26. (24193)
- Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to promote the English language other than through (a) schemes for people from Ukraine and Hong Kong and (b) English for Speakers of Other Languages training. (24221)
- 157 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17826 on Local Government: Disadvantaged, what plans she has to update the 2019 Index of Deprivation.
- Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to Question 20827 on Religious Freedom, what steps the Government is taking to protect freedom of speech in relation to the expression of lawful statements which may be critical of organised religion.

 (24223)
- 159 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which individual funding streams to local government in 2025-26 are ring-fenced. (24224)
- 160 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 4 of her Department's College of Experts recruitment pack, published in December 2024, whether strengthening and consolidating employment rights is a formal Ministerial responsibility of her Department. (24225)
- Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question HL3199 on Government department: cost effectiveness, what requirements local authorities will have to make efficiency savings as part of the Spending Review Phase 2. (24226)
- 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 16948 on Planning Permission, what previous guidance has been provided by (a) her Department and (b) the Planning Inspectorate on whether representations made advocating a planning call-in or planning recovery must be publicly disclosed. (24227)
- Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 6 January 2025, HCWS353, on Community Ownership Fund Round 4, how much funding has been distributed under each of the individual rounds of the Community Ownership Fund. (24228)

- Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to Question 20129 on Unitary councils, whether her department has evidential basis for unitary restructuring what has not been funded by organisations supporting unitary restructuring. (24229)
- 165 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2024 to Question 18954 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Public Appointments, for what reason her Department was without Non-Executive Board Members since 7 July 2024. (24230)
- 166 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 4.2.3 of the Devolution White Paper (CP 1218), published on 16 December 2024, at what administrative level social care will be administered in areas where counties and districts are replaced with new unitaries. (24231)
- Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): 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, whether Biodiversity Net Gain expenditure can be scored against mitigation measures.
- Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which councils which received Rural Services Delivery Grant in 2024-25 will not receive Recovery Grant in 2025-26. (24233)
- Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has received representations from local authorities on increasing the council tax referendum threshold for councils with Section 114 notices; and what her policy is on this issue.
- 170 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the draft Local Government Finance Settlement published on 18 December 2024, HCWS342, what her Department's estimated increase in council tax receipts is in 2025-26 compared to 2024-25; and what proportion of the increase in core spending power will be funded through higher council tax receipts. (24235)
- Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 99 of the Devolution White Paper (CP 1218), published on 16 December 2024, whether her Department plans to issue statutory guidance on the appropriate use of (a) byelaws and (b) fixed penalty notices; whether there will be a maximum threshold for fixed penalty notices; and whether there will be a right of appeal.

- Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 64 of the Devolution White Paper (CP 1218), published on 16 December 2024, whether Spatial Development Strategies will (a) include targets and (b) propose sites for authorised traveller pitches by local planning authority. (24237)
- 173 Paul Holmes (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Local Audit Office will have the authority to (a) undertake inspections of individual local authorities, (b) commission external research and (c) exercise best value powers. (24238)
- 174 Mr Paul Kohler (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, is she will make an assessment of the potential merits of putting the agent of change principle on a statutory footing. [R] (24380)
- 175 Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether (a) her Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support. (24289)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with Basildon Council on (a) their management of homelessness services and (b) the breaches recorded by that Council of the requirement to avoid placing (i) families with children, (ii) pregnant women and (iii) care leavers in temporary accommodation. (24406)
- 177 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department takes to hold to account councils that fail to comply with the Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (England) Order 2003. (24407)
- Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help foster collaboration between (a) housing associations and (b) local authorities to align their energy efficiency targets in the construction of new residential properties. (24369)
- Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities 179 and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of incentives to landlords to improve the energy efficiency of residential properties. (24370)
- Jack Rankin (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of approving requests from local authorities for council tax increases above the referendum cap.

- Jack Rankin (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to announce her decision on requests from local authorities for approval of council tax increases above the referendum cap. (24387)
- 182 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to require housing associations to carry out Section 11 repairs within a specific timeframe. (24152)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have used AI in the last 12 months.

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- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether (a) her Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies offers employees who are foster carers (i) flexible working, (ii) paid time off for (A) training and (B) settling a new child into their home and (iii) other support.
- 185 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people received awards under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme in Warrington in each of the last five years or which figures are available; and what the value of those awards was. (24218)
- 186 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average processing time was for applications to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme by people resident in Warrington in each of the last five years. (24219)
- 187 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Prime Minister, for what purposes (a) special advisers and (b) officials in 10 Downing Street have used AI in the last 12 months.
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question 12231 on 10 Downing Street: Art Works, if he will list each of the other (a) works of art and (b) portraits that have been removed for restoration. (24249)
- Josh MacAlister (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Prime Minister, whether his
 Office offers employees who are foster carers (a) flexible working, (b) paid time off for (i)
 training and (ii) settling a new child into their home and (c) other support. (24291)
- 190 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has received an invitation to the US President's inauguration. (24405)
- 191 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recent trends in the level of retail investment on economic (a) growth and (b) resilience. (24340)

- **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government plans to take to help asset management firms access the Chinese market. (24341)
- **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled 2025 UK-China Economic and Financial Dialogue: fact sheet, published on 11 January 2025, what steps the Government plans to take to help implement new (a) commercial licences and (b) quota allocations for UK firms in China.
- 194 Callum Anderson (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of China's commitment to issue an inaugural offshore sovereign green bond on the competitiveness of the domestic financial sector.
 (24343)
- **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of new UK-China over-the-counter bond trading on future trends in the UK's economic growth rate. (24344)
- **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to take steps to support greater supervisory data sharing between UK and Chinese financial regulators. (24345)
- **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the adequacy of support available for farmers and food producers. (24208)
- **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when HMRC plans to respond to the email of 9 December 2024 from the office of the hon.

 Member for Brentford and Isleworth. (24179)
- **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking to support family farmers. (24338)
- 200 Charlotte Cane (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer,
 what assessment she has made of the increase in the rate of employers' National
 Insurance contributions on trends in the level of economic growth. (24339)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the increase in employer's National Insurance contributions on social care providers in South Suffolk constituency. (24194)
- **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of reforming mortgage regulation. (24348)

- 203 **Andy MacNae** (Rossendale and Darwen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support the hospitality industry; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of amending VAT for that sector. (24325)
- 204 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of the VAT (a) threshold and (b) rates on the (i) growth and (ii) financial sustainability of small businesses. (24329)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 13 January 2025 to Question 21589 on Military Bases: Diego Garcia, when she plans to publish the costs of the (a) proposed economic partnership and (b) Chagossian Trust Fund; and whether she plans to frontload payments for the proposed lease of the military base.
- 206 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people HMRC has identified as being liable for the Loan Charge who have not yet (a) paid and (b) settled to avoid it (i) in total and (ii) by Parliamentary constituency. (24388)
- 207 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the cost of new sign ups for Pension Credit between July and December 2024. (24310)
- 208 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of trends in the level of consumer spending amongst pensioners in quarter four of (a) 2024 and (b) 2023. (24313)
- 209 Alison Taylor (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made on the number of family owned businesses who will be impacted by the proposed changes to (a) Business Property Relief and (b) Agricultural Property Relief in Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency. (24300)
- 210 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she plans to amend the list of protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010 to include hair colour. (24154)

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Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's policy document entitled Governance Code on Public Appointments, published on 8 February 2024, whether recruitment competitions for public appointments can be re-opened once closed.

- 2N Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 16512 on Government Communication Service and his Department's statistical bulletin entitled Civil Service Statistics: 2024, last updated August 2024, for what reason the figure of Government communicators differs between the answer provided and the headcount of all civil servants working in the Communications profession listed in the statistical bulletin. (24248)
- 3N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what diversity and inclusion (a) days and (b) weeks (i) his Department and (ii) the Office for Equality and Opportunity plans to mark in 2025. (24253)
- 4N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to ensure that businesses comply with the Equality Act 2010 in granting access to disabled individuals accompanied by guide dogs.

 [Transferred] (23370)
- 5N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to commence the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024. (24132)
- 6N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many small businesses the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports has visited since 4 July 2024. (24352)
- 7N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what data his Department holds on the number of businesses that have closed voluntarily in each month of the last five years. (24353)
- 8N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what data his Department holds on the number of businesses that have closed involuntarily in each month of the last five years. (24354)
- 9N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what data his Department holds on the number of voluntary business liquidations that have taken place each month of the last five years. (24355)
- 10N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what data his Department holds on the number of involuntary business liquidations that have taken place each month of the last five years. (24356)
- 11N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of US policies enacted between 20 January 2017 20 January 2021 on UK small businesses. (24389)
- 12N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of US policies enacted between 20 January 2017 and 20 January 2021 on the Scotch whisky industry. (24390)

- 13N Calum Miller (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of US policies enacted between 20 January 2017 and 20 January 2021 on the UK aluminium industry. (24391)
- 14N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of US policies enacted between 20 January 2017 and 20 January 2021 on the UK steel industry. (24392)
- 15N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of US policies enacted between 20 January 2017 and 20 January 2021 on the UK renewable energy industry. (24393)
- 16N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with (a) the Guardian Media Group and (b)

 Tortoise Media on the proposed buyout of the Observer newspaper. (24264)
- 17N **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of full-time undergraduate students with British nationality non-domiciled in the UK are paying international fees. (24385)
- 18N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support further education colleges to invest in low-carbon (a) technology and (b) infrastructure. (24273)
- 19N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to make Round 1 payments from the Water Restoration Fund.

 (24270)
- 20N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled, Government introduces import ban of cattle, pigs and sheep from Germany to protect farmers after Foot and Mouth case, published on 14 January 2025, whether the import ban will apply to Northern Ireland.
- 21N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21604 on Department for Work and Pensions: Artificial Intelligence, whether her Department has taken steps to inform benefits claimants that machine learning is used by her Department to flag cases for further examination. (24166)
- 22N Dan Carden (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions his Department has had with University Hospitals of Liverpool on the Critical Incident declared on 7 January 2025. (24197)

- 23N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help protect older people from health impacts of cold weather.

 (24268)
- 24N 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 changes to winter fuel payments on hospital admissions of older people in (a) Epping Forest constituency and (b) nationally.
 (24269)
- 25N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the powers of Coroners to include the investigation of stillbirths. (24357)
- 26N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Oral Statement of 15 January 2025 on Winter Update, if he will publish a list of the locations of the 24 critical incidents declared in the week of 6 January 2025.
- 27N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care what steps he is taking to provide (a) resources and (b) expertise to (i) assess digital health technologies and (ii) maintain the safety of its recommendations. (24164)
- 28N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Turkish
 counterpart on the security situation in northern Syria. (24184)
- 29N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has received from his Mauritian counterpart on the length of the proposed lease of the military base on Diego Garcia since 3 October 2024.
- 30N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish all (a) correspondence and (b) representations his Department (i) has made and (ii) received on the planning application for the proposed Chinese Embassy since July 2024. (24157)
- 31N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what verbal discussions his Department has had with representatives of the Chinese government on the planning application for a new Chinese Embassy in London since July 2024. (24158)
- 32N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the
 level of risk to the safety of health workers in Gaza; and what steps he is taking to help
 protect those workers. (24276)

- 33N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the (a) equitability and (b) affordability of fees for citizenship applications; and whether she plans to review those fees.

 (24275)
- 34N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent steps he has taken with international partners to dispose of legacy marine mines.

 (24196)
- 35N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) number of and (b) requirement for medical service personnel was on 1 April 2024. (24144)
- 36N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many engineers there were in the Army on 1 April 2024; and what the requirement was.(24145)
- 37N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the Army training budget was in each year since 2010. (24146)
- 38N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the RAF training budget was in each year since 2010. (24147)
- 39N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the Navy training budget was in each year since 2010. (24148)
- 40N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has carried out an impact assessment on plans to redistribute council tax. (24261)
- 41N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of plans to redistribute council tax on councils with lower rates of tax.

 (24262)
- 42N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to provide
 support to homeowners impacted by reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. (24183)
- 43N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential
 impact of proposals within the English Devolution White Paper on the (a) borders and (b)
 status of ceremonial counties. (24239)
- 44N **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many delays there have been in fitting sobriety tags longer than (a) one, (b) seven, (c) 14 and (d) 28 days in each of the last 12 months.

- 45N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer to return part of her salary. (24241)
- 46N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, whether Lord Mandelson has disposed of his lobbying interests on his appointment as Ambassador to the United States. (24250)
- 47N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has met members of the 48 Group Club. (24251)
- 48N **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to tackle tax evasion by business in the hospitality sector who (a) fail to declare earnings and (b) pay cash in hand. (24298)
- 49N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will have discussions with the credit union movement on expanding their role in offering financial services to individuals. (24149)
- 50N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to seize UK-based assets of Bashar al-Assad and redirect the funds to Syrian civil society. (24272)

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 Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing introducing individual (a) licencing and (b) partnerships for AI companies.

[Transferred] (23809)

- 2N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to increase the effectiveness safeguards for people with mental health conditions when engaging with the benefits system. (24384)
- 3N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to allow optometrists to share scan data directly with consultants, in the context of patient waiting times. (24383)
- 4N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of GDP is the UK's defence spending excluding Trident. (24299)

- 5N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for the rollout of Young Futures Hubs. (24375)
- 6N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether if Further Education colleges will be eligible to a reclaim VAT for renewable energy installations.

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Oral Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What the annual cost to the public purse is of a 0.1% increase in the cost of servicing Government debt. (902276)
- **Emily Darlington** (Milton Keynes Central): What the fiscal circumstances are that would allow Official Development Assistance to return to 0.7% of gross national income. (902277)
- **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of planned changes to National Insurance contributions and thresholds on family businesses. (902278)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): What assessment she has made of the potential implications for her fiscal policies of recent trends in levels of investment in green infrastructure. (902279)
- **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): What fiscal steps she is taking to help increase levels of economic growth in rural areas. (902280)
- **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): What steps she is taking to help increase economic growth in Stoke-on-Trent. (902281)
- **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): What steps she plans to take help protect the steel industry from high emission steel being diverted away from the EU to the UK following confirmation of the UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism for 2027. (902282)
- **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): What assessment she has made of the potential implications for her regulatory policies of recent trends in levels of money laundering in retail businesses. (902283)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): What assessment she has made of the implications for her polices of recent trends in the level of interest on Government debt.

 (902284)
- **Richard Baker** (Glenrothes and Mid Fife): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to uplift former mineworkers' pensions. (902285)
- **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): What steps she is taking through the tax system to support SMEs. (902286)

- Michael Wheeler (Worsley and Eccles): What steps she is taking through the tax system to support the retail sector. [R] (902287)
- 13 **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): What steps she is taking to help increase access to banking services. (902288)
- 14 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): What steps she plans to take to help improve living standards. (902289)
- 15 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): If she will increase funding for public services to help ensure the affordability of pay awards. (902290)
- David Williams (Stoke-on-Trent North): What steps she has taken to help increase economic growth in Stoke-on-Trent. (902291)
- 17 **Jonathan Davies** (Mid Derbyshire): What steps she has taken to help increase economic growth in Derbyshire. (902292)
- 18 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of levels of taxation on employment rates. (902293)
- 19 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on levels of debt interest spending. (902294)
- 20 **Alex Easton** (North Down): What steps she is taking through the tax system to support small businesses with increases in employer National Insurance contributions. (902295)
- 21 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on levels of debt interest spending. (902296)
- 22 **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney): What steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to uplift former mineworkers' pensions. (902297)
- 23 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): What steps she has taken to help increase economic growth in the North East. (902298)
- 24 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): What steps she is taking through the tax system to support the hospitality and tourism sectors. (902299)
- 25 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): What steps she has taken to help increase economic growth in North Yorkshire. (902300)

Topical Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

T1 **Frank McNally** (Coatbridge and Bellshill): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (902

T2 Olly Glover (Didcot and Wantage): (902302)

T3 Steve Yemm (Mansfield): (902303)

(902301)

T4	Brian Leishman (Alloa and Grangemouth):	(902304)
T5	Steve Witherden (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr):	(902305)
T6	Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth):	(902306)
T7	Damien Egan (Bristol North East):	(902307)
T8	Josh Simons (Makerfield):	(902308)
Т9	Gill German (Clwyd North):	(902309)
T10	Chris McDonald (Stockton North):	(902310)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 January

- 1N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many construction businesses the Minister of State for Industry has visited since 4 July 2024. (24159)
- 2N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, on what dates he has met with the Head of Business Engagement to the Chancellor of the Exchequer since 14 October 2024. (24160)
- 3N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 19443 on British Business Bank: Finance, when he plans to begin publishing data on the British Business Bank's Start Up Loans programme. (24161)
- 4N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 20202 on Small Business, if he will publish the Small Business Strategy by Summer Recess 2025. (24162)
- Sport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of outsourcing the licensing of the operation of the professional basketball league on the (a) investments and (b) financial viability of professional basketball clubs in the UK; and if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the British Basketball Federation's governance model.
- 6N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to publish the National Youth Strategy. (24263)

- 7N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what support she is providing to help ensure the Imperial War Museum's Second World War Centenary Digitisation Project is able to upload and make accessible to the public photographs and reels of film. (24178)
- 8N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what support he is providing to help ensure the Imperial War Museum's Second World War Centenary Digitisation Project is able to upload and make accessible to the public photographs and reels of film. (24177)
- 9N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reviewing the rules on request to review ARAP rejections within 90 days of receipt when a person is in (a) a lifethreatening situation and (b) has limited access to the internet. (24359)
- 10N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what her Department's target date is to ensure that
 homeless households with children are not housed in bed and breakfast accommodation
 longer than the statutory six weeks maximum. (24265)
- 11N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of standards of temporary accommodation on child infant mortality. (24266)
- 12N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to help (a) Ministers
 and (b) officials from other departments fully participate in the Inter Ministerial Group on
 Homelessness. (24267)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 January

Questions for Written Answer

Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to improve patient care for (a) primary biliary cholangitis and
 (b) other non-genetic rare diseases.

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 January

- 1N **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will hold discussions with (a) broadcasters and (b) social media companies on making more sporting events freely available to watch live. (24328)
- 2N **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy that doctors (a) should have a mandatory duty to report suspected cases abuse and neglect and (b) should be given immunity from suit after reporting such cases. (24327)