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Questions tabled on Friday 17 January 2025

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- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
 - † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
 - N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under [S.O. No. 22\(4\)](#).
 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Monday 20 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the sale of Royal Mail on the protection of historic post boxes. [Transferred] (24581)
- 2 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions he has had with British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme trustees about the review of that Scheme. [Transferred] (24480)
- 3 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the jet zero taskforce plenary group have met. [Transferred] (24538)
- 4 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Jet Zero Taskforce has made an assessment of the potential merits of transitioning Grangemouth into a sustainable aviation fuel facility. [Transferred] (24539)
- 5 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his timetable is for mental health professionals to be present in schools; and what qualifications they will have. [Transferred] (24614)
- 6 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Foreign Secretary has had discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the International Criminal court arrest warrant. (24648)

- 7 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answers of 19 December 2024 to Question 20231 and HL3240, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of involvement of the United Front Work Department in the planning process for the called-in Chinese Embassy planning application. [Transferred] (24506)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 21 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the national resilience review will prioritise national adaptation to extreme weather. (24743)
- 2 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his policy on special adviser pay has changed since 6 October 2024. (24650)
- 3 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his policy is on displaying artwork in 10 Downing Street of people associated with the slave trade. (24651)
- 4 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make it his policy to reduce the (a) number and (b) cost of arms length bodies. (24653)
- 5 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 21405 on Cabinet Office: Senior Civil Servants, if he will provide a hyperlink. (24655)
- 6 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps he has taken to ensure (a) unsafe and (b) non-compliant children's toys are not being sold. (24680)
- 7 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of investing in industrial sites in Luton North constituency. (24691)
- 8 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions his Department has had with (a) OpenAI, (b) Google, (c) Anthropic and (d) Meta on workers' rights. (24694)
- 9 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has plans to meet with representatives of faith communities to discuss the potential impact of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on freedom of religious practice in England and Wales. (24627)

- 10 **Joy Morrissey** (Beaconsfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to provide funding for the ongoing (a) preservation and (a) repair of listed places of worship. (24685)
- 11 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support community radio. (24767)
- 12 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has plans to extend the eligibility criteria for the Holiday activities and food programme. (24634)
- 13 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to work with local authorities to support kinship carers in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) other rural areas. (24625)
- 14 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether teaching staff at colleges providing 16-19 education will be awarded the same pay increase as staff at (a) schools and (b) academies providing 16-19 education. (24696)
- 15 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the training provided to mainstream school teachers for inclusive teaching practices towards pupils with special educational needs in Surrey Heath constituency. (24771)
- 16 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the quantity in GWh of electricity imports there will be in each year until 2035. (24662)
- 17 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department is taking steps to increase the number of interconnectors with other countries. (24663)
- 18 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the UK's gas storage levels were in each month since July 2024. (24664)
- 19 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to increase the UK's gas storage capacity. (24665)
- 20 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether AI Growth Zones will allow data centres to be co-located with (a) nuclear and (b) gas power plants. (24667)
- 21 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when the first board meeting of GB Energy will take place; and where it will take place. (24672)

- 22 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what information his Department holds on when the GB Energy board will meet in Aberdeen. (24673)
- 23 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what information (a) his Department and (b) the National Energy System Operator holds on the number of generation assets that provided (a) spare margin and (b) reserve for peak electricity demand on Wednesday 8 January. (24674)
- 24 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what information (a) his Department and (b) the National Energy System Operator holds on the number of number of generation assets that provided (a) spare margin and (b) reserve for peak electricity demand on any day where a Capacity Market Notice was issued in the last 12 months. (24675)
- 25 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many ECO4 schemes have been funded in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire since 2022. (24621)
- 26 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to reduce fuel poverty in rural areas. (24622)
- 27 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will ensure that the investment reserve of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme is transferred back to members. (24719)
- 28 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) adequacy of EV charging infrastructure in (i) rural and (ii) remote areas and (b) potential impact of that infrastructure on the phasing out of cars with internal combustion engines. (24799)
- 29 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on developing a licensing regime to enable the wild release of beavers. (24656)
- 30 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of ringfencing fines paid by water companies for the Water Restoration Fund. (24769)
- 31 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for awarding funding to applicants via the Water Restoration Fund. (24770)
- 32 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to publish an anti-littering strategy. (24717)

- 33 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on the (a) number and (b) proportion of people impacted by flooding in homes who have accessed financial support through the (i) Property Flood Resilience grant and (ii) Flood Recovery Framework. (24744)
- 34 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many people in Newcastle-under-Lyme have accessed financial support through the (a) Property Flood Resilience grant and (b) Flood Recovery Framework. (24745)
- 35 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Ministerial correspondence of 17 January 2025 with reference MC2024/24342/SB, when the consultation process on the review of the existing funding formula will (a) begin and (b) be announced; and whether stakeholders in Great Yarmouth constituency will be included in the consultation process. (24735)
- 36 **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that recovered tyres exported from the UK to India are not exported in a form that allows them to be refitted to vehicles in India. (24642)
- 37 **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Indian counterpart on steps to ensure that recovered tyres exported to India are not used to breach Indian domestic law. (24643)
- 38 **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is to introduce regulations to remove the T8 waste exemption on used tyres. (24644)
- 39 **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the number and proportion of recovered used types exported from the UK to India in the last 12 months. (24645)
- 40 **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will take steps to ensure that recovered tyres exported to India are not shipped in a form which enables them to be used in batch pyrolysis plants. (24646)
- 41 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the decision-making process on whether to grant conditional emergency authorisation to use a product containing neonicotinoids includes an assessment of the potential impact of those neonicotinoids on butterflies. (24800)

- 42 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to increase biosecurity against alien species located on imported (a) cut flowers and (b) ornamental plants. (24628)
- 43 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has received representations on the potential merits of introducing insects into the human diet. (24801)
- 44 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of banning social media for under-16s. (24703)
- 45 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility to people who are digitally excluded of the consultation on Open access restriction at Angram Moor. (24747)
- 46 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility to people who are digitally excluded of the consultation on Open access restriction at Stanbury Moor. (24748)
- 47 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility to people who are digitally excluded of the consultation on Applying Environment Act 2021 civil sanctions. (24749)
- 48 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the Advanced Research and Invention Agency on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24750)
- 49 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the Arts and Humanities Research Council on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24751)
- 50 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the Economic and Social Research Council on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24752)
- 51 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24753)
- 52 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24754)

- 53 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the Medical Research Council on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24755)
- 54 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the Natural Environment Research Council on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24756)
- 55 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the Geospatial Commission on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24757)
- 56 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the Science and Technology Facilities Council on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24758)
- 57 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with Innovate UK on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24759)
- 58 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with Research England on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24760)
- 59 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with Horizon Europe on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24761)
- 60 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the UKRI on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24762)
- 61 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with businesses on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24763)
- 62 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with universities on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24764)
- 63 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he had with the Government Office for Technology Transfer on the AI Opportunities Action Plan before its publication. (24765)
- 64 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to improve the rollout of broadband in rural areas under Project Gigabit. (24773)

- 65 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department has taken to ensure Project Gigabit contracts deliver (a) on time and (b) within budget. (24774)
- 66 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to prioritise connectivity to rural premises without access to gigabit-capable broadband in (a) England and (b) the South West. (24775)
- 67 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that road network infrastructure is equipped to utilise safety technology in modern vehicles effectively. (24776)
- 68 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of designating industrial sites in Luton North constituency as AI growth zones. (24687)
- 69 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to (a) protect and (b) increase employment in AI growth zones. (24688)
- 70 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what criteria his Department is using to select sites as AI Growth Zones. (24689)
- 71 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of designating sites in Bedfordshire as AI Growth Zones. (24690)
- 72 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department plans to create a taskforce to develop a sustainable biomanufacturing strategy. (24681)
- 73 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department plans to review the UK Chemical Strategy. (24682)
- 74 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans he has to work with regional upper tier authorities to coordinate public-private initiatives for development in the sustainable biomanufacturing sector; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of trialling support hub initiatives for sustainable biotechnology in the North West. (24683)
- 75 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allocating funding to the Vauxhall roundabout project in the context of the potential impact of that project on other infrastructure projects in Great Yarmouth constituency. (24734)

- 76 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of rural road conditions on (a) cycling and (b) horse rider safety. (24784)
- 77 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to support local authorities in rural regions to (a) develop and (b) maintain dedicated cycling lanes. (24785)
- 78 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help provide safe cycling infrastructure for residents of rural areas. (24786)
- 79 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure that investment in cycling infrastructure is equitably distributed to rural areas. (24787)
- 80 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing temporary blue badges to people recovering from operations. (24733)
- 81 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy. (24746)
- 82 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 on Enzyme Replacement Therapy: Drugs, what progress his Department has made in tackling shortages of (a) ADHD medication, (b) Creon and (c) other medications used in the management of (i) enzyme deficiency disorders and (ii) cystic fibrosis. (24768)
- 83 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will issue guidance clarifying the (a) roles and (b) responsibilities of (i) local services and (ii) the third sector in the provision of specialist equipment for disabled children. (24635)
- 84 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to accelerate provision of (a) therapy services, (b) wheelchairs, (c) orthotics, (d) prosthetics and (e) other equipment for children and young people. (24636)
- 85 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to fund provisions for addiction support services in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) other rural areas. (24624)
- 86 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve provision of post-natal mental health care in Lincolnshire. (24626)

- 87 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of NHS funded IVF treatment in Eastleigh constituency. (24716)
- 88 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment pathways for patients with (i) hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, (ii) Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome and (iii) Mast Cell Activation Syndrome. (24718)
- 89 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to make ormeloxifene available. (24798)
- 90 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to include contractual obligations for organisations receiving public funding for biomedical research and development to ensure (a) equitable and (b) affordable access to their innovations for (a) people in low- and middle-income countries and (b) other people. (24713)
- 91N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring NHS England to include the cost of AI products in the funding for updating radiotherapy machines. (24640)
- 92 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve facilities for men with (a) colostomy bags and (b) stomas. (24730)
- 93 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to roll out immunotherapy for cancer treatment more widely. (24732)
- 94 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans he has to provide development support to Cuba in the context of that country's removal from the US state sponsor of terrorism list. (24705)
- 95 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help uphold the constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the context of the All-Serbian Assembly. (24714)
- 96 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will list all meetings (a) Ministers and (b) senior officials in his Department have had on the transfer of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. (24737)
- 97 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Israeli counterpart on the case of Habiba Al Askari. (24724)

- 98 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to secure the medical evacuation of gravely (a) ill and (b) injured children in Gaza. (24725)
- 99 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the (a) cost and (b) timeline is for the establishment of his Department's office in Glasgow. (24781)
- 100 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the heightened risk of former British national Islamic extremists escaping from the (a) al-Hol and (b) al-Roj prison camps in Syria following the downfall of Bashar al-Assad on the UK's national security. (24788)
- 101 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) monitor and (b) help mitigate security threats posed by former British nationals in the (i) al-Hol and (ii) al-Roj prison camps in Syria. (24789)
- 102 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions his Department has had with international partners on the long-term (a) security and (b) management of (i) al-Hol and (ii) al-Roj prison camp in Syria. (24790)
- 103 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of repatriating former British nationals from (a) al-Hol and (b) al-Roj prison camp in Syria to prevent (i) further radicalisation and (ii) escape. (24791)
- 104 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the fall of Bashar al-Assad on the trafficking of (a) British and (b) other (i) women and (ii) children by Islamic State. (24792)
- 105 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the number of deaths by suicide as a result of (a) domestic violence and (b) emotional abuse. (24706)
- 106 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many instances of mobile phone theft have been reported in Lincolnshire since 2020. (24623)
- 107 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many British citizenships were removed; what other citizenships were held by people impacted; and what the reason was for removal in each of the last five years. (24736)

- 108 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her oral statement on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of 16 January 2024, Official Report, column 560, how the £10 million will be spent. (24740)
- 109 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2024 to Question 23051 on Offences against Children, whether this information is held by her Department. (24742)
- 110 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on how many days significant wave heights in the English Channel were forecast to be less than 0.5 meters high in each calendar month between January 2021 to December 2024. (24772)
- 111 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the value of illegal working civil penalties was in the last five years; and how many and what proportion of those penalties have been paid. (24684)
- 112 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with her international counterparts on tackling human trafficking. (24647)
- 113 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 20117 on Defence Equipment Expenditure, when his Department plans to send that letter. (24796)
- 114 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the answer of 9 December 2024 to Question 16652 on Military Bases, if his Department will now provide a response. (24797)
- 115 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of reducing the stamp duty tax-free threshold for first-time buyers on rural housing affordability in West Dorset constituency. (24777)
- 116 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help older residents in rural areas to downsize. (24778)
- 117 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the expiration of the stamp duty relief scheme on (a) residential mobility and (b) local business sustainability in rural communities. (24779)
- 118 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to (a) support residential mobility and (b) ensure adequate housing in areas with high rates of under-occupation. (24780)

- 119 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support first-time buyers in rural constituencies with (a) mortgage rates and (b) stamp duty. (24782)
- 120 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce fatality rates of cyclists on rural roads. (24783)
- 121 **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what criteria she plans to use to determine which local authorities are selected for the Devolution Priority Programme. (24657)
- 122 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (24620)
- 123 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to hold a Bandi Chor reception in Downing Street. (24652)
- 124 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (24618)
- 125 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting fire services from business rates at the next fiscal event. (24697)
- 126N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make a comparative estimate of the potential impact of maintaining levels of fuel duty at the Autumn Budget 2024 on the cost of transporting goods by (a) rail freight and (b) road haulage. [Transferred] (24606)
- 127 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had (a) farmers and (b) relevant stakeholders on the potential impact of changes to Agricultural Property Relief. (24738)
- 128 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with stakeholders on the potential impact of changes to Business Property Relief. [R] (24739)
- 129 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential lessons that could be learned for (a) her Department and (b) other Departments of the policies of the Javier Milei administration in Argentina in the context of trends in the level of (a) economic growth and (b) inflation in that country; and if she will hold discussions with her Argentinian counterpart on economic policy. (24741)

- 130 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to issue guidance to people with a Teachers' Pension on the application of tax for (a) under and (b) over payments in the context of benefit rollback choices for the transitional protection remedy period. (24632)
- 131 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, for what purposes (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have used AI in the last 12 months. (24619)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what representations 10 Downing Street has received from (a) Global Counsel and (b) Lord Mandelson on (i) the European Union and (ii) China since 4 July 2024. (24649)
- 2N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will list each (a) external organisation and (b) individual that Morgan McSweeney has met in a government capacity since July 2024. (24654)
- 3N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to attract investment to towns historically impacted by de-industrialisation. (24692)
- 4N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what representations his Department has made to industry on investment in towns historically impacted by de-industrialisation. (24693)
- 5N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to encourage investment from (a) OpenAI, (b) Google, (c) Anthropic and (d) Meta in local communities. (24695)
- 6N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will announce funding for a multi-year extension to the Holiday activities and food programme. (24633)
- 7N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve teacher (a) recruitment and (b) retention in (i) Lancashire and (ii) Fylde constituency. (24722)
- 8N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the funding allocated to local authorities to improve air quality. (24707)

- 9N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 January 2025 to Question 20325 on Flood Control: Finance, when his Department plans to begin the consultation on a review of the formula that allocates flood defence funding. (24708)
- 10N **Mr Paul Foster** (South Ribble): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much compensation was paid under the delay repay scheme for journeys on Avanti West Coast in 2024; and how much and what proportion of this compensation was paid from the public purse. (24723)
- 11N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the quality of road repairs in Shropshire. (24709)
- 12N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to her Department's press release entitled, Seven million more potholes to be filled next year as public urged to report roads in need of repair, published on 20 December 2024, what criteria her Department will use to establish whether authorities are entitled to the 25 per cent uplift. (24710)
- 13N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what support she is providing to local authorities to ensure best practice highway maintenance. (24711)
- 14N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what criteria is used to determine funding allocations from Active Travel England to local authorities. (24715)
- 15N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of appointments for sperm testing for fertility investigations in (a) Slough and (b) Berkshire. (24677)
- 16N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to ensure equitable access to (a) IVF and (b) other NHS fertility treatment. (24678)
- 17N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of fertility treatment appointments in (a) Slough constituency and (b) Berkshire. (24679)
- 18N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the uptake is of (a) Covid-19 and (b) flu vaccinations in Tunbridge Wells constituency . (24766)
- 19N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether additional funding to update radiotherapy machines includes a commitment to renew every machine aged 10 years and older commissioned by the NHS to deliver radiotherapy. (24638)

- 20N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if NHS England will publish the data it holds on the effectiveness of radiotherapy machines which deliver more doses of radiation; and for what reason guidance on future purchases of radiotherapy machines requires a minimum of 9,000 fractions per annum. (24639)
- 21N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will extend the 22 January deadline for NHS Trusts to apply for funding towards new radiotherapy machines. (24641)
- 22N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to update the Carr-Hill formula. (24731)
- 23N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether nursing positions for the provision of care in corridors will be advertised in Lancashire. (24720)
- 24N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to NHS dentistry in (a) Fylde constituency and (b) Lancashire. (24721)
- 25N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Pakistani counterpart on inheritance rights for the Ahmadiyya community. (24676)
- 26N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to Home Office case reference MPAM/1253692/25, what steps is taking to expedite the resolution of a technical error on her Department's systems which is preventing the processing of skilled workers visas. (24686)
- 27N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Oral Statement of 16 January 2025 on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Official Report, columns 560-563, how she plans to overhaul ethnicity data from local areas. (24726)
- 28N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Oral Statement of 16 January 2025 on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Official Report, columns 560-563, how overhauled ethnicity data from local areas will differ from expanded ethnicity data collected by the Child Sexual Exploitation Taskforce. (24727)
- 29N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Oral Statement of 16 January 2025 on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Official Report, columns 560-563, how the new performance management framework for local areas will work. (24728)

- 30N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Oral Statement of 16 January 2025 on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Official Report, columns 560-563, what ethnicity data Baroness Casey's audit will use to examine the ethnic make up of grooming gangs. (24729)
- 31N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that councils have adequate resources to enforce planning decisions. (24712)
- 32N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many requests she has granted from local authorities to postpone elections set for May 2025. (24793)
- 33N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the total cost of the Government's plans for local authority re-organisation. (24794)
- 34N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, on what date the Government will inform councils on its decision on postponing local elections. (24795)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions on the Child Poverty Engagement Plan in which regions the Child Poverty Taskforce has had with (a) devolved governments, (b) elected mayors, (c) academia, (d) businesses and (e) civil society. (24659)
- 2N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many meetings he Child Poverty Taskforce has had with children and families living in poverty. (24660)
- 3N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the methodology for engaging with children and families living in poverty under the Child Poverty Strategy. (24661)
- 4N **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the cost was of operating gas power plants through the Balancing Mechanism in each month since July 2024. (24666)

- 5N **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the estimated cost was of curtailment payments to wind generators in each month since July 2024. (24668)
- 6N **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the estimated cost of energy imports was in each month since July 2024. (24669)
- 7N **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of future heat pump uptake in each year to 2035. (24670)
- 8N **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the number of gas boilers installed each year by (a) local authority and (b) constituency. (24671)
- 9N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the AI Opportunities Action Plan on trends in the level of carbon emissions. (24698)
- 10N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he make an assessment of the potential impact of the AI Opportunities Action Plan on trends in the level of electricity demand. (24699)
- 11N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the AI Opportunities Action Plan on the Clean Power Action Plan. (24700)
- 12N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how the AI Energy Council will engage with the (a) renewables, (b) nuclear, and (c) oil and gas industries. (24701)
- 13N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how the AI Energy Council will engage with (a) the National Energy System Operator and (b) Distribution Network Operators. (24702)
- 14N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the fishing industry on the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement. [Transferred] (902339)
- 15N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the planned timetable is for the publication of the Child Poverty Strategy; and whether an (a) interim report and (b) update will be published. (24658)
- 16N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many investigations by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation into breaches of Russian sanctions (a) are open and (b) have been undertaken since February 2022. (24637)

Questions for Answer on Friday 24 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions her Department has had with (a) Greater Manchester Combined Authority, (b) the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and (c) the West Midlands Combined Authority on the future of the Housing First pilots. (24704)