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Questions tabled on Tuesday 21 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.
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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to incentivise the owners of large (a) warehouse rooftops and (b) car parks to install solar panels. [Transferred] (24806)
- 2 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it her policy to introduce Government-backed loans for (a) domestic, (b) community and (c) commercial rooftop solar panels. [Transferred] (24809)
- 3 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of a national strategy to make properties built before 1920 more energy efficient. [Transferred] (25129)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to assist producers in driving sustainability in production of sugar that is refined in the UK. [Transferred] (24946)
- 5 **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of border checks on the cut flower industry. [Transferred] (25075)
- 6 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will take steps to support households with one-off unexpected costs including boiler repairs. [Transferred] (25131)

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- 7 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to a legal prescription for pharmaceutical cannabis-based epilepsy treatments. (25413)
- 8 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what his policy is on requiring local authorities to take into account the Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) guidance, Guidance on the Assessment of Mineral Dust Impacts for Planning published in May 2016, for quarry planning applications. (25258)
- 9 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to give courts powers to order offenders' attendance at sentencing hearings. [Transferred] (24979)
- 10 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of current council tax guidance for the valuation of farm properties with outbuildings. [Transferred] (25085)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Solicitor General, whether her Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25188)
- 2 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Solicitor General, whether her Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25345)
- 3 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Solicitor General, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25485)
- 4 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25189)
- 5 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 14 January 2025 to Question 22184 on Cabinet Office: 48 Group, if he will make it his policy to provide guidance to (a) Ministers, (b) special advisers and (c) civil servants on engagement with the 48 Group in the context of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission judgment of 12 December 2024. (25444)

- 6 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether public appointment competitions under the Governance Code for Public Appointments can be (a) extended before the public deadline for the closure of applications and (b) re-opened to new applicants after the public deadline has passed. (25445)
- 7 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will ask the Office for National Statistics to make an assessment of the potential impact of the purchase of the Wylfa power station site by Great British Nuclear on the public sector classification of the borrowing for that nuclear programme. (25446)
- 8 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the (a) efficiency and (b) effectiveness of the propriety and ethics team. (25447)
- 9 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 2 December 2024 to Question 8803 on Cabinet Office: Software, whether additional work under existing contracts has been awarded to Fujitsu since 4 July 2024. (25448)
- 10 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make it his policy to reduce the size of the Government Communications Service as part of the Spending Review Phase 2. (25449)
- 11 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what oversight his Department provides towards the Government's progress on the Places for Growth targets; and whether his Department produces RAG ratings for each Department based on their performance in meeting those targets. (25450)
- 12 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 18402 on Freedom of Information, if he will place in the Library a copy of the most recent FOI Round Robin list, redacting the personal names of any requester. (25451)
- 13 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 27 November 2024, to Question 15236, on Cabinet Office: Staff, how many individuals are registered with the Skills Match Hub; what grades those individuals hold; what the average time is for an individual to spend in the hub before being redeployed; how many individuals have been redeployed since 4 July 2024; what steps his Department is taking to reduce the time individuals spend in the hub; and how many individuals have been without a substantive post for more than six months. (25452)
- 14 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Second Permanent Secretary, European Union and International Economic Affairs has made a declaration of political activity; and if he publish the declared interests of the Second Permanent Secretary. (25453)

- 15 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to Question 13808 on 9 Downing Street: Media, what (a) alterations and (b) other works have taken place in the media room since November 2024; what the cost of those works was; which contractors were used; and which Department authorised the cost of these works. (25454)
- 16 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 17545 on Prime Minister: Public Appointments, what the (a) bodies and (b) offices are. (25455)
- 17 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 18216 on Senior Civil Servants: Training, where the two SCS Leadership Conferences took place; and what the cost was of each event. (25456)
- 18 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25346)
- 19 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25486)
- 20 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many meetings Ministers in his Department had on the EU Regulation on General Product Safety before those regulations came into force. (25506)
- 21 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many meetings Ministers in his Department had with trade bodies on the EU Regulation on General Product Safety before those regulations came into force. (25507)
- 22 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much time staff in his Department have spent dealing with enquiries on the EU Regulation on General Product Safety in each month between June 2024 and January 2025. (25508)
- 23 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many enquiries his Department has received on the EU Regulation on General Product Safety in each month between June 2024 and January 2025. (25509)
- 24 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an impact assessment for the EU Regulation on General Product Safety. (25510)
- 25 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much his Department has spent on increasing awareness of the EU Regulation on General Product Safety. (25511)

- 26 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether funding to establish youth hubs will be distributed on a revenue basis. (25321)
- 27 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25190)
- 28 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve local government support for arts and culture. (25462)
- 29 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure access to high-quality local journalism. (25463)
- 30 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25347)
- 31 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25487)
- 32 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to facilitate education on gambling-related harms for young people. (25166)
- 33 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of public libraries in rural areas. (25167)
- 34 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support public libraries in Gloucester. (25603)
- 35 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential contribution of Scheduled Monuments to the tourism industry. (25405)
- 36 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the owners of Scheduled Monuments on their potential role in British tourism. (25406)
- 37 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help ensure that all communities have access to local radio stations. (25528)

- 38 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25191)
- 39 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which local authority is responsible for children's care when they are relocated to a privately run children's home by a local authority. (25583)
- 40 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps are taken to inform local (a) doctors and (b) police when children in care are relocated by a local authority to a privately run children's home. (25584)
- 41 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many private dwellings have been converted into children's homes in Leicestershire in each of the last five years. (25585)
- 42 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the cost to local authorities is of housing children in privately run children's homes. (25586)
- 43 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what safeguards are in place to ensure people who (a) own, (b) manage and (c) work in private children's homes are properly qualified. (25587)
- 44 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to encourage reading for pleasure by (a) primary and (b) secondary school pupils. (25572)
- 45 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what funding mechanisms she is considering to support primary schools in (a) installing and (b) maintaining library facilities. (25573)
- 46 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the number of (a) suspensions and (b) exclusions of pupils with SEND. (25458)
- 47 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support the mental health and well-being of school students. (25459)
- 48 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for further education. (25460)
- 49 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to open more SEND schools in (a) Surrey and (b) Dorking and Horley constituency. (25469)

- 50 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children are waiting for a SEND school placement in (a) Surrey and (b) Dorking and Horley constituency. (25470)
- 51 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help schools identify children who need SEND education within the school system. (25471)
- 52 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on what (a) oversight and (b) scrutiny there is over Surrey County Council's education department. (25472)
- 53 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help children from SEND schools into (a) work and (b) further education. (25473)
- 54 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to train staff in the provision of SEND education. (25474)
- 55 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesei** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure meals provided in free breakfast clubs meet nutritional guidelines set for schools. (25310)
- 56 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesei** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will review school food standards to ensure they adequately address the nutritional content of meals provided in breakfast clubs. (25313)
- 57 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number and proportion children who started school that were not toilet trained in September 2024. (25623)
- 58 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to help improve the level of toilet training among children starting school in September 2025. (25624)
- 59 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to including a tiered assessment model within the education, health and care plan process. (25625)
- 60 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to provide specialist SEND training to teachers. (25626)
- 61 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to implement dedicated SEND units in mainstream schools. (25627)

- 62 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has plans to improve SEND information, advice and support services for families. (25628)
- 63 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25348)
- 64 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25488)
- 65 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to expand free school meal eligibility as part of the work of the child poverty strategy. (25181)
- 66 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many exclusions there were in each school in Blyth and Ashington constituency in the academic year (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24. (25228)
- 67 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to tackle the decline in pupils achieving the expected standard in (a) reading, (b) writing and (c) maths by age 11 in Northumberland. (25229)
- 68 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help increase the availability of childcare in Gloucester. (25600)
- 69 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle academic dishonesty arising from the use of generative AI in higher education. (25550)
- 70 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reducing tuition fees for foundation year in-classroom-based subjects on the finances of universities. (25282)
- 71 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to improve the energy efficiency of homes in rural areas. (25322)
- 72 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25192)
- 73 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what progress National Grid Electricity Transmission have made on (a) proposals to connect the transmission grid in north Wales to the south and (b) agreements with generators on connection contracts. (25543)

- 74 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to extend the Warm Home Discount beyond 2026. (25622)
- 75 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25349)
- 76 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25489)
- 77 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many properties are not connected to the national (a) gas and (b) electricity grid in South Holland and The Deepings constituency. (25164)
- 78 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help ensure Great British Energy creates jobs in industrial communities. (25618)
- 79 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the UK offshore oil and gas industry's investment in renewable energy. (25619)
- 80 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to reduce energy bills for businesses. (25620)
- 81 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the pause to the applications process for new entrants to the connections queue from 29 January 2025 announced by the National Energy Systems Operator on 15 January 2025, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of this decision on (a) data centre projects and (b) energy-intensive infrastructure projects. (25213)
- 82 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of environmental contamination caused by sewage discharges by water companies in Surrey Heath constituency. (25549)
- 83 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of installing solar panels on the roofs of (a) car parks, (b) warehouses (c) and council-owned buildings in Surrey. (25551)
- 84 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential local ecological impact of the proposed Lime Down Solar Farm in South Cotswolds constituency. (25612)

- 85 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential risk of incinerators to public health. (25184)
- 86 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether proposals to temporarily close parts of St Anne's beach to lay cables to connect the Morgan and Morecambe windfarm to its substations includes provisions to compensate affected business owners. (25386)
- 87 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25193)
- 88 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Government to crack down on waste incinerators with stricter standards for new builds, published on 30 December 2024, whether he plans to review environmental permits granted to schemes where construction has not started including the MVV Wisbech incinerator. (25187)
- 89 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has made an assessment of the effectiveness of (a) Smoke Control Areas and (b) Ecodesign regulations, in the context of the impact of domestic log burners on air quality. (25593)
- 90 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department (a) monitors and (b) tracks sewage discharge into (i) rivers and (ii) seas by (A) location and (B) water company. (25483)
- 91 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how his Department plans to ensure that sewage treatment facilities (a) in Horley and (b) nationally are upgraded according to agreed timescales. (25484)
- 92 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the prevalence of perfluoroalkyl substances in (a) bottled and (b) tap water. (25311)
- 93 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to monitor levels of perfluoroalkyl substances in tap water. (25312)
- 94 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25350)

- 95 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25490)
- 96 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help protect seabird populations from offshore wind turbines. (25168)
- 97 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle (a) fly tipping and (b) littering in Gloucester. (25597)
- 98 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to establish the (a) nine new river walks and (b) three new national forests. (25601)
- 99 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the classifications of waste to help ensure that critical minerals in (a) used batteries and (b) other e-waste are used as (i) feedstock for connected and automated mobility research and development and (ii) other (A) recycling and (B) circular economy projects. (25521)
- 100 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure water companies prioritise investment in upgrading sewage treatment infrastructure in areas with high ecological sensitivity. (25578)
- 101 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help farmers insure against the risk of avian influenza outbreaks. (25371)
- 102 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure there is adequate competition in the veterinary care sector. (25372)
- 103 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of working with organisations such as the UK Seafood Federation to (a) advocate and (b) promote seafood. (25263)
- 104 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to ban the use of neonicotinoid pesticides. (25545)
- 105 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the readiness of the supply chain to implement a deposit return scheme; and if he will engage with the wine and spirits industry on steps to implement such a scheme. (25606)

- 106 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much funding he has allocated to flood resilience in South Cotswolds constituency. (25610)
- 107 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the mental health of farmers. (25614)
- 108 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a statutory purpose for national trails. (25562)
- 109 **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 contribution of national trails to biodiversity gain. (25563)
- 110 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25194)
- 111N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to introduce transparency obligations on generative AI developers to disclose detailed information on all creative works used in AI training. [Transferred] (25054)
- 112 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25351)
- 113 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25491)
- 114 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to take legal advice on whether introducing an exception to copyright for text and data mining with an opt-out is consistent with the UK's international obligations under the Berne Convention. (25303)
- 115 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Regulatory Innovation Office on the AI Opportunities Action Plan since July 2024. (25401)
- 116 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into idiopathic pulmonary hypertension in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (25402)

- 117 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2024 to Question 23744 on UK Research and Innovation: Staff, how much funding Innovate UK has allocated for business growth advisors in the 2024-25 financial year. (25208)
- 118 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2024 to Question 23744 on UK Research and Innovation: Staff, how many business growth advisors operate in each region. (25209)
- 119 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the AI Opportunities Action Plan, published on 13 January 2025, whether the plan will help support the introduction of regulations on UK-based self-driving vehicle companies. (25210)
- 120 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the AI Opportunities Action Plan, published on 13 January 2025, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the alignment between the plan and other Government policies on the deployment of self-driving vehicles. (25211)
- 121 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of skills within the Civil Service to effectively regulate self-driving vehicles. (25212)
- 122 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25195)
- 123 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many meetings of the Motor Insurance Taskforce have taken place; and when the next meeting will take place. (25425)
- 124 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25352)
- 125 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25492)
- 126 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help tackle drink driving in rural areas. (25162)
- 127 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with relevant authorities to help tackle dangerous driving in (a) South Holland and The Deepings constituency and (b) other rural areas. (25165)

- 128 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing the price of bus travel for people under the age of 25 via an equivalent scheme to the 16-25 railcard. (25377)
- 129 **Adam Jogie** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing a direct train link between Stoke-on-Trent Railway Station and Manchester Airport. (25443)
- 130 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make a comparative assessment of the potential advantages of TransXChange over the GTFS Plus format for bus Real Time Information provision. (25428)
- 131 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the availability of practical driving tests in rural areas. (25574)
- 132 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the availability of theory driving tests in rural areas. (25575)
- 133 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of driving test waiting times on young people's ability to access employment and education opportunities. (25576)
- 134 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the availability of practical driving tests in rural areas. (25577)
- 135 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has plans to mandate a standard platform height for train stations. (25537)
- 136 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her Department's timeline is for making autonomous vehicles commercially available for use on UK roads. (25215)
- 137 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 13 January 2025 to Question 21309 on River Tyne: Bridges, if she will meet the Port of Tyne to discuss the Swing Bridge. (25217)
- 138 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of (a) recruiting new driving instructors and (b) opening new test centres in the Surrey Heath constituency. (25548)
- 139 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the (a) affordability and (b) transparency of train fares; and whether she plans to regulate dynamic pricing models for commuter routes. (25609)

- 140 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate she has made of the number of people impacted by increased noise pollution from proposed expansion at Heathrow. (25342)
- 141 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to provide additional funding to improve public transport networks to Heathrow Airport. (25344)
- 142 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25196)
- 143 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle the impact of music in shops on people with sensory sensitivities. (25569)
- 144 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25353)
- 145 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25493)
- 146 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of reintroducing the (a) Low Income Benefits, (b) Disability and (c) Pensioner Cost of Living payment. (25518)
- 147 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of young people out of work, education and training in (a) Gloucester and (b) Gloucestershire in the last five years. (25602)
- 148 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of deaths from contact with electricity via building and industrial cleaning activities were recorded by the Health and Safety Executive in the last 12 months for which information is available. (25179)
- 149 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of Personal Independence Payments in covering additional costs associated with disability. (25594)
- 150 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the annual pensioner Christmas bonus in line with inflation. (25544)

- 151 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the impact of the statutory two week paternity leave on the economy. (25557)
- 152 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending paternity leave. (25558)
- 153 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the length of parental leave in other OECD countries. (25559)
- 154 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of dry powder inhalers were prescribed by the NHS in the last year for which data is available. (25566)
- 155 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help prevent cervical cancer. (25316)
- 156 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help increase the number of cervical cancer screenings. (25317)
- 157 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25197)
- 158 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) reduce the prevalence of food deserts in deprived areas, (b) improve access to affordable, healthy food and (c) address the affordability gap between healthy and unhealthy options. (25336)
- 159 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of access to fertility treatment for female couples. (25232)
- 160 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure local integrated care boards implement NHS guidance on equitable access to fertility treatment for same-sex female couples. (25233)
- 161 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for improving access to NHS dentistry in Dorking and Horley constituency. (25475)
- 162 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to attract health workers to (a) train for and (b) work in community pharmacies. (25476)

- 163 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of shortages of GP appointments; and what plans he has to reduce such shortages. (25477)
- 164 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to support community pharmacies. (25259)
- 165 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to expand the Pharmacy First scheme. (25260)
- 166 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to tackle losses to community pharmacies arising from delays in price concessions and drug tariffs. (25261)
- 167 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25354)
- 168 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25494)
- 169 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he had made of the number of additional urgent dental appointments there will be in Lincolnshire in each of the next four years. (25163)
- 170 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the accessibility of Fracture Liaison Services for people with osteoporosis. (25375)
- 171 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to extend access to Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy. (25376)
- 172 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to include teenagers and young adults with cancer within the 10-year Health Plan. [R] (25513)
- 173 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to engage teenagers and young people with cancer within the 10-year Health Plan. [R] (25514)
- 174 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the forthcoming national cancer plan will consult teenagers and young people with cancer. [R] (25515)

- 175 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for the involvement of the Children and Young People's Cancer Taskforce in the formation of the 10-year health plan. [R] (25516)
- 176 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's TYA Service Specifications, what steps he is taking to deliver age-appropriate care in age-appropriate settings for teenagers and young adults with cancer. [R] (25517)
- 177 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have received funding from the disabled facilities grant in (a) Gloucester and (b) Gloucestershire in the last five years. (25599)
- 178 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dentists have been recruited under the dental recruitment incentive scheme in Gloucester. (25604)
- 179 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the (a) capital and (b) non-capital spend on the New Hospital Programme by hospital trusts that are part of waves 2 and 3. (25365)
- 180 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's (a) capital and (b) non-capital spend is on the New Hospitals Programme. (25366)
- 181 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that hospice care providers can (a) recruit and (b) retain skilled nurses in Surrey Heath constituency. (25546)
- 182 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to standardise the use of Pathological Demand Avoidance for autism diagnosis. (25318)
- 183 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) his Department and (b) NHS England collects data on hospital admissions of pensioners. (25531)
- 184 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) his Department and (b) NHS England collects data on A&E attendances of pensioners. (25532)
- 185 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to make an estimate of the number of pensioners admitted to hospital in winter 2024-25. (25533)

- 186 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of means-testing the winter fuel payment on elective care waiting lists. (25534)
- 187 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of means-testing the winter fuel payment on the number of (a) flu, (b) Covid, (c) norovirus and (d) RSV cases. (25535)
- 188 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the potential impact of means-testing of the winter fuel payment on the (a) NHS and (b) social care. (25536)
- 189 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) increase the number of NHS appointments in rural areas and (b) improve access to (i) emergency and (ii) routine dental care for those in urgent need. (25607)
- 190 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the increase in National Insurance contributions on the affordability of social care in rural villages. (25613)
- 191 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of recent trends in the level of diagnosis for rheumatoid arthritis. (25220)
- 192 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of waiting lists for prostate cancer diagnosis. (25221)
- 193 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what safeguards are in place to manage the use of AI in the NHS. (25227)
- 194 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the impact of the restriction of puberty blockers for the treatment of gender incongruence on the (a) physical and (b) mental health of young trans people. (25257)
- 195 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to continue to fund the financial incentives scheme for pregnant smokers. (25595)
- 196 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to continue to fund the swap to stop smoking scheme. (25596)

- 197 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the uptake rate was of the RSV vaccine by pregnant people in each of the last three years; and if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the uptake rate of the RSV vaccine by pregnant people in that time. (25554)
- 198 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help increase the uptake rate of the RSV vaccine during pregnancy. (25555)
- 199 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what criteria he plans to use to evaluate the respiratory syncytial virus immunisation method to protect infants in the June 2025 review. (25556)
- 200 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of people (a) accessing national trails and (b) participating in outdoor activities on the cost to the public purse of providing NHS treatment. (25564)
- 201 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report by Mott MacDonald on reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete of April 2022, what recent assessment he has made of whether the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn will be able to operate safely beyond 2030. (25327)
- 202 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the commissioning of an updated site-by-site report of the RAAC hospitals as set out in the policy paper entitled New Hospital Programme: plan for implementation, published on 20 January 2025, who is conducting the report of the Queen Elizabeth hospital in King's Lynn; and if he will publish the terms of reference of that review. (25328)
- 203 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled New Hospitals Programme: plan for implementation, published on 20 January 2025, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the delay in opening the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to 2032-33 on (a) patients and (b) staff. (25329)
- 204 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes in the budget on dental laboratories; and if he will take steps to ensure that the dental contract reflects actual costs for dental laboratories. (25415)
- 205 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25198)

- 206 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25355)
- 207 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25495)
- 208 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help negotiate a ceasefire in the West Bank. (25538)
- 209 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his international counterparts on taking steps to protect Palestinians in (a) the occupied West Bank and (b) East Jerusalem. (25539)
- 210 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the policies of the (a) Israeli and (b) US governments on the expansion of settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (25540)
- 211 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the level of violence against Palestinian communities in the Occupied West Bank carried out by (a) Israeli settlers and (b) the Israeli military. (25541)
- 212 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions the Minister for International Development has had with Baroness Shafik on evidence submitted to her review of international development. (25235)
- 213 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Bangladeshi counterpart on the recent reports of violence against Hindus in Bangladesh. (25238)
- 214 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the humanitarian situation in Bangladesh since 2 December 2024. (25239)
- 215 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief on his (a) priorities and (b) plans to engage with international counterparts. (25241)

- 216 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with the Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief to promote the rights of religious minorities in Bangladesh. (25242)
- 217 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Bangladeshi community in the United Kingdom on the situation in Bangladesh. (25243)
- 218 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to implement the 2030 Strategic framework for international climate and nature action. (25245)
- 219 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of protecting global water supplies in humanitarian and development settings. (25246)
- 220 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the (a) Chancellor of the Exchequer and (b) Chief Secretary to the Treasury on the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative. (25249)
- 221 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Department's International Women and Girls Strategy 2023-2030, published in March 2023, what steps his Department has taken to implement the three Es within the strategy. (25250)
- 222 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (25251)
- 223 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the security of energy supplies in (a) Moldova and (b) Transnistria. (25252)
- 224 **Joani Reid** (East Kilbride and Strathaven): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposed relocation of his Department's site at East Kilbride on the local community. (25388)
- 225 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to provide humanitarian aid in Sudan. (25224)

- 226 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government has plans to provide financial support to (a) local women-led initiatives and (b) community groups in Afghanistan. (25225)
- 227 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has had discussions with Lord Hoffmann on the renewal of his tenure as a Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal judge; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of this appointment on the Government's support for political freedom in Hong Kong. (25226)
- 228 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has received representations from the Great Britain-China Centre on the new proposed Chinese Embassy in London. (25339)
- 229 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the annual difference between (a) the current cost of administering the British Indian Ocean Territory and (b) the proposed cost of leasing the Diego Garcia base from Mauritius. (25403)
- 230 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with President Trump about the future of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (25404)
- 231 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25199)
- 232 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to inform local communities before migrants are housed in hotel accommodation in that area. (25582)
- 233 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to roll out automatic number plate recognition cameras in (a) Forest of Dean and (b) other rural constituencies. (25570)
- 234 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Police Federation's press release entitled Pensions update from the Police Federation of England and Wales, published on 3 December 2024, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the irregularities in pension eligibility between the (a) legacy pension system and the (b) CARE pension scheme 2015. (25571)
- 235 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with the police to help tackle burglaries. (25464)

- 236 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to provide additional support to police forces impacted by increased volumes of disclosure applications. (25542)
- 237 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question 20215 on Animal Experiments, what her planned timetable is for publishing the plan. (25231)
- 238 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25356)
- 239 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25496)
- 240 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what national security mitigations she plans to take in the context of the Chinese embassy planning application. (25265)
- 241 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police officers have been recruited by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary since 2020. (25374)
- 242 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 22429 on Offences against Children, whether her Department holds information on the number of (a) police officers, (b) officials of local authorities and (c) social workers that (i) lost their jobs, (ii) faced legal proceedings and (iii) suffered other punitive measures due to having knowledge of Pakistani heritage grooming gangs and not taking action. (25435)
- 243 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 22424 on Offences Against Children: Prosecutions, whether her Department holds information on whether family members (a) had knowledge of or (b) facilitated the crimes of people prosecuted for their involvement in Pakistani heritage grooming gangs. (25436)
- 244 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to question 22422 on Offences Against Children, whether this information is held by her Department. (25437)
- 245 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to question 22421 on Offences Against Children, whether this information is held by her Department. (25438)

- 246 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January to question 22418 on Offences against Children, whether this information is held by her Department. (25439)
- 247 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 22767 on Border Security Command, what aspect of system leadership the Border Security Command provides to Border Force. (25397)
- 248 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 22767 on Border Security Command, what aspect of system leadership the Border Security Command provides to the National Crime Agency. (25398)
- 249 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 22767 on Border Security Command, what aspect of system leadership the Border Security Command provides to Immigration Enforcement. (25399)
- 250 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 22767 on Border Security Command, what aspect of system leadership the Border Security Command provides to the police; and with which police forces it is working in partnership. (25400)
- 251 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what options are available to people applying for a Schengen visa who do not have access to their e-Visa due to technical issues. (25183)
- 252 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on steps to help tackle knife crime in the devolved nations. (25223)
- 253 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on Serco's compliance with Asylum Accommodation and Support Contracts requirements for each of the last five years. (25407)
- 254 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many financial penalties her Department has applied to Serco for underperformance on its Asylum Accommodation and Support Contracts in each of the last five years. (25408)
- 255 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what protocols are in place over the deployment of US nuclear weapons stored at RAF Lakenheath. (25424)
- 256 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25200)

- 257 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress he has made on the Protector programme. (25381)
- 258 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress he has made on the Spearcap 3 programme. (25382)
- 259 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress he has made on the E7 Wedgetail programme. (25383)
- 260 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress he has made on the HMNB Clyde Infrastructure programme. (25384)
- 261 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25357)
- 262 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25497)
- 263 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2024 to Question 23609 on Israel: F-35 Aircraft, how many components manufactured exclusively for Israel's F-35I Adir version of the F-35A fighter jet have been exported from the UK. (25468)
- 264 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to support minority groups serving in the armed forces in Surrey Heath constituency. (25547)
- 265 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his department is taking to maintain UK shipbuilding (a) capacity and (b) skills, in the context of Harland & Wolff entering administration. (25426)
- 266 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reasons Type 23 Frigate HMS Sutherland has not returned to sea. (25427)
- 267 **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he decided not to release the workforce requirement figures of Army regiments for reasons of operational security. (25174)
- 268 **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many working dogs the Army had in each year since 2010; and what the requirement was in each of those years. (25175)
- 269 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to remove the requirement to present voter ID at polling stations. (25419)

- 270 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to remove the requirement to provide a National Insurance number when registering for a postal vote. (25420)
- 271 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to remove the requirement to renew postal vote applications every three years. (25421)
- 272 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to revert the voting system for (a) mayoral and (b) Police and Crime Commissioner elections to the supplementary vote system. (25422)
- 273 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's Remediation Acceleration Plan, published on 2 December 2024, what her planned timetable is to have discussions with insurers on support to reduce fire related liabilities for leaseholders during remediation programmes. (25314)
- 274 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's Remediation Acceleration Plan, published on 2 December 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of providing support to volunteer directors of (a) Resident Management Companies and (b) Right to Manage Companies in the event of enforcement action being taken. (25315)
- 275 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25201)
- 276 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that new housing developments have adequate access to primary health services. (25461)
- 277 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure that there is adequate provision for affordable social housing for elderly. (25478)
- 278 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring sheltered accommodation and social housing for the elderly are built in a community based setting. (25479)
- 279 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of her policies on house-building on house prices. (25482)

- 280 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25358)
- 281 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25498)
- 282 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025 to Question 22322 on Housing: Pylons, whether her Department is taking steps to help increase awareness of the right to submit a proposal to alter the Council Tax list. (25271)
- 283 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the oral answer of 15 January 2025, Official Report, House of Lords, Col. 1123, on Political Parties: Funding, what steps her Department is taking to obtain views and evidence from stakeholders. (25272)
- 284 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she expects the Planning Inspectorate to publish the written representations received to planning application APP/E5900/V/24/3353754 on its website. (25273)
- 285 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the correspondence entitled Local government reorganisation: letter to two-tier areas, published on 15 January 2025, if she will publish the correspondence from each council that responded to the letter. (25274)
- 286 **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 the (a) abolition of the Office for Place and (b) removal of the beauty criteria in the National Planning Policy Framework on public support for new housing. (25275)
- 287 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to implement the provisions on design codes of Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023. (25276)
- 288 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how she plans to respond to representations from Cheshire East Council to set a council tax referendum threshold of 10% in 2025-26. (25277)
- 289 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what checks her Department undertakes before providing funding to community organisations for Hong Kongers in the UK. (25334)

- 290 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to housing and planning regulations on (a) the Regulator of Social Housing and (b) the regulation of the social housing sector. (25617)
- 291 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to encourage investment in high streets in (a) Gloucester and (b) Gloucestershire. (25598)
- 292 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support small businesses impacted by flooding in Gloucester. (25605)
- 293 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the conversion of a single property into a house of multiple occupancy increases the overall number of properties within the Government's housing stock figures. (25395)
- 294 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure housing associations provide clear and consistent communication during tenancy transitions; and what steps she is taking to support tenants facing (a) rent increases and (b) upfront payment requirements. (25608)
- 295 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the cost of procuring (a) audio and (b) tactile voting solutions at every polling station to guarantee blind and partially sighted people a secret and independent vote. (25527)
- 296 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it his policy to introduce a requirement that a minimum proportion of large developments should be social rented housing. (25416)
- 297 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to prohibit landlords from requiring more than one month's rent in advance. (25417)
- 298 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to publish the homelessness strategy. (25418)
- 299 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25202)
- 300 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December 2024 to Question 17817 on Slavery: Victims, whether all victims of modern slavery will be covered by the duty. (25230)

- 301 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25359)
- 302 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25499)
- 303 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25500)
- 304 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the number of magistrates recruited since the 2022 recruitment campaign.(25373)
- 305 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a review of sentences for people serving a custodial sentence for posting offensive remarks on social media. (25440)
- 306 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the total cost to the public purse of legal aid for foreign national offenders was, broken down by nationality, in each of the last ten years. (25441)
- 307 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 23643 on Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner, for what reasons funding amounts for individual Police and Crime Commissioner areas are not routinely published; and if she will make it her policy to publish these amounts in the future. (25530)
- 308 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps the Government has taken to block mobile phone signals for contraband mobile phones held by prisoners across the prison estate. (25394)
- 309 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people with a home address in Wales before entering custody were in prison for the offence type of (a) violence against the person, (b) sexual offences, (c) robbery, (d) theft offences, (e) criminal damage and arson, and (f) drug offences, in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (iii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (25278)
- 310 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people with a home address in Wales before entering custody were in prison for the offence type of (a) possession of weapons, (b) public order offences, (c) miscellaneous crimes against society, (d) fraud offences, (e) summary non-motoring offences, and (f) summary motoring offences in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (iii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (25279)

- 311 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people with a home address in Wales before entering custody were held in prison under the security category of (a) Category A, (b) Category B, (c) Category C, (d) Category D and (e) Remand in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (iii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (25280)
- 312 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people with a home address in Wales before entering custody were held in prison aged (a) 15-17, (b) 18-20, (c) 21-24, (d) 25-29, (e) 30-39, (f) 40-49, (g) 50-59, (h) 60 and over and (i) not recorded or not known in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (iii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (25281)
- 313 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of current provisions for registration of deaths to ensure that (a) bereaved individuals are able to meet the requirement to notify a death within 5 days of the statutory relevant date and (b) the burden on the recently bereaved is minimised as far as possible. (25565)
- 314 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25203)
- 315 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether his Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25360)
- 316 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25501)
- 317 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on trends in the level of trade between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. (25222)
- 318 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25204)
- 319 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had recent discussions with Aberdeen Airport on the proposed increase in Air Passenger Duty. (25289)
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- 322 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had recent discussions with Inverness Airport on the proposed increase in Air Passenger Duty. (25292)
- 323 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had recent discussions with Dundee Airport on the proposed increase in Air Passenger Duty. (25293)
- 324 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had recent discussions with Sumburgh Airport on the proposed increase in Air Passenger Duty. (25294)
- 325 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had discussions with BP on the recent workforce cuts they have announced. (25295)
- 326 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had discussions with Offshore Energies UK on the recent workforce cuts announced by BP. (25296)
- 327 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had discussions with Aberdeen City Council on recent increases to the Energy Profits Levy. (25297)
- 328 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had discussions with Aberdeen City Council on oil and gas licences in the North Sea. (25298)
- 329 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had discussions with Aberdeenshire Council on recent increases to the Energy Profits Levy. (25299)
- 330 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had discussions with Aberdeenshire Council on oil and gas licences in the North Sea. (25300)
- 331 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had discussions with Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce on recent increases to the Energy Profits Levy. (25301)
- 332 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had discussions with Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce on oil and gas licences in the North Sea. (25302)

- 333 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether his Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25361)
- 334 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25502)
- 335 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the hon. Member for Warrington North, representing the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, whether IPSA plans to implement efficiency savings to reduce operating costs to the levels of 2018-19. (25591)
- 336 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the hon. Member for Warrington North, representing the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, what proportion of employee work-time was spent working from (a) home and (b) an IPSA office location in 2023-24. (25592)
- 337 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, on what topics the Commission has (a) open consultations (i) through the Parliamentary Parties Panel and (ii) generally and (b) consultations that are closed but not yet had a response. (25266)
- 338 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, what plans the Commission has to consult on changes to electoral (a) law, (b) practice, (c) guidance and (d) policy in 2025. (25267)
- 339 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, with reference to the oral answer of 15 January 2025, Official Report, House of Lords, Columns 1123-1124, on Political Parties: Funding, what guidance the Commission has issued on whether (a) Russian, (b) Iranian and (c) Chinese citizens can donate to UK (i) political parties, (ii) registered third parties and (iii) regulated donees if they reside in (A) Wales and (B) Scotland. (25268)
- 340 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 22034 on Candidates: Expenditure, whether the Commission has given unpublished advice on the use of notional invoices for paid-for campaigning in election expense returns in cases where multiple elections are held concurrently in the last three years. (25269)

- 341 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 22034 on Candidates: Expenditure, whether such notional invoices need to provide detail on (a) how items have been split between different candidates and (b) which individual suppliers were used and at what cost. (25270)
- 342 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25205)
- 343 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of proposed changes to Air Passenger Duty on Aberdeen Airport. (25283)
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- 349 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she plans to take to reduce gilt rates. (25480)
- 350 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to help reduce the cost of groceries. (25481)
- 351 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she next plans to review the overseas scale rates. (25621)
- 352 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25362)

- 353 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department offers protection to staff from unfair dismissal from their first working day. (25503)
- 354 **Lillian Jones** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of affordable credit provision by banks and building societies. (25378)
- 355 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of people receiving an adequate pension since 2019. (25629)
- 356 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department plans to take to support people to (a) build financial resilience and (b) manage debt. (25630)
- 357 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to develop financial literacy education in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools to improve financial resilience in younger people. (25631)
- 358 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 26 July 2024 to Question 824 on Development Aid, when she plans to set out her approach on restoring official development assistance spending to 0.7 per cent of gross national income. (25236)
- 359 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has plans to (a) implement and (b) allow public sector employees to utilise existing private cycle to work style salary sacrifice schemes to (i) lease and (ii) purchase electric vehicles at reduced rates. (25529)
- 360N **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her Department's policy is on claiming back child benefit from parents who have lost a child in the year since the payment was made. [Transferred] (25009)
- 361 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support hotel owners in South Cotswolds constituency. (25611)
- 362 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of expanding Heathrow Airport on the economy. (25343)
- 363 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she plans to meet the trustees of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme. (25409)
- 364 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the release of the investment reserve of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme to its trustees. (25410)

- 365 **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department made of the potential impact of changes to the threshold for agricultural property relief and business property relief on (a) farm businesses and (b) people who bought land to reduce Inheritance Tax; what data she has used for that assessment; and what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the findings of that assessment. (25180)
- 366 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether their Department offers its staff shared parental leave from their first working day. (25206)
- 367 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether her Department offers paternity leave to its staff from their first working day. (25363)
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- 369 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to support survivors of domestic violence in South Cotswolds constituency. (25615)
- 370 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help (a) support women in the workplace and (b) help tackle (i) pregnancy and (ii) maternity discrimination. (25414)

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- 1N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the transparency data entitled Data on responses to correspondence from MPs and Peers in 2023, published on 23 May 2024, how his Department obtained the raw data on correspondence received from MPs by Government (a) Department and (b) agency. (25234)
- 2N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the proportion of local councils who have failed to meet the time limit of 20 weeks for the issuing of an Education, Health and Care Plan within the last year. (25308)

- 3N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the (a) support and (b) guidance available to (i) parents and (ii) guardians of children who require an Education, Health and Care Plan to navigate the process. (25309)
- 4N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential benefits and disbenefits for (a) prospective and (b) current students of international student recruitment agencies operating in the UK. (25214)
- 5N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 10 January 2025 to Question 23229, on Teachers: Pay, if she will provide the same data for newly qualified teachers. (25523)
- 6N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve the environmental health of Hogsmill River. (25568)
- 7N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support businesses impacted by outbreaks of avian influenza. (25369)
- 8N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of compensation protocols for birds culled to control avian influenza. (25370)
- 9N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to ensure (a) social media companies and (b) website providers that have been found to have hosted illegal content viewed by people that have subsequently committed serious crimes face financial sanctions. (25161)
- 10N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2024 to Question 23744 on UK Research and Innovation: Staff, whether Innovate UK has made an assessment of the value for money of business growth advisors funded by Innovate UK. (25207)
- 11N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 16707 on Electric Vehicles, what assessment she has made of whether there be sufficient charging points for the number of electric vehicles that are estimated to be on the road by 2027. (25178)
- 12N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of working conditions for private hire drivers. (25307)
- 13N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support the maintenance of highways in Essex. (25337)

- 14N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 13 January 2025 to Question 21309 on River Tyne: Bridges, what responsibilities the Port of Tyne has for (a) the navigability of the River Tyne and (b) the Swing Bridge. (25216)
- 15N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the membership is of the motor insurance taskforce announced on 16 October 2024; and what progress the taskforce has made. (25387)
- 16N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 19420 on Unemployment: Young People, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the ongoing data quality problems with the ONS Labour Force Survey on her Department's ability to monitor progress towards the 80 per cent employment target. (25525)
- 17N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraph 86 on page 31 of her Department's White Paper entitled Get Britain Working, published on 26 November 2024, whether the remit of the independent review into the role of UK employers in promoting healthy and inclusive workplaces will include data (a) quality and (b) collection methods. (25526)
- 18N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many prescriptions for pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy were dispensed by Norfolk and Waveney (a) integrated care board and (b) clinical commissioning group in each year between 2019 and 2024. (25442)
- 19N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his oral statement of 20 January 2025 on New Hospital Programme Review, Official Report columns 748-750s, what the (a) pre-construction works, (b) full construction start and (c) completion date in his re-phasing of the new hospital programme is of (i) Leicester general hospital and Leicester royal infirmary, (ii) Watford general hospital, (iii) Specialist and emergency care hospital in Sutton, (iv) Kettering general hospital, (v) Leeds general infirmary, (vi) Musgrove Park hospital, (vii) Princess Alexandra hospital, (viii) Torbay hospital, (ix) Whipps Cross hospital, (x) St Mary's hospital in London, (xi) Charing Cross hospital, (xii) Hammersmith hospital, (xiii) North Devon district hospital, (xiv) Eastbourne district general hospital, (xv) Conquest hospital and Bexhill hospital, (xvi) Hampshire hospitals, (xvii) Royal Berkshire hospital, (xviii) Royal Preston hospital, (xix) the Royal Lancaster infirmary and (xx) Queen's medical centre and Nottingham city hospital. [R] (25253)
- 20N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of centrally procuring scaffolding to prop up hospitals awaiting funding via the New Hospital Programme. (25385)

- 21N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken to complete the Royal Berkshire Hospital on patients in Wokingham constituency. [R] (25505)
- 22N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to retain the three objectives on cancer in the forthcoming NHS Priorities and Operational Planning Guidance. [R] (25512)
- 23N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's projected completion dates are for each project delivered by the New Hospital Programme. (25364)
- 24N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people employed by his Department have worked on (a) the review into the New Hospital Programme and (b) the New Hospital Programme in each year since 2019. (25367)
- 25N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish (a) a year by year forecast of expected investment in the New Hospitals Programme and (b) the projected total budget for that programme. (25368)
- 26N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what involvement (a) he and (b) his Ministers had in setting the (i) guidance and (ii) spending limits for the Government's radiotherapy machine fund. (25185)
- 27N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the letter from NHS England to NHS Trusts of 24 December 2024, for what reasons the radiotherapy machines fund guidelines exclude the cost of updating critical bunker protections. (25186)
- 28N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on (a) cashflow, (b) income and (c) patient access to medication of practices of receiving re-imbursement monthly rather than quarterly for each prescription submitted. (25579)
- 29N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to use diplomatic ties with (a) Turkey, (b) Qatar and (c) other countries in the region to advance humanitarian efforts in Sudan. [R] (25254)
- 30N **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 international counterparts on whether violations of international humanitarian law have been committed by warring parties in Sudan. [R] (25255)

- 31N **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 international counterparts on helping to ensure the warring parties in Sudan comply with (a) the Jeddah Declaration and (b) their obligations under international humanitarian law. [R] (25256)
- 32N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of reports that Christians are being forced to convert to Buddhism in the Naga self-administered zone of Myanmar; and what steps his Department is taking to help tackle religious persecution in Myanmar. (25319)
- 33N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to provide funding to help tackle antisemitism in other countries. (25320)
- 34N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Opinions adopted by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention at its 93rd session, 30 March-8 April 2022 : Opinion No. 19/2022 concerning Ryan Cornelius (United Arab Emirates), whether his Department has made an assessment of whether Ryan Cornelius has been arbitrarily detained. (25330)
- 35N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publicly call for the release of Ryan Cornelius. (25331)
- 36N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of Israel's operation Iron Wall in the occupied West Bank; and if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of Israel's compliance with international law. (25305)
- 37N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has held with his Israeli counterparts on ensuring that actions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory comply with international law. (25306)
- 38N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to Q123 of the evidence given by the Minister of State for Development and Africa to the International Development Committee on 7 January 2025 HC 531Y what the terms of reference are for the Overseas Development Assistance Board. (25237)
- 39N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions the Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief has had with international partners. (25240)

- 40N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the humanitarian situation in Cox's Bazar. (25244)
- 41N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the UK's annual spend is on International Climate Finance by country. (25247)
- 42N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to continue the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative. (25248)
- 43N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled UK and Mauritius joint statement, 3 October 2024, published on 3 October 2024, from whom will the United States lease the Diego Garcia military base; and over what period of time will the new lease cover. (25391)
- 44N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Egyptian counterpart on the safe release of Alaa Abd el-Fattah during his visit to Egypt. (25323)
- 45N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will visit Alaa Abd el-Fattah during his visit to Egypt. (25324)
- 46N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will use one of the three formal recommendations of the UK to the upcoming UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review on Egypt to advocate for the release of Alaa Abd el-Fattah. (25325)
- 47N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made (a) to his Egyptian counterpart and (b) to the President of Egypt on the safe release of Alaa Abd el-Fattah. (25326)
- 48N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy to (a) establish and (b) support negotiations for a ceasefire in (i) the West Bank and (ii) East Jerusalem. (25338)
- 49N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of whether the first applications for UK passports under the British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Act 2024 will be available before the summer recess in 2025. (25176)

- 50N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing the value of a primary residential property be included within Family Visa minimum financial requirement calculations. (25457)
- 51N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether criminal convictions given to Hong Kongers in Hong Kong courts under the National Security Act can be used to deny UK visas. (25332)
- 52N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has rejected any applications for UK visas by British National (Overseas) Hong Kong citizens due to confessions given in criminal trials in Hong Kong. (25335)
- 53N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she was made aware that Axel Rudakubana had (a) sought to manufacture ricin and (b) possessed an Al-Qaeda training manual. (25380)
- 54N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 20149 on Torpedoes: Procurement, how much of the cost is the through life management of the programme. (25177)
- 55N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the US lease on the Diego Garcia military base expires. (25390)
- 56N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many chefs were in post in the Army in each year since 2010; and what the requirement was in each of those years. (25169)
- 57N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many nurses were in post in the (a) Royal Navy, (b) Army and (c) RAF in each year since 2010; and what the requirement was in each service in each of those years. (25170)
- 58N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veterinary officers were in post in the Army in each year since 2010; and what the requirement was in each of those years. (25171)
- 59N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) air and (b) ground stewards were in post in the RAF in each year since 2010; and what the requirement was in each of those years. (25172)
- 60N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many engineers there were in post in the (a) Royal Navy, (b) Army and (c) RAF in each year since 2010. (25173)

- 61N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to answer Questions 23789, 23790 and 23791 on Eden Project: Morecambe, tabled on 14 January 2025. (25264)
- 62N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has allocated funding to organisations controlled by (a) the Hong Kong Trade Office, (b) the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and (c) Confucius Institutes. (25333)
- 63N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what grants are available for (a) district and (b) borough councils to support mental health initiatives. (25522)
- 64N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department prepared an impact assessment on the restructuring of local government proposed in the Devolution White Paper (CP 1218), published on 16 December 2024. (25392)
- 65N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the projected cost to the public purse is of implementing the measures on local government within the the Devolution White Paper (CP 1218), published on 16 December 2024. (25393)
- 66N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's Devolution White Paper (CP 1218), published on 16 December 2024, who will carry existing debt held by local authorities where a local government restructuring occurs. (25396)
- 67N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the oral answer of 20 January 2025 from the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution on Local Government Reorganisation: Devon, Official Report columns 720-721, whether (a) the reorganisation of district councils and (b) other local government reorganisation is optional. (25580)
- 68N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Prime Minister, when he was made aware that Axel Rudakubana had (a) sought to manufacture ricin and (b) possessed an Al-Qaeda training manual. (25379)
- 69N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to increase Real Household Disposable Income per person in Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend constituency. (25219)
- 70N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of (a) the number of people eligible for compensation and (b) the total cash value of the compensation owed under the ruling by the Court of Appeal from October 2024 that certain commissions that lenders paid to car dealerships for arranging loans were unlawful. (25304)

- 71N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 13 January 2025 to Question 22766 on Crown Estates: Wales and with reference to the Answer by the First Minister of Wales to the Question from Rhun ap Iorwerth MS of 21 January 2025, for what reason the First Minister said that there had been discussions on devolving the Crown Estate to Wales. (25389)
- 72N **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the cost to her Department of not claiming back child benefit from parents who have lost a child in the year since the original payment. [Transferred] (25010)
- 73N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the funding settlement is for National Trails UK for 2025-26. (25560)

Questions for Answer on Monday 27 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of (a) funding and (b) staffing capacity for the UK International Consumer Centre. (25524)
- 2N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to take steps to help promote the uptake of foundational apprenticeships in (a) Wolverhampton and (b) other areas with high levels of youth population. (25431)
- 3N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that pupils who are considered hard to place under school admission requirements receive suitable school placements. (25433)
- 4N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made a comparative assessment of the potential impact of (a) E5 and (b) E10 fuel on (i) fuel consumption and (ii) emissions. (25218)
- 5N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Pension Credit applications were made in each of the last five years for which data is available. (25581)
- 6N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to improve access to training for (a) dentists and (b) dental nurses in rural areas. (25465)
- 7N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to improve public oral health education in rural areas. (25466)

- 8N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of geographic barriers in rural areas on access to (a) regular check-ups and (b) timely intervention. (25467)
- 9N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 24 October to Question 9576 on Methylphenidate: Shortages, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the supply of methylphenidate for ADHD since October 2024. (25553)
- 10N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help promote human rights in Guinea. (25432)
- 11N **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral statement of 16 January 2025 on the Middle East, Official report columns 511-513, what steps his Department is taking to help protect human rights organisations in Palestine, in the context of the killing of Ihab Fisal. (25616)
- 12N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities to provide temporary accommodation that does not have a detrimental impact on (a) local people and (b) town centres in Wolverhampton. (25429)
- 13N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to tackle youth homelessness in Wolverhampton. (25430)
- 14N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the First and deputy First Minister on the continuing vacancy in the office of the Commissioner of Public Appointments for Northern Ireland. (25567)
- 15N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking legislative steps to provide VAT relief on the rethatching of listed buildings. (25552)
- 16N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential (a) merits of increasing funding for National Trails above 2012 levels and (b) impact of not increasing funding for National Trails on those trails. (25561)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

- 1 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): What assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing free school meals for all primary school pupils. (902376)

- 2 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): What steps her Department is taking to help reduce waiting lists for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder assessments in Penrith and Solway constituency. (902377)
- 3 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): If her Department will provide sixth-form colleges with the funding required to support a 5.5% pay award for teaching staff. (902378)
- 4 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): What steps her Department is taking to encourage reading in schools. (902379)
- 5 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for AI research and development in the higher education sector. (902380)
- 6 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help retain clinical academics in universities. (902381)
- 7 **Mike Tapp** (Dover and Deal): What steps her Department has taken to help keep Family Hubs open in Kent. (902382)
- 8 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): What steps her Department is taking to support schools requiring specialist facilities for SEND students. (902383)
- 9 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): What steps her Department is taking to improve support for children with special educational needs and disabilities. (902384)
- 10 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): What steps she is taking to strengthen safeguarding for children. (902385)
- 11 **Lewis Cocking** (Bromsbourne): What steps her Department is taking to improve special educational needs provision. [R] (902386)
- 12 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that SEND provision is adequately funded. (902387)
- 13 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): What progress she has made on improving support for children with SEND. (902388)
- 14 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): What steps she is taking to support free speech in educational settings. (902389)
- 15 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reduce levels of child poverty. (902390)
- 16 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): What steps she is taking to increase the number of apprenticeships. (902391)
- 17 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): What steps she is taking to ensure that disabled children have access to specialist teachers. (902392)

- 18 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill on the early years sector. (902393)
- 19 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): What steps she is taking to improve SEND services. (902394)
- 20 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): What steps she is taking to increase the number of children achieving the early learning goals. (902395)
- 21 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): What steps she is taking to support the uptake of apprenticeships and technical education. (902396)
- 22 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): What plans she has for the future of apprenticeships. (902397)
- 23 **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of school buildings. (902398)
- 24 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): What steps she is taking to improve SEND provision in Berkshire. (902399)
- 25 **Dr Jeevun Sandher** (Loughborough): What steps she is taking to increase the number of construction apprenticeships. (902400)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

- T1 **Mike Tapp** (Dover and Deal): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (902401)
- T2 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): (902402)
- T3 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): (902403)
- T4 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): (902404)
- T5 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): (902405)
- T6 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): [R] (902406)
- T7 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): (902407)
- T8 **Mark Sowards** (Leeds South West and Morley): (902408)
- T9 **Chris Vince** (Harlow): (902409)
- T10 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): (902410)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 28 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to compensate employees of (a) the Post Office, (b) sub-postmasters and (c) shops that fulfilled Post Office functions who were (i) prosecuted, (ii) arrested and (iii) had their employment terminated on the basis of flawed information generated by the Horizon system. (25434)
- 2N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question 16393 on Department for Work and Pensions: Staff, what the additional cost is of the private providers. (25588)
- 3N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Pension Credit decisions have been appealed since 29 July 2024; and what the success rate was of those appeals. (25589)
- 4N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average time taken is for Pension Credit appeals to be reviewed. (25590)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to review the policy paper entitled Airports National Policy Statement, published on 5 June 2018. (25340)
- 2N **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to review the air traffic movement cap at Heathrow. (25341)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress she has made on the development of a standardised tender structure for local authorities to submit to charge point operators for public access electric vehicle charging infrastructure. (25520)

- 2N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of introducing additional regulations on the advertisement of food and drink (a) outdoors and (b) on other media platforms. (25182)
- 3N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of raising the Cornish language from Part II to Part III of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages. (25519)
- 4N **Claire Hughes** (Bangor Aberconwy): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what steps is she taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle veteran homelessness in Wales. [Transferred] (25423)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 23337 on Local Government: Debts, what will happen to existing Council debt following local government reorganisation where a local authority is carrying debt but is not subject to either an (a) best value notice and (b) exceptional financial support framework. (25262)