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## Questions tabled on Wednesday 22 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 Thursday 23 January

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme will apply to the 48 Group. (25848)
- 2 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the impact of the statutory two week paternity leave on the economy. [Transferred] (25557)
- 3 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending paternity leave. [Transferred] (25558)
- 4 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the length of parental leave in other OECD countries. [Transferred] (25559)
- 5 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support hotel owners in South Cotswolds constituency. [Transferred] (25611)
- 6 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether funding to establish youth hubs will be distributed on a revenue basis. [Transferred] (25321)

- 7 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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. [Transferred] (25602)
- 8 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to develop financial literacy education in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools to improve financial resilience in younger people. [Transferred] (25631)
- 9 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when she plans to meet the trustees of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme. [Transferred] (25409)
- 10 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, 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. [Transferred] (25410)
- 11 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to help reduce the cost of groceries. [Transferred] (25481)
- 12 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of environmental contamination caused by sewage discharges by water companies in Surrey Heath constituency. [Transferred] (25549)
- 13 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential risk of incinerators to public health. [Transferred] (25184)
- 14 **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 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. [Transferred] (25564)
- 15 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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. [Transferred] (25210)
- 16 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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. [Transferred] (25211)
- 17 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of skills within the Civil Service to effectively regulate self-driving vehicles. [Transferred] (25212)

- 18 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of expanding Heathrow Airport on the economy. [Transferred] (25343)
- 19 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of people receiving an adequate pension since 2019. [Transferred] (25629)
- 20 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of elderly people who will need (a) living assistance and (b) housing in (i) 2025 and (ii) the next ten years. (25878)
- 21 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (25565)
- 22 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people have received funding from the disabled facilities grant in (a) Gloucester and (b) Gloucestershire in the last five years. [Transferred] (25599)
- 23 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (25271)

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## Questions for Answer on Friday 24 January

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 18204 on Ministers: convictions, what role the (a) Cabinet Secretary and (b) Director General of the Proprietary and Constitution Group has in the provision of advice to the Prime Minister on the propriety of Ministerial appointments. (25849)
- 2 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Government Communication Service's SAFE framework, how many instances of campaign-specific flexibility have been approved in the last 12 months. (25850)

- 3 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 14 January 2025 to Question 22360 on Intelligence Services: Unpaid Work, which internship schemes for (a) MI5 and (b) MI6 were open to people from white British backgrounds in 2025. (25851)
- 4 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 14 January 2025 to Question 22200 on Ministers: Aviation, what quantity of carbon emissions have been offset since 5 July 2024; and what the cost to the public purse has been of this offsetting. (25852)
- 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 22191 on Public Bodies: Reviews, which reviews (a) are in progress and (b) have been paused; and what the status is of reviews in the 2024-25 financial year. (25853)
- 6 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 21396 on Government Departments: Internet, if he will publish the inclusion list of websites for programmatic advertising that meet the acceptable standards. (25854)
- 7 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the letter from the Deputy Prime Minister to the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments dated 2 May 2024, whether he plans to exempt (a) media appearances, (b) books and (c) journalism roles from Business Appointment Rules. (25855)
- 8 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2024 to Question 8425 on Prime Minister: Special Advisers and with reference to the Freedom of Information Act request with reference FOI2024/14571, for what reason the requested information was released under the Freedom of Information Act; and if he will publish that response. (25856)
- 9 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the UK Emergency Alert System since its introduction. (25755)
- 10 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025 to Question 22321 on Mo Baines, if he will make it his policy to require that political activity is published as part of announcements of (a) non-executive directors and (b) public appointments. (25696)
- 11 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2024 to Question 7438 on Prime Minister: Senior Civil Servants, what the criteria was that the Cabinet Secretary used to select which candidates for the Principle Private Secretary position to recommend to the Prime Minister. (25674)

- 12 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the Public Bodies 2023 data tool remains operable in the future; and whether the 2023 dataset will be in searchable in the National Archives. (25677)
- 13 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with Royal Mail. (25846)
- 14 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the responsiveness of Royal Mail to enquiries made by Members of Parliament on behalf of their constituents. (25847)
- 15 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the Construction Industry Training Board's decision to end the use of Construction Skills Certification Scheme cards. (25967)
- 16 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the number of workers in the construction industry. (25968)
- 17 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the statutory minimum level of paternity leave on the economy. (25841)
- 18 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the potential impact of extending the statutory minimum paternity leave on (a) early childhood development and (b) reliance on formal childcare in a child's first year. (25842)
- 19 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the potential lessons learned from the parental leave policies of other countries in the OECD. (25843)
- 20 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the level of uptake of Shared Parental Leave. (25844)
- 21 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of improving paternity leave provisions on health disparities in lower-income families. (25845)
- 22 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the press release entitled £23 million government package to support restoration of thousands of listed places of worship, published on 22 January 2024, what the average amount claimed was for claims over £25,000 in each of the last three years. (25964)

- 23 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on religious buildings in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (25965)
- 24 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of an uncapped claim allowance on VAT for repairs to Christian places of worship. (25966)
- 25 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support the Greyhound racing industry. (25662)
- 26 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to increase funding for rural schools. (25741)
- 27 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to (a) support and (b) improve decision-making in the provision of education, health and care plan assessments. (25879)
- 28 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the different ways in which local authorities allocate funding for education, health and care plans. (25880)
- 29 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve access to education, health and care plans for children with cerebral palsy in education settings. (25881)
- 30 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential effectiveness of implementing cohort-based education, health and care plans. (25882)
- 31 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support low-income families to apply for education, health and care plans. (25883)
- 32 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of whether there are socio-economic disparities in the outcomes of special educational needs and disability tribunals. (25884)
- 33 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the reasons for which there has been an increase in the number of SEND tribunal appeals in the last academic year. (25885)
- 34 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the value for money of spending by local authorities on defending SEND tribunal appeals in the 2023-24 financial year. (25886)

- 35 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the education, health and care plan appeals system. (25887)
- 36 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for Justice on improving the efficiency of the SEND tribunal system. (25888)
- 37 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help improve the early identification of special educational needs in children. (25889)
- 38 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to provide additional resources to schools for the provision of inclusive education. (25890)
- 39 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will extend the 50% faith-based admissions cap to all new schools. (25686)
- 40 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help low-income families pay for after-school clubs. (25773)
- 41 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increased Teachers' Pension Scheme employer contributions on higher education institutions; and whether her Department plans to offer subsidies to those institutions. (25664)
- 42 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on establishing Attendance Hubs; what datasets her Department is collecting to measure the success of that programme; and if she will publish the data collected in relation to that programme to date. (25828)
- 43 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on students' education of the ending of the Latin Excellence Programme mid-GCSE year; and whether funding for the programme will continue until the end of the current academic year. (25915)
- 44 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will meet with the hon. Member for Witney to discuss (a) the condition of Carterton Community College and (b) SEND further education provision in West Oxfordshire. (25934)
- 45 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the proportion of pupils meeting the expected standard in the year 1 phonics screening check. (25782)



- 46 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support councils (a) in West Dorset and (b) nationally to increase local special school places to reduce reliance on out-of-county placements for children with Education, Health and Care Plans. (25939)
- 47 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production (STEP) prototype fusion power plant at West Burton. (25716)
- 48 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he expects the final investment decision to be taken in relation to Sizewell C. (25717)
- 49 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when the Community Benefits Package will be published. (25718)
- 50 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to publish plans for the future of the Wylfa nuclear site. (25719)
- 51 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans his Department has for the Bradwell nuclear site. (25720)
- 52 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when his Department plans to publish guidance on the Marine Recovery Fund; and what his planned timeline is for the implementation of that fund. (25869)
- 53 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Rosebank oil field development on the UK's net zero obligations. (25957)
- 54 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he has taken to ensure that local communities were engaged in the public consultation period of the proposed National Grid Norwich-Tilbury pylon project. (25961)
- 55 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed Norwich to Tilbury National Grid pylon project on house prices in the affected areas. (25962)
- 56 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with the National Grid on their proposed Norwich to Tilbury pylon project. (25963)



- 57 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the number of off-grid properties which are listed buildings. (25798)
- 58 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the number of off-grid properties that will benefit from the Warm Homes: Local Grant in Bedfordshire. (25799)
- 59 **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the UK's carbon footprint including emissions from imported goods is since 2010. (25905)
- 60 **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to limit the UK's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to its proportionate share of the remaining global carbon budget for 1.5°C. (25906)
- 61 **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to end fossil fuel (a) extraction, (b) exports and (c) imports. (25907)
- 62 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) mitigate the impact of and (b) reduce the quantity of microplastics released into the environment by domestic washing machines. (25742)
- 63 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to (a) improve the (i) communication and (ii) public awareness of flooding risks and (b) integrate the risk know-how framework into its (A) flood preparedness and (B) response strategies. (25891)
- 64 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the public appointment advertisement for Trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, published on 19 December 2024, for what reasons equality, diversity and inclusion are listed as a desirable criteria for this position. (25858)
- 65 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 18221 on Supreme Court: Judgments, whether he plans to change his Department's workforce policies. (25859)
- 66 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Marine Recovery Fund on offshore wind deployment targets. (25868)

- 67 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure that the Marine Recovery Fund has a sufficient library of appropriate compensation measures to deliver the environmental compensation necessary to meet Government's Offshore Wind targets. (25870)
- 68 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to make an announcement on the establishment of the Marine Recovery Fund; and whether he plans to include sufficient approved measures on ornithological impacts to deliver the projects required to meet (a) the Government's Clean Power 2030 Plan and (b) offshore wind targets beyond 2030. (25871)
- 69 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of giving Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies a statutory duty to consider (a) net zero and (b) the delivery of the Clean Power Mission when providing advice on applications for renewable energy infrastructure projects to (i) developers and (ii) competent authorities. (25872)
- 70 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what processes are in place for Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies to consider (a) new scientific research and (b) evidence on the impact of offshore wind on the marine environment; and how this evidence is incorporated into the modelling parameters which developers use when assessing the impact of offshore wind projects on (i) ornithology and (ii) benthic ecology. (25873)
- 71 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much was spent on products of animal origin spot checks at the (a) Port of Dover, (b) Port of Felixstowe, (c) Port of Liverpool, (d) Port of London, (e) Port of Grimsby and Immingham, (f) Port of Southampton, (g) Port of Tees and Hartlepool, (h) Port of the Forth and (i) Port of Belfast in each of the last five financial years. (25895)
- 72 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many products of animal origin spot checks were undertaken at the (a) Port of Dover, (b) Port of Felixstowe, (c) Port of Liverpool, (d) Port of London, (e) Port of Grimsby and Immingham, (f) Port of Southampton, (g) Port of Tees and Hartlepool, (h) Port of the Forth and (i) Port of Belfast in each of the last five financial years. (25896)
- 73 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many tonnes of (a) dangerous and (b) illegal meat were intercepted at the (i) Port of Dover, (ii) Port of Felixstowe, (iii) Port of Liverpool, (iv) Port of London, (v) Port of Grimsby and Immingham, (vi) Port of Southampton, (vii) Port of Tees and Hartlepool, (viii) Port of the Forth and (ix) Port of Belfast in each of the last five financial years. (25897)

- 74 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of vehicles entering the Port of Dover being under no obligation to attend Sevington Border Control Point if asked to do so on biosecurity. (25898)
- 75 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether there were any financial implications to the Exchequer of the sale of the White Cliffs Business Park that hosts the Bastion Point Inland Border Facility site on 4 September 2024. (25899)
- 76 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what meetings (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have had with representatives of water and sewerage companies since July 2024. (25935)
- 77 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what meetings (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have had with campaigners on water regulation since July 2024. (25936)
- 78 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what meetings (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have had with representatives of Ofwat since July 2024. (25937)
- 79 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has conducted surveys on trends in the level of public support for releasing beavers into the countryside. (25912)
- 80 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the prevention of illegal rhino poaching. (25660)
- 81 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to prevent the practice of badger baiting and associated illegal activities. (25661)
- 82 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the of the potential impact of (a) agricultural and (b) business property relief on ancient woodlands. (25795)
- 83 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2024 to Question 19116 on Trees: Planning Permission, if he will publish the review. (25796)
- 84 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make an estimate of the number of (a) ancient and (b) veteran trees not covered by Tree Protection Orders in Bedfordshire. (25797)

- 85 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to introduce new fisheries management measures in England's Marine Protected Areas on (a) bottom trawling and (b) dredging. (25759)
- 86N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the funding settlement is for National Trails UK for 2025-26.  
[Transferred] (25560)
- 87 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of placing a levy on pesticides. (25802)
- 88 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of placing a levy for the cost of disposing pesticide products. (25803)
- 89 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to his Department's press release of 21 January 2025 entitled Shake up of tech and AI usage across NHS and other public services to deliver plan for change, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of making these tools available to (a) parliamentary staff, (b) the public sector and (c) more widely. (25733)
- 90 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the digital driving licence will be accepted as a valid form of photo ID. (25734)
- 91 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has received a response from the DVLA to the Fatal Accident Inquiry into the death of Xander Irvine. (25903)
- 92 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when her Department plans to make a decision on the business case for Southern Rail access to Heathrow Airport. (25930)
- 93 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department's Roads Investment Committee has considered funding alterations to the London South Circular in the last year. (25928)
- 94 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to prevent the unnecessary felling of healthy trees on network rail infrastructure. (25653)
- 95 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle benefit fraud by organised criminal gangs. (25815)

- 96 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support people with (a) disabilities and (b) long-term health conditions into work. (25816)
- 97 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of job centres on economic growth. (25817)
- 98 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she plans to take to help support parents into work. (25818)
- 99 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the oral statement of 17 December 2024, Official Report, Column 167, on Women's State Pension Age Communication: PHSO Report, if she will publish the internal Equality Impact Assessment. (25860)
- 100 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 16 October 2024 to Question 4705 on Government Departments: Families, if she will place a copy of that guidance in the House of Commons Library. (25861)
- 101 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will review the earnings and capital thresholds for disabled adults in receipt of social care support to ensure they are not disadvantaged when saving for (a) a house deposit and (b) other major life expenses. (25931)
- 102 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people were claiming Pension Credit in (a) Edinburgh North and Leith constituency and (b) Scotland on 31 December 2024. (25874)
- 103 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of pensioners were claiming pension credit in (a) Edinburgh North and Leith constituency and (b) Scotland on 31 December 2024. (25875)
- 104 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many children were living in poverty in (a) Northumberland, (b) the North East and (c) nationally in (i) 2022-23 and (ii) 2023-24. (25668)
- 105 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the judgment in Clifford v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions [2025] EWHC 53 (Comm), for what reason she proceeded with the case. (25632)
- 106 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to (a) end direct pay arrangements and (b) use the collect and pay model for all future child maintenance agreements; and what estimate her Department has made of the number of existing agreements that would be affected by this change. (25941)

- 107 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many child maintenance administrative liability orders were rejected by courts in each year between 2021 and 2024; and for what reasons courts rejected these applications. (25942)
- 108 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff work for the Child Maintenance Service by each civil service pay bracket. (25943)
- 109 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the annual budget of the Child Maintenance Service was in each year since 2021; and what the forecast budget is for 2025. (25944)
- 110 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much the supervision and processing of (a) Direct Pay arrangements and (b) Collect and Pay arrangements cost the Child Maintenance Service. (25945)
- 111 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pension credit applications made before December 21 2024 are still waiting to be resolved. (25637)
- 112 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of pension credit cases have not been cleared within 50 days since September 2024. (25638)
- 113 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many eye care professionals are delivering NHS Special School Eye Care Service under Primary Ophthalmic Service contracts; and how many special schools are in receipt of that service. (25806)
- 114 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's reforming elective care for patients plan, published on 6 January 2025, what steps he is taking to improve asthma follow-up treatment. (25926)
- 115 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to deliver age-appropriate (a) care and (b) settings for teenagers and young adults with cancer. (25940)
- 116 **Sam Carling** (North West Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of challenges of accessing mental health provision in rural communities. (25925)
- 117 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to increase access to affordable fresh fruit and vegetables in deprived communities. (25949)



- 118 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase access to GP appointments (a) in Beckenham and Penge constituency and (b) nationally. (25812)
- 119 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce bureaucracy in (a) GP and (b) other primary care services (i) in Beckenham and Penge constituency and (ii) nationally. (25813)
- 120 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing access to givinostat. (25774)
- 121 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Register Of Interests Of Members' Secretaries And Research Assistants, published on 22 November 2024, whether Matthew Goodin (a) attends meetings in his Department and (b) sits in the special adviser's office. (25864)
- 122 **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help raise awareness of cervical cancer; and whether he is taking steps with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to help raise awareness of cervical cancer in other countries. (25708)
- 123 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the use of artificial intelligence in NHS diagnostics. (25728)
- 124 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2024 to Question 8352 on Surrogacy, whether he plans to publish details of the meeting of Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Patient Safety, Women's Health and Mental Health with the Law Commission; and whether he plans to implement the recommendations of the report. (25639)
- 125 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to fund the ongoing maintenance of the Royal Berkshire Hospital until it is rebuilt. [R] (25900)
- 126 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the roll-out of Oxevision in mental health hospitals on patient wellbeing. (25921)
- 127 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients are detained in assessment and treatment units in England. (25740)

- 128 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of NHS dental services in (a) Witney constituency and (b) West Oxfordshire. (25933)
- 129 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet the hon. Member for Witney to discuss the availability of (a) NHS dentistry and (b) diagnostic testing in Witney constituency. (25938)
- 130 **Kevin McKenna** (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of delivering universal fracture liaison services by 2030 on (a) patients and (b) the NHS; and what the annual cost to the public purse will be of delivering this. (25923)
- 131 **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure veterans in Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland constituency have access to adequate mental health support. (25823)
- 132 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress his Department has made on improving dementia care. (25688)
- 133 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve preparedness for first-time anaphylaxis incidents in rural communities. (25807)
- 134 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether adrenaline auto-injectors are routinely carried by first responders. (25808)
- 135 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to implement Fracture Liaison Services for osteoporosis patients. (25909)
- 136 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support people with osteoporosis. (25910)
- 137 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to develop fracture liaison services nationwide. (25911)
- 138 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase (a) planned and (b) preventative maintenance at NHS hospitals impacted by delays to the New Hospital Programme. (25820)
- 139 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, on how many occasions he has met representatives of each medical Royal College since 5 July 2024. (25877)

- 140 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what approvals process (a) NHS England and (b) his Department has for business cases under the New Hospitals Programme. (25746)
- 141 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the policy paper entitled New Hospital Programme: plan for implementation, published on 20 January 2025, whether (a) NHS England and (b) his Department plan to approve business cases submitted by NHS Trusts that are subject to the completion of the site-by-site report process for hospitals with RAAC. (25747)
- 142 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many full-time equivalent officials are working on the New Hospitals Programme in (a) his Department and (b) NHS England. (25748)
- 143 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 28 October 2024 to Question 10592, whether he has received any further advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation on the potential merits of extending eligibility for the Respiratory Syncytial Virus vaccination to people who turned 80 before 1 September 2024. (25709)
- 144 **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of UK funding for UNITAID on the cost of HPV testing in (a) low and (b) middle-income countries. (25707)
- 145 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made recent representations to the authorities in Afghanistan on the treatment of women and girls in that country. (25726)
- 146 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help ensure the long-term stability of (a) NGOs and (b) aid agencies that (i) provide humanitarian support and (ii) have other operations in Afghanistan. (25727)
- 147 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to deliver humanitarian aid to Sudan. (25729)
- 148 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proportion of bilateral programme funding had a gender equality policy marker in the last two years for which information is available; and what proportion of that funding had gender equality as a (a) principal and (b) significant objective. (25730)
- 149 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to reduce transfer fees on family remittances. (25731)

- 150 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will collect data on family remittances from the UK. (25732)
- 151 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the answer of 14 January to question 22425 on Pakistan: Extradition, whether the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan) raised (a) restricting foreign aid, (b) restricting visas and (c) using other punitive international measures with Senior Ministers during his visit to Pakistan in November. (25832)
- 152 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): 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 inclusion of Overseas Territories in the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories. (25785)
- 153 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Argentinian counterpart. (25786)
- 154 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Spanish counterpart. (25787)
- 155 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Cypriot counterpart. (25788)
- 156 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 12 November 2024 to Question HL1945 on USA: Elections, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact on US-UK relations of the letter of 22 October 2024 to the Federal Election Commission from Donald J. Trump for President 2024, Inc. on Labour Party involvement in the Presidential elections. (25672)
- 157 **Dawn Butler** (Brent East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which companies were contracted by her Department to develop an IT system for the Rwanda scheme; and how much was spent with each company. (25663)
- 158 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle mobile phone theft (a) in Beckenham and Penge constituency and (b) nationally. (25814)
- 159 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Department is taking to tackle doxing; and whether she plans to (a) fast track protections for victims and (b) ensure social media platforms act swiftly to remove content. (25932)

- 160 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many tonnes of (a) dangerous and (b) otherwise illegal meat have been intercepted by the Dover Port Health Authority in each of the last 10 financial years. (25892)
- 161 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many times the Timed Out Decision Contingency Feature has been used for medium-risk animal products in each month since February 2024. (25893)
- 162 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 29 October 2024 to Question 10797 on Inland Border Facilities: Dover, what the operating status is of Bastion Point Border Control Point as of 22 January 2025. (25894)
- 163 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people entered the UK on a visa and overstayed in each of the last three years. (25634)
- 164 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people entered the UK through irregular means other than small boats in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (25635)
- 165 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of fraudulent visa applications made in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (25636)
- 166 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason her Department paused the processing of applications made by Syrian asylum seekers on 9 December 2024. (25955)
- 167 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average processing time for Syrians' asylum applications was before 9 December 2024. (25956)
- 168 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2024 to Question 24000 on Offences against Children, when the Child Sexual Exploitation Taskforce will publish the information. (25830)
- 169 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the answer of 15 January to Question 22417 on Offences against Children: Girls, whether the information requested is held by her Department. (25831)
- 170 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 22427 on Offences against Children, whether this information is held by her Department. (25833)

- 171 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025 to Question 22431 on Visas: Pakistan, whether her Department holds information on the number of visa applications from people with Pakistani nationality rejected because of criminal records in each of the last five years. (25834)
- 172 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of Prevent cases were (a) dropped and (b) downgraded in each of the last five years. (25835)
- 173 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department records an ideological breakdown of people in the Desistance and Disengagement Programme. (25836)
- 174 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 21759 on Offences against children, whether the information requested is held by her Department. (25837)
- 175 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025 to Question 22427 on Offences against Children, whether her Department holds information on how many deportations to Pakistan for convictions related to child grooming failed. (25838)
- 176 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people on the terrorist watch list are foreign nationals. (25958)
- 177 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will list the number of people on the terrorist watch list by (a) nationality, (b) sex, (c) religion and (d) immigration status. (25959)
- 178 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people on the terrorist watch list are dual nationals. (25960)
- 179 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate with the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the potential impact of the number of people granted Health and Care Worker visas on the public finances since in the period since that visa was introduced; and how many of those people have since qualified for indefinite leave to remain. (25948)
- 180 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps she has taken to tackle mobile phone theft Greater London. (25654)
- 181 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to prevent the export of stolen vehicles out of the United Kingdom. (25655)



- 182 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to prevent the export of stolen mobile devices out of the United Kingdom. (25656)
- 183 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to increase police officer (a) recruitment and (b) retention within Greater London. (25657)
- 184 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to increase the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of UKBA officers. (25658)
- 185 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to prevent the illegal importation of rhino horns. (25659)
- 186N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the Prime Minister was made aware that Axel Rudakubana had (a) sought to manufacture ricin and (b) possessed an Al-Qaeda training manual. [Transferred] (25379)
- 187 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will allow Ukrainian citizens who have resided in the UK for four years the ability to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain. (25908)
- 188 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Leader of the House, pursuant to the Answer of 10 January 2025 to Question 21347 on Conditions of Employment, if she will ensure that answers to written parliamentary questions provide relevant hyperlinks. (25857)
- 189 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2024 to Question 21064 on Military Aircraft: Helicopters, what estimate he has made of the annual value of the rotary wing transport being provided under the Commercial Transport Contract; from which departmental budget it will be funded; and whether the existing budget is the same budget as for the previous contract. (25862)
- 190 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the answer of 18 December 2024, to Question 21064, on Military Aircraft: Helicopters, whether senior leaders who will have access to the helicopter service include (a) Ministers, (b) Members of the Royal Family and (c) senior officers. (25863)
- 191 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 3d of her Department's policy paper entitled Joint plan to accelerate developer-led remediation and improve resident experience, published on 02 December 2024, when her Department will begin publishing developer performance against audits; and if the Department will report retrospectively on audits carried out since the commencement of the Developer Remediation Contract in April 2023. (25738)

- 192 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 2h of her Department's policy paper entitled Joint plan to accelerate developer-led remediation and improve resident experience, published on 2 December 2024, what the target date is for the draft guidance on Alternative Dispute Resolution to be published in final form, and whether it will be optional for developers and building owners to participate in ADR. (25739)
- 193 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23431 on Local Government: Employers' Contributions, whether she made a comparative assessment of the potential impact of this approach to calculating National Insurance Contribution funding on compensation for increased payroll costs for (a) district councils and (b) county councils and unitary authorities. (25745)
- 194 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to (a) help tackle the disparity between house prices and average earnings and (b) ensure that affordable housing is accessible to (i) first-time buyers and (ii) low-income families. (25913)
- 195 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether it is her policy to allow Household Support Fund allocations to be used by local authorities to purchase (a) slow cookers and (b) kettles. (25735)
- 196 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement entitled Local Government Finance Settlement, HCWS342, published on 18 December 2024, whether she plans create the Local Audit Office as (a) an executive agency, (b) a non-departmental public body, (c) a public corporation or (d) another category of body. (25689)
- 197 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of foreign political donations made through membership of the Scottish electoral roll. (25690)
- 198 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the answer of 15 January 2025 to the Urgent Question on Local Government Reorganisation, Official Report column 344, if she will make it her policy that both district county councils in a two-tier area agree with the principle of restructuring as a condition of her agreeing to that restructuring. (25691)
- 199 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer by the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution of 15 January 2025 on Local Government Reorganisation, Official Report, column 344, whether a majority of local residents will be needed to support the changes before reorganisation is taken forward. (25692)

- 200 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer by the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution of 15 January 2025 on Local Government Reorganisation, Official Report, column 344, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of splitting county councils into unitary councils on social care provision. (25693)
- 201 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support local councils which plan to hold referendums on local government restructuring proposals under Section 116 of the Local Government Act 2003. (25694)
- 202 **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 22379 on Local Government Finance: Devolution, and with reference to her Department's High Street Rental Auctions fund: prospectus, updated on 17 January 2025, for what reason the High Streets Rental Auctions fund is operating on a bidding scheme basis; and whether the fund is ringfenced. (25695)
- 203 **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 22321 on Mo Baines, if she will publish a copy of Mo Baines' declaration of political activity (a) submitted when she applied for the role of Lead Non-Executive Director and (b) any revised versions. (25697)
- 204 **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 22384 on Local Government Finance: Services, if she will publish the (a) cash and (b) percentage change in central government grants for each of the rural/urban classifications. (25698)
- 205 **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 22384 on Local Government Finance: Services, what the estimated council tax receipts are in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 within the core spending power figures for each of the rural/urban classifications. (25699)
- 206 **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 22338 on Antisemitism and Islamophobia, whether her Department uses the phrase anti-Muslim hatred; and what her Department's definition of Islamophobic activity is. (25700)
- 207 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish guidance on (a) the liability of a new owner of a dwelling for unpaid (i) council tax, (ii) second homes premium and

(iii) empty homes premium if that property has been empty prior to the purchase of the dwelling and (b) requirements a seller has to disclose any council tax liabilities when marketing a property for sale. [R] (25701)

208 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to Right to Buy on the number of social housing tenants who are eligible to buy their home. (25702)

209 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 January 2025 to Question 22042 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Consultants, what firms have had their consultancy (a) work and (b) contracts discontinued since 5 July 2024; and what her Department's monetary target is for reduction in spending on consultancy fees in 2024-25. (25703)

210 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how business ratepayers with multiple qualifying hereditaments across different local authorities will have retail, hospitality and leisure business rate relief capped. (25704)

211 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the independent report entitled Independent review into legal challenges against Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, published on 28 October 2024, whether she plans to reform the judicial review system. (25705)

212 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the London Borough of Newham's proposals to set a 10% council council tax referendum threshold for financial year 2025-26. (25706)

213 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of resources available to the planning inspectorate. (25791)

214 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the performance of the planning inspectorate. (25792)

215 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an estimate of the potential impact of increases to employers' National Insurance for (a) Bedford Borough Council and (b) Central Bedfordshire Council. [R] (25793)

- 216 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much funding her Department is providing to (a) Bedford Borough Council and (b) Central Bedfordshire Council to cover the increased cost of employers' National Insurance. [R] (25794)
- 217 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which areas are covered by the pilots for asylum accommodation administered by (a) city mayors and (b) local authorities. (25764)
- 218 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many asylum seekers are covered by the pilots for asylum accommodation administered by (a) city mayors and (b) local authorities by (i) number of family units and (ii) average number of children. (25765)
- 219 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many social houses are being used by each pilot for asylum accommodation administered by (a) city mayors and (b) local authorities. (25766)
- 220 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the cost is of each pilot for asylum accommodation administered by (a) city mayors and (b) local authorities. (25767)
- 221 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department provides funding for each pilot for asylum accommodation administered by (a) city mayors, and (b) local authorities. (25768)
- 222 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which Minister is responsible for the (a) implementation and (b) assessment of pilots for asylum accommodation administered by (i) city mayors and (ii) local authorities. (25769)
- 223 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish (a) terms and (b) guidance for pilots for asylum accommodation administered by (i) city mayors and (ii) local authorities. (25770)
- 224 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish internal analysis produced by her Department on the impact of asylum accommodation in hotels on violent disorder in summer 2024. (25771)
- 225 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to deliver more affordable homes annually in rural areas. (25804)
- 226 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to allow more empty premises to be used. (25805)

- 227 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to tackle backlogs in the courts. (25865)
- 228 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to support survivors of (a) domestic abuse and (b) violence against women through the criminal justice system. (25866)
- 229 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Early Release Scheme. (25867)
- 230 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to implement the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, published on 20 October 2022. (25927)
- 231 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many court clerks worked at Boston Magistrates' Court in each year since 2014 for which data is available. (25633)
- 232 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the total cost to the public purse was of legal aid for people (a) accused and (b) convicted for their involvement in grooming gangs, broken down by nationality [in each of the last five years]. (25829)
- 233 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will outline the recruitment process for foreign nationals applying for positions in the prison service; and if she will publish all related documents. (25761)
- 234 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how are jobs in the prison service advertised (a) domestically, and (b) overseas. (25762)
- 235 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what (a) interviews and (b) security checks there are for foreign nationals applying for positions in the prison service; and whether their country of origin is a factor. (25772)
- 236 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 10 January 2025 to Question 21059 on Ministry of Justice: Video Recordings, if she will publish the mandatory refresher training for the Communications Directorate. (25680)
- 237 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 10 January 2025 to Question 21059 on Ministry of Justice: Video Recordings, whether disciplinary action is being undertaken for that video. (25681)
- 238 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, whether (a) senior officials and (b) special advisers had discussions with President Trump's transition team following his election in 2024. (25675)



- 239 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had recent discussions with the Scottish fishing industry on negotiations with the EU on access to British waters by EU fishing vessels. (25710)
- 240 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of floating offshore wind farms on the Scottish fishing industry. (25711)
- 241 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to balance the development of offshore renewable energy projects with the sustainability of Scotland's fishing industry. (25712)
- 242 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to (a) reduce bureaucracy on and (b) help increase the competitiveness in international markets of Scotland's seafood industry. (25713)
- 243 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on new nuclear power stations in Scotland. (25714)
- 244 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on new Small Modular Reactors in Scotland. (25715)
- 245 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has plans to make changes to the rules on gift aid. (25666)
- 246 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to amend Gift Aid legislation to ensure that charities who rely on a membership subscription model can continue to claim Gift Aid while complying with the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024. (25667)
- 247 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities on increases to Employers' National Insurance contributions in the Autumn Budget. (25721)
- 248 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with Aberdeenshire Council on increases in Employers National Insurance contributions in the Autumn Budget. (25722)
- 249 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she plans to convene the next Oil and Gas Fiscal Forum. (25723)

- 250 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the National Farmers Union of Scotland on changes to Agricultural Property Relief in the Autumn Budget 2024 since 30 October 2024. (25724)
- 251 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the impact of changes to Agricultural Property Relief on Scottish farms. (25725)
- 252 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22789 on Fraud: Coronavirus, what the total number of staff is who work on recovering overpayments on business support schemes in each year since 2020-21. (25809)
- 253 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22789 on Fraud: Coronavirus, how many (a) civil and (b) criminal compliance actions HMRC has taken on covid-related fraud since January 2020. (25810)
- 254 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22789 on Fraud: Coronavirus, how many (a) civil and (b) criminal compliance actions has HMRC taken relating to tax offences suspected of having been committed by those seeking and fulfilling government contracts relating to the procurement and onward supply of Personal Protective Equipment and similar products during the Covid-19 pandemic. (25811)
- 255 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing higher education institutions to develop alternative pension options. (25665)
- 256 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will (a) review and (b) update the Overseas Scale Rates. (25876)
- 257 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of introducing VAT exemptions for (a) small charities and (b) volunteer organisations. (25687)
- 258 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the impact of people who arrive in the UK on the health and care visa and their dependents on the economy since that scheme was established. (25946)
- 259 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the impact of people who have arrived in the UK on the Skilled Worker Visa on the economy since that scheme was established. (25947)

- 260 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has undertaken consultation with large family-owned businesses with more than 100 employees on the proposed changes to business property relief. (25801)
- 261 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of wealthy taxpayers leaving the UK on levels of (a) economic growth and (b) tax receipts. (25789)
- 262 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of her economic policies at attracting people to list shares in London. (25790)
- 263 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to simplify the process for requesting a credit freeze from consumer credit reporting companies. (25760)
- 264 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether mitie will be compensated through higher payments for the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions. (25676)
- 265 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she discussed China's participation in the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme with the Chinese government during her visit to China. (25683)
- 266 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21406 on BBC: Employers' Contribution, whether the BBC will receive government support for departments and other public sector employers for additional Employer National Insurance Contributions costs. (25684)
- 267 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the answer of 10 January 2025, to Question 20957 on Government departments: communication and public consultation, if she will list the (a) Department, (b) theme and (c) estimated saving of each of the campaigns (i) that were cancelled, (ii) continuing with reduced budgets and (iii) aiming to reduce their expenditure by 25%. (25685)
- 268 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 23033 on Equality, whether the duty will require police and crime commissioners to prioritise specific (a) crime types, (b) localities and (c) minority groups. (25763)
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 27 January

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much (a) his Department has and (b) his Department's arms length bodies have spent on hospitality in (i) each of the last five years and (ii) since 5 July 2024. (25951)
- 2N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Parliamentary Private Secretary position holders have changed roles since September 2024. (25744)
- 3N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Infrastructure and Projects Authority's annual report 2023-24, last updated 17 January 2025, for what reason the E-7 Wedgetail programme has received a Red rating. (25648)
- 4N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 23923 on Nissan, if he will provide the schedule for the publication of ministerial transparency data on meetings. (25754)
- 5N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of total government expenditure on external consultants to assist with EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement implementation since 5 July 2024, broken down by (a) department, (b) consultancy firm, and (c) area of work. (25918)
- 6 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many stocktakes the Prime Minister has attended; and with which Ministers. (25671)
- 7N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will have discussions with representatives of the engineering sector on the impact of the British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Act 2024. (25645)
- 8N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 29 July 2024 to Question 1466 on Sport: Public Appointments, what recent progress she has made on appointing people based in (a) Northern Ireland, (b) Scotland and (c) Wales to the boards of public bodies. (25647)
- 9N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 24076 on Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme: Wimbledon, who the seven recipients were. (25929)
- 10N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on increased demand for SEN support in schools. (25736)

- 11N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to help ensure that there is equal service provision by local authorities for the (a) issuing and (b) delivery of education, health and care plans. (25737)
- 12N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has given any funding to Confucius institutes since July 2024. (25749)
- 13N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the work of Confucius Institutes on freedom of speech in the higher education sector. (25750)
- 14N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023 on Confucius Institutes. (25751)
- 15N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much (a) his Department has and (b) his Department's arms length bodies have spent on hospitality in (i) each of the last five years and (ii) since 5 July 2024. (25953)
- 16N **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to update data held on farms by (a) constituency and (b) local authority. (25800)
- 17N **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to tackle the lack of access to mains running water for residents of Aysdale Gate Cottages in Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland constituency; and what steps he plans to take to help ensure those residents have access to a reliable and safe water supply. (25825)
- 18N **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 (a) merits of increasing funding for National Trails above 2012 levels and (b) impact of not increasing funding for National Trails on those trails. [Transferred] (25561)
- 19N **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for reopening the main Capital Grant offer for new applications. (25904)
- 20N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether artificial intelligence is being used to make decisions on individual caseworks (a) across government departments, (b) in the Home Office and (c) in the Department for Work and Pensions. [Transferred] (24957)
- 21N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made a comparative assessment of the potential impact of (a) E5 and (b) E10 fuel on (i) fuel consumption and (ii) emissions. [Transferred] (25218)

- 22N **Jonathan Hinder** (Pendle and Clitheroe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 24054 on Colne-Skipton Railway Line, if she will publish the completed feasibility work. (25914)
- 23N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the cost of consultancy to (a) negotiate and (b) implement new cross-border transport arrangements with the EU since January 2020 by (i) consultancy firm, (ii) contract value and (iii) month of contract award; and what scrutiny mechanisms exist for those consultants. (25920)
- 24N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a cross-Government strategy on the health and wellbeing of coastal communities. (25839)
- 25N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve (a) data for and (b) research into coastal communities. (25840)
- 26N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing bowel screening for people aged over 74. (25646)
- 27N **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce waiting lists for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder assessments in Penrith and Solway constituency. [Transferred] (902377)
- 28N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's New Hospitals Programme: plan for implementation, published on 20 January 2025, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the delay in the Royal Berkshire Hospital's construction start date to 2037-2039 on (a) patients and (b) staff. [R] (25901)
- 29N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to provide an Answer to Question 21540 on General Practitioners: Recruitment, tabled on 19 December 2024. (25902)
- 30N **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of mental health services available to veterans. (25822)
- 31N **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of NHS England's Op COURAGE service in providing mental health support to veterans including the (a) accessibility of that service and (b) effectiveness of signposting to that service by GPs. (25824)



- 32N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 23992 on Primary Health Care: Standards, what steps his Department is taking to help support (a) elderly and (b) digitally-challenged people to use technology to access healthcare. (25826)
- 33N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the level of alcohol harm; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a national alcohol strategy. (25743)
- 34N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many agency nurses were employed in each acute hospital trust in the NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board area in each year since 2019; and what proportion of all nurses they were. (25640)
- 35N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS clinical staff were armed forces reservists in each year since 2010. (25644)
- 36N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on the escalation of violence in the West Bank. (25753)
- 37N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many consultants were employed by UK missions to the EU to manage (a) trade and (b) regulatory issues in the financial year (i) 2022–23 and (ii) 2023–24; what the cost of those consultants was; and how how many permanent civil servants were employed for the same reason. (25919)
- 38N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Homeland Security Group has assessed social media posts written by Elon Musk as part of its disinformation work. (25758)
- 39N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the E-7 Wedgetail is in operational service with the RAF. (25649)
- 40N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many radar units for the E-7 Wedgetail have been delivered to (a) Boeing and (b) the RAF by Northrop Grumman. (25650)
- 41N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated whole-life cost is of the E-7 Wedgetail programme. (25651)
- 42N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the planned out of service date for the Royal Navy's Crowsnest AEW helicopter system is. (25652)

- 43N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many medical rank reservists there were in the (a) Royal Navy, (b) Army and (c) RAF in each year since 2015. (25641)
- 44N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) budget for and (b) amount spent on Defence medical services was in each year since 2015. (25642)
- 45N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many overseas army training exercises took place each year since 2010. (25643)
- 46N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much (a) her Department has and (b) her Department's arms length bodies have spent on hospitality in (i) each of the last five years and (ii) since 5 July 2024. (25954)
- 47N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she has taken to support (a) local authorities in England and (b) Councils in Northern Ireland with the increase to employers' National Insurance contributions. (25752)
- 48N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to make it (a) easier and (b) cheaper for people who live in (i) listed buildings and (ii) conservation areas to make their homes more energy efficient. (25922)
- 49N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how much (a) his Department has and (b) his Department's arms length bodies have spent on hospitality in (i) each of the last five years and (ii) since 5 July 2024. (25950)
- 50N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 22996 on Ministers: Questionnaires what assessment he has made of the (a) efficiency and (b) effectiveness of his Department's Propriety and Ethics team. (25673)
- 51N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much (a) her Department has and (b) her Department's arms length bodies have spent on hospitality in (i) each of the last five years and (ii) since 5 July 2024. (25952)
- 52N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish the (a) number, (b) name, (c) value and (d) duration of consultancy contracts awarded by HMRC on the Northern Ireland Protocol since 31 January 2020. (25916)
- 53N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many contracts related to the Northern Ireland Protocol have been (a) awarded and (b) extended without competitive tender since 4 July 2024; what the reason was; and what the total expenditure on those contracts was. (25917)

## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 28 January

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to promote the Government's Business Growth Service with small business owners in (a) Greater Manchester and (b) Heywood and Middleton North constituency. (25778)
- 2N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to ensure that social value for communities and workers is prioritised in the forthcoming Critical Mineral Strategy. (25924)
- 3N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22771 on Schools: Admissions, what proportion of the associated revenue costs of pupils entering the state sector from the independent sector relates to Cambridgeshire. (25779)
- 4N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled New Permanent Under-Secretary Appointed at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, published on 8 January 2025, whether the new Permanent Under-Secretary has made a declaration of political activity; and if he will publish the Permanent Under-Secretary's declared financial interests. (25678)
- 5N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled New Permanent Under-Secretary Appointed at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, published on 8 January 2025, whether the new Permanent Under-Secretary was appointed through open and fair competition. (25679)
- 6N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the closest island to the Chagos archipelago is that is not part of the UK deal with Mauritius. (25781)
- 7N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when the next police and fire commissioner elections will take place where existing boundaries are not co-terminus. (25780)
- 8N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Pension Credit decisions have been appealed since 29 July 2024; and what the success rate was of those appeals. [Transferred] (25589)

- 9N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether (a) her Department and (b) HMRC have produced a Tax Information and Impact Note for the changes to the Treatment of double cab pick up vehicles outlined in paragraph 5.91 of the Autumn Budget 2024 Red Book. (25682)

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### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

- 1 **Mr Gagan Mohindra** (South West Hertfordshire): What steps her Department is taking to help reduce the backlog of cases in the Crown Court. (902411)
- 2 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the terms and conditions for prison officers' pensions on the recruitment of prison officers. (902412)
- 3 **John Whitby** (Derbyshire Dales): What steps her Department is taking to support female offenders. (902413)
- 4 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): What assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the courts backlog in Cumbria. (902414)
- 5 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): What steps her Department is taking to increase prison capacity. [R] (902415)
- 6 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): What steps her Department is taking to support female offenders. (902416)
- 7 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon and Consett): What assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the lessons learned following the Southport attack. (902417)
- 8 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): If she will bring forward legislative proposals to enable courts to order the attendance of offenders at sentencing hearings. (902418)
- 9 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle hyper-prolific offenders. (902419)
- 10 **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): What steps her Department is taking to increase prison capacity. (902420)
- 11 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): What steps she is taking to support survivors of domestic abuse and violence against women through the criminal justice system. (902421)
- 12 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): What steps her Department is taking to help reduce the backlog of cases in the Crown Court. (902422)
- 13 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): What steps she is taking to improve prison conditions. (902423)
- 14 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): When her Department expects the Crown Court backlog to decrease. (902424)

- 15 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): What steps her Department is taking to support female offenders. (902425)
- 16 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): What steps she is taking to increase public confidence in the justice system. (902426)
- 17 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): What steps her Department is taking to ensure that people convicted of charges related to grooming gangs receive adequate sentences. (902427)
- 18 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): What steps she is taking to support survivors of domestic abuse and violence against women through the criminal justice system. (902428)
- 19 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): What progress she has made on launching an inquiry into the events at Orgreave during the miners strike. (902429)
- 20 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): What assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the youth justice system in preventing reoffending. (902430)
- 21 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): What steps she is taking to reduce processing times for Deputyship applications by the Court of Protection. (902431)
- 22 **Becky Gittins** (Clwyd East): What steps her Department is taking to support female offenders. (902432)
- 23 **Katie Lam** (Weald of Kent): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle hyper-prolific offenders. (902433)
- 24 **Mark Sowards** (Leeds South West and Morley): What steps her Department is taking to increase prison capacity. (902434)
- 25 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): What steps her Department is taking through the criminal justice system to help tackle violence against women and girls. (902435)

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### Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

- T1 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (902436)
- T2 **Peter Swallow** (Bracknell): (902437)
- T3 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): (902438)
- T4 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): (902439)
- T5 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): (902440)
- T6 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): (902441)
- T7 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): (902442)

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T8	<b>Katie Lam</b> (Weald of Kent):	(902443)
T9	<b>Lloyd Hatton</b> (South Dorset):	(902444)
T10	<b>Andrew Rosindell</b> (Romford):	(902445)

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 January

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will require landowners to remove invasive plant species including those listed under schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1980 from their land. (25775)
- 2N **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the household benefit cap on families with children living in poverty. (25756)
- 3N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of applications to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme (a) are pending, (b) have been paid and (c) have been refused. (25669)
- 4N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average time period is for issuing payments via the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme. (25670)
- 5N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the supply of semaglutide in Hazel Grove constituency. (25776)
- 6N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support and (b) encourage Integrated Care Boards to prescribe semaglutide for weight management. (25777)
- 7N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what representations she has received on changes to minimum income requirements for family visas. (25827)
- 8N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if her Department will bring forward legislative proposals to (a) ensure that new offences are consent-based without requiring proof of motive, (b) clarify the status of nudify apps in (i) creating and (ii) soliciting non-consensual images and (c) criminalise the solicitation of sexually explicit synthetic deepfakes. (25783)



- 9N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to (a) align the definition of intimate image with existing offences, (b) mandate the removal of non-consensual intimate images from perpetrators' devices after conviction and (c) tackle other gaps in legislation. (25784)
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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 January

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the household benefit cap on single-parent families. (25757)
- 2N **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential benefits of extending the funding for women's health hubs beyond March 2025. (25819)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of mental health provision for (a) serving members of the armed forces and (b) veterans (i) during the transition to civilian life and (ii) generally. (25821)