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Questions tabled on Thursday 23 January 2025

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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Friday 24 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing higher education institutions to develop alternative pension options. [Transferred] (25665)
- 2 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department plans to publish guidance on the Marine Recovery Fund; and what his planned timeline is for the implementation of that fund. [Transferred] (25869)
- 3 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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. [Transferred] (25894)
- 4 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to prevent the illegal importation of rhino horns. [Transferred] (25659)
- 5 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (25735)
- 6 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he 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. [Transferred] (25931)

- 7N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what grants are available for (a) district and (b) borough councils to support mental health initiatives. [Transferred] (25522)
- 8 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether (a) senior officials and (b) special advisers had discussions with President Trump's transition team following his election in 2024. [Transferred] (25675)
- 9 **Charlie Dewhurst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme will apply to the 48 Group. [Transferred] (25848)
- 10 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which areas are covered by the pilots for asylum accommodation administered by (a) city mayors and (b) local authorities. [Transferred] (25764)
- 11 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (25765)
- 12 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many social houses are being used by each pilot for asylum accommodation administered by (a) city mayors and (b) local authorities. [Transferred] (25766)
- 13 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost is of each pilot for asylum accommodation administered by (a) city mayors and (b) local authorities. [Transferred] (25767)
- 14 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department provides funding for each pilot for asylum accommodation administered by (a) city mayors, and (b) local authorities. [Transferred] (25768)
- 15 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (25769)
- 16 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish (a) terms and (b) guidance for pilots for asylum accommodation administered by (i) city mayors and (ii) local authorities. [Transferred] (25770)
- 17 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (25706)

- 18 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the of the potential impact of (a) agricultural and (b) business property relief on ancient woodlands. [Transferred] (25795)

Questions for Answer on Monday 27 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make it his policy to remain outside the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice in the context of his negotiations with the EU. (26195)
- 2N **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. [Transferred] (25673)
- 3 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23677 on Gender Dysphoria: Health Services, whether he plans to consult on the revised Gender Reassignment HR policy and guidance. (26017)
- 4 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 7 January 2025 to Question 21399 on Cabinet Office: Staff, how many staff were employed on EU relations before they were transferred to the EU Relations Secretariat. (26018)
- 5 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what (a) employment and (b) mental health support is available to entrepreneurs whose businesses go into liquidation. (26127)
- 6 **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had recent discussions with Oscar Mayer on their employment practices. (26105)
- 7 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of free trade agreements on farmers. (26210)
- 8 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support businesses in rural areas. (26211)

- 9 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help support businesses to invest in skills and training. (26212)
- 10 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill on small high-street businesses. (26213)
- 11 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what priority policy areas the Brexit Opportunities Unit is working on in 2025. (26200)
- 12 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 20536 on Department for Business and Trade: Official Cars, how many Government Car Service (a) cars and (b) drivers are provided for the use of civil servants. (26201)
- 13 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2024 to Question 13801 on Office for the Pay Review Bodies, in what way the change in name better reflects the role of the organisation. (26202)
- 14 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the appointment of Iain Anderson as a non-executive board member, if he will place a copy of Mr Anderson's declaration of interests in the House of Commons Library. (26203)
- 15 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the Competition and Markets Authority's SMS investigation into Google's general search and search advertising services, published on 14 January 2025. (26221)
- 16 **Andrew Ranger** (Wrexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of Oscar Mayer Limited on its employment practices. (26103)
- 17 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what her policy is on Ministers in her Department accepting donations in kind in the form of loans of clothes. (26199)
- 18 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of gambling advertising on (a) mental health, (b) wider public health, (c) family relationships and (d) financial wellbeing; and whether she plans to introduce restrictions on gambling advertising. (26249)

- 19 **Andrew Ranger** (Wrexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the selection criteria is for membership of the Hospitality Sector Council. (26104)
- 20 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to ensure there is a minimum level of provision for youth services. (26021)
- 21 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a revocable license to practice for youth workers. (26022)
- 22 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support youth work as a profession by providing (a) financial support for students and (b) fieldwork placements. (26023)
- 23 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the University of Manchester's research entitled Social and Emotional Learning for Every Child: Why SEL Matters, published on 6 November 2024. (26262)
- 24 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on improving financial support for kinship carers. (26242)
- 25 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of support for kinship carers raising disabled children. (26243)
- 26 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment has she made of the adequacy of therapeutic support for children in kinship care. (26244)
- 27 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment has she made of the adequacy of support for young people in kinship care to pursue work based training and apprenticeships. (26245)
- 28 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to extend (a) family finding, (b) befriending and (c) mentoring support for children in the care system to build relationships. (26246)
- 29 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children receive free school meals in South Cotswolds constituency. (26270)
- 30 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure there are sufficient school places to match trends in the level of housing growth. (26151)

- 31 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of trends in demand for insulation retrofitting over the last 20 years; and whether he is taking steps to promote greater stability in the market for insulation retrofitting. (26109)
- 32 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of establishing loan schemes for homeowners to fund insulation retrofitting, where repayments are collected from the energy bills of the property improved. (26110)
- 33 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what rank Leyton and Wanstead constituency has in relation to average energy efficiency score for housing; and what steps he is taking to support the roll-out of home energy efficiency measures in areas with the lowest energy efficiency scores for housing. (26111)
- 34 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to inform households of the Warm Homes Plan. (26175)
- 35 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to Clean Power 2030 Action Plan: A new era of clean electricity, published on 13 December 2024, what progress his Department has made on achieving clean power by 2030. (26176)
- 36 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to improve energy security in (a) England and (b) Beckenham and Penge constituency. (26177)
- 37 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on global cooperation on tackling climate change. (26178)
- 38 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation on Developing an energy smart data scheme, published on 13 January 2025. (26219)
- 39 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation on Funding mechanism for the Hydrogen Production Business Model: proposed design of the Gas Shipper Obligation, published on 16 January 2025. (26224)
- 40N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he 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. [Transferred] (25922)

- 41 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what support is available to households with legacy gas heating systems for the cost of (a) repairs and (b) replacements; and what steps he is taking to (i) encourage and (ii) support those households to transition to zero-carbon heating systems. (26275)
- 42 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of pet insurance premiums in the last 12 months. (26069)
- 43 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Environment Agency's National Assessment of Flood Risk, published in December 2024 whether he plans to request an 88% increase in the budget for flood defences for the Comprehensive Spending Review. (25998)
- 44 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help protect (a) the Cambridgeshire Fens and (b) the UK from Chinese mitten crabs. (25997)
- 45 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an estimate of the number of farms in South Suffolk constituency impacted by changes to (a) Inheritance Tax, (b) Agricultural Property Relief and (c) Business Property Relief. (26047)
- 46 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the accountability of water company executives in the Water (Special Measures) Bill [HL]. (26174)
- 47 **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to support farm-to-fork initiatives on publicly-owned land. (26205)
- 48 **Cat Eccles** (Stourbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what her planned timetable is for bringing forward measures to ban trophy hunting. (26254)
- 49 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation entitled Environmental Assessment Levels for the amine-based carbon capture process, published on 17 January 2025. (26225)
- 50 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 28 October 2024 to Question 10798 on African Swine Fever and pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 19080

on Foot and Mouth Disease, what his department's most recent assessment is as to the likelihood of a domestic (a) African Swine Fever and (b) Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak.

(26240)

- 51 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many tonnes of (a) illegal and (b) banned products of animal origin (POAO) have been seized at the Port of Dover since September 2022. (26241)
- 52 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress has been made on plans to ban the import of hunting trophies. (25982)
- 53 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish a timetable for a public consultation on the use of (a) cages for laying hens and (b) farrowing crates for pigs. (25994)
- 54 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish the (a) framework and (b) criteria for beaver releases into the wild. (26272)
- 55 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Advanced Research and Invention Agency on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent cyber and ransomware attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26226)
- 56 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Arts and Humanities Research Council on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent cyber and ransomware attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26227)
- 57 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Economic and Social Research Council on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent cyber and ransomware attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26228)
- 58 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent cyber and ransomware attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26229)

- 59 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent cyber and ransomware attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26230)
- 60 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Natural Environment Research Council on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent cyber and ransomware attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26231)
- 61 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Geospatial Commission on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent cyber and ransomware attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26232)
- 62 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Science and Technology Facilities Council on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent cyber and ransomware attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26233)
- 63 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with Innovate UK on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent cyber and ransomware attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26234)
- 64 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with Research England on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent (i) ransomware and (ii) other forms of cyber attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26128)
- 65 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with UK Research and Innovation on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent (i) ransomware and (ii) other forms of cyber attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26129)
- 66 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with businesses on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent (i) ransomware and (ii) other forms of cyber attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26130)

- 67 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with universities on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent (i) ransomware and (ii) other forms of cyber attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (261315)
- 68 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Government Office for Technology Transfer on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent (i) ransomware and (ii) other forms of cyber attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26132)
- 69 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Regulatory Innovation Office on their (a) cybersecurity and (b) procedures to prevent (i) ransomware and (ii) other forms of cyber attacks since July 2024; and how many such incidents have occurred since July 2024. (26133)
- 70 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the cost to the public purse was of Government investment into Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (26134)
- 71 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the cost to the public purse was of Government investment into dilated cardiomyopathy research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (26135)
- 72 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the cost to the public purse was of Government investment into valvular disease research in 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (26136)
- 73 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into Myocarditis in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26137)
- 74 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for heart failure research in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26138)
- 75 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into congenital heart disease in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26139)
- 76 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into coronary heart disease in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26140)

- 77 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into ST-elevation myocardial infarction in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26141)
- 78 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26142)
- 79 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into heart block in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26143)
- 80 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into atrial fibrillation in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26144)
- 81 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into hypertension in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26145)
- 82 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into aortic aneurysm in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26146)
- 83 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government provided for research into aortic dissection in the 2023-24 financial year; and which public bodies provided that funding. (26147)
- 84 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to develop technical standards to enable rightsholders to reserve rights if they opt-out of training generative artificial intelligence models. (26070)
- 85 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that proposed copyright exemptions for Artificial intelligence training will lead to inward investment. (26071)
- 86 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has conducted a market impact assessment for the options in the open consultation entitled Copyright and Artificial Intelligence, published on 17 December 2024. (26072)

- 87 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will introduce transparency obligations on Artificial intelligence firms to disclose material used to train models. (26073)
- 88 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of EU rights reservation mechanisms for Artificial intelligence and copyright. (26074)
- 89 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in Northern Ireland on funding research through public health agencies. (26002)
- 90 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help support local authorities to fix (a) poor quality and (b) unsafe pavements. (26122)
- 91 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to update the policy paper entitled Airports National Policy Statement, published on 5 June 2018, to reflect the net zero targets set out in legislation. (26216)
- 92 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her decision on the application to expand Luton airport of the level of emissions from flights departing from that airport. (26217)
- 93 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of ultra fine particles at Luton airport on local residents. (26218)
- 94 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether driving licences available through the gov.uk app will have integration with (a) Apple Wallet, (b) Google Wallet, (c) Samsung Wallet and (d) other common on-device wallets. (26058)
- 95 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation on the Integrated National Transport Strategy: a call for ideas, published on 28 November 2024. (26223)
- 96 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of requiring electric bike users to (a) have a number plate and (b) be insured. (26056)

- 97 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many road lighting schemes on (a) motorways and (b) all-purpose trunk roads were renewed at the end of their service life following completion of the TA 501 appraisal process in each of the last five years. (26256)
- 98 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking into account Carers allowance in the calculation of state pensions. (26063)
- 99 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential benefits to paying carers allowance beyond state pension age. (26064)
- 100 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department takes to monitor enforcement of the Civil Service Code. (26179)
- 101 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) ensure compliance with the Civil Service Code and (b) record breaches of that code. (26180)
- 102 **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent discussions her Department has had with representatives of people affected by proposed changes to (a) Personal Independence Payments, (b) Work Capability Assessments and (b) the Disability Living Allowance. (25987)
- 103 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department made a distinction between pensioners living in (a) care homes and (b) assisted living accommodation when reviewing eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments. (26024)
- 104 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 7 January 2025 to Question 21895 on Benefits for people with disabilities, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the benefits available for people with disabilities. (26261)
- 105 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of pending pension credit applications as of 21 December 2024. (26008)
- 106 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her Department's policy is on claiming back child benefit from parents who have lost a child in the year after the upfront payment. (26120)
- 107 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the cost to the public purse would be to not claim back child benefit from parents who have lost a child in the year after the upfront payment. (26121)

- 108 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support newly recognised refugees into employment in the agricultural sector. (26001)
- 109 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025 to Question 22603 on Community Diagnostic Centres: Cambridgeshire, how many tests were delivered at North Cambs Diagnostic Centre in each month since June 2023. (25996)
- 110 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions his Department has had with NHS England on the potential merits of publishing data on incidents of corridor care in the NHS. (26265)
- 111 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to take steps to encourage the wider adoption of drone technology in the NHS. (26266)
- 112 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital's transportation of blood trial by drone technology will be expanded to include more NHS Trusts. (26267)
- 113 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential economic impact of seeking unlicensed products as an alternative to Creon to mitigate ongoing PERT shortages on pharmacies. (26253)
- 114 **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has plans to take steps to help lower the price of healthy food. (26204)
- 115 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question 901298 on leases for GP premises, if he will review the decision to delegate the authority to hold GP leases to integrated care boards. (26259)
- 116 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve lobular breast cancer outcomes. (26250)
- 117 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the (a) financial and (b) social impact of hospices on the (i) health and (ii) social care sectors. (26009)
- 118 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2024 to Question 7682 on Cancer: Medical Treatments, when he plans to publish the updated NHS Commercial Framework for New Medicines. (26255)

- 119 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support research into (a) the treatment of and (b) a cure for motor neurone disease. (25991)
- 120 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's definition of pre-construction works is in the context of Wave 3 of the New Hospital Programme Review. (26181)
- 121 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of trends in the uptake of IVF in the last five years. (26005)
- 122 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of new GP surgeries that are projected to open each year till July 2029. (26149)
- 123 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the GP to patient ratio expected by his Department for Bedfordshire in July 2029. (26150)
- 124 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with healthcare stakeholders on steps to improve Lobular cancer (a) diagnostics and (b) research funding. (26207)
- 125 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) electric ambulances, and (b) other electric vehicles were there in the ambulance service fleet for (i) England, (ii) the East and (iii) Suffolk in each year between 2014 and 2024. (26112)
- 126 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many electric vehicle charging points were available at ambulance stations in (a) England, (b) the East of England and (c) Suffolk in each year between 2014 and 2024. (26113)
- 127 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department is having with Distribution Network Operators to accelerate upgrades to substations near ambulance stations. (26114)
- 128 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many of the ambulances in (a) England, (b) East of England and (c) Suffolk were (i) petrol, ii), diesel, iii) hydrogen, (iv) hybrid, (v) plug-in hybrid and (vi) fully electric in each of the last 10 years. (26115)
- 129 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many vehicles other than ambulances used by the NHS in (a) England, (b) East of England and (c) Suffolk, were (i) petrol, ii), diesel, iii) hydrogen, (iv) hybrid, (v) plug-in hybrid and (vi) fully electric in each of the last 10 years. (26116)

- 130 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the start and end dates are of all lease agreements held by NHS ambulance trusts for (a) ambulances and (b) other vehicles. (26117)
- 131 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a list of the (a) name and (b) postcode of all ambulance depots in (i) England, (ii) East of England and (iii) Suffolk; and how many (A) ambulances and (B) other vehicles are based at each depot. (26118)
- 132 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the staff time taken in ambulance trusts to meet the target for the NHS to reach net zero by 2040, broken down by (a) FTE positions and (b) salary. (26119)
- 133 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support people with long covid in Devon. (26161)
- 134 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support people with ME in Devon. (26162)
- 135 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle shortages of NHS dentists in Devon. (26164)
- 136 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support NHS dental laboratories in Devon. (26165)
- 137 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to support the manufacture of dental appliances in Devon. (26166)
- 138 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support dental laboratories affected by rising energy costs in Devon. (26167)
- 139 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to support dental laboratories to achieve next day manufacture of dental appliances in Devon. (26168)
- 140 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to support dental laboratories; and whether he plans to use a review of NHS Dentistry contracts to protect them. (26169)
- 141 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the (a) protection and (b) fair treatment of UK citizens who visit Al-Aqsa Mosque and other holy sites in Jerusalem. (26172)

- 142 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the vote in the Israeli Knesset on annexation of the Jordan Valley on 22 January 2025. (26251)
- 143 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether Israeli Major General Oded Basyuk and his delegation were granted special mission diplomatic immunity for the visit. (26215)
- 144 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what progress his Department has made on re-opening the British embassy in Damascus. (25984)
- 145 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what progress his Department has made on dismantling sanctions in support of the new regime in Syria. (25985)
- 146 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support he is providing to medical facilities in Syria. (25986)
- 147 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Iraqi counterpart on the recent memorandum of understanding between BP and the Iraqi government on Iraqi oil fields. (26007)
- 148 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on the increase in the cost of electronic travel authorisations. (26148)
- 149 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what funding her Department provided to the (a) Refuge National Domestic Abuse Helpline, (b) National Perpetrator Helpline, (c) Men's Advice Line, (d) Galop national LGBT+ victims' Helpline, (e) National Stalking Helpline and (f) Revenge Porn Helpline in financial year (i) 2023-24 and (ii) 2024-25. (26123)
- 150 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of using drone technology to support fire and rescue services. (26268)
- 151 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment (a) her Department and (b) the National Crime Agency have made of the prevalence of money laundering from Bangladesh into United Kingdom property; and what steps she has taken to investigate the matter. (26196)

- 152 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the anti-corruption champion is reviewing money laundering from foreign countries into United Kingdom property. (26197)
- 153 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 18221, on Supreme Court: Judgments, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the Supreme Court judgements referenced. (26198)
- 154 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the consultation on Ransomware: proposals to increase incident reporting and reduce payments to criminals, published on 14 January 2025. (26220)
- 155 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it remains her Department's policy to introduce a unified consent regime to include (a) pavement licensing and (b) licensing consent for the consumption and sale of alcohol in that pavement area. (26032)
- 156 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of an urgent review of successful claims of refugee status by migrants who arrived by small boat including (a) face-to-face interviews and (b) enhanced verification of the basis for the claim. (26184)
- 157 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to ensure that people entering the UK illegally can never vote in elections. (26185)
- 158 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that people entering the UK illegally can never apply for (a) settled status and (b) citizenship. (26186)
- 159 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people with refugee status became UK citizens in each of the last ten years. (26187)
- 160 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people with refugee status have received settled status in each of the last ten years. (26188)
- 161 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of asylum claims were rejected under section 94 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 in each of the last five years. (26189)
- 162 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of asylum claims have been withdrawn due to non-attendance in each of the last five years. (26190)

- 163 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost to the public purse has been of interpretation for asylum interviews in each of the last five years. (26191)
- 164 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what evidence is required to determine homosexuality as basis for claiming asylum. (26192)
- 165 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what evidence is required to determine Christianity as basis for claiming asylum. (26193)
- 166 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what evidence is required to determine gender identity as basis for claiming asylum. (26194)
- 167 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many new firearms licence certificates have been granted in each of the last five years. (26264)
- 168 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to paragraph 2.40 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the increase in Employer National Insurance contributions on West Midlands Police (a) staffing revenue budgets, (b) staffing levels and (c) non-staffing revenue budgets. (26010)
- 169 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which 100 wards in London are the furthest distance from a police station. (26055)
- 170 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many children are living in (a) absolute and (b) relative poverty in South Cotswolds constituency. (26271)
- 171 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recent trends in the level of police funding on the prevalence of police activity in local communities. (26006)
- 172 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking through the immigration system to support the ambition of 50 million inbound tourism visitors by 2030. (26153)
- 173 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many work visas have been issued in each of the last ten years, broken down by country. (26159)
- 174 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Leader of the House, if she will provide guidance to Departments on ensuring that documentation referred to in written parliamentary questions is deposited in the Library. (26019)

- 175 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on eligibility for the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy of Afghans of changes of refugee policy in the United States of America; and what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the potential impact on other Departmental schemes aiming to provide targeted refuge for Afghans. (26107)
- 176 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December to Question 18985 on Army, whether the Departmental priority to double the lethality of the British Army by 2027 includes the procurement of the precision strike missile system as a metric of measuring whether that target has been achieved. (26049)
- 177 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December to Question 18985 on Army, whether the Departmental priority to double the lethality of the British Army by 2027 includes the acceleration beyond current plans of any current armoured vehicle programmes as a metric of measuring whether that target has been achieved. (26050)
- 178 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December to Question 20237 on Ministry of Defence: Employers' Contributions, when his Department plans to publish the details of the funding set aside to cover the increased cost of National Insurance contributions. (26051)
- 179 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December to Question 20237 on Ministry of Defence: Employers' Contributions, whether the additional money provided to cover the cost of increased employer National Insurance Contributions will be included in the figure the Department uses to confirm the percentage of UK GDP spent on Defence. (26052)
- 180 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it is his formal target to procure RCH 155 within the 5-year limit for hardware platforms. (26053)
- 181 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of medically unfit personnel are non-deployable for reasons of dental health in the (a) RAF, (b) Royal Navy and (c) British Army. (26054)
- 182 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which officials attended meetings with Israeli Major General Oded Basyuk on 22 January 2025; and for what reason. (26214)
- 183 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many death-in-service payments are paid to the families of deceased armed forces personnel each year. (26182)

- 184 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many of the military homes his Department bought back in December 2024 are in Northern Ireland. (26003)
- 185 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to reinstate the Community Housing Fund. (26173)
- 186 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled, Joint plan to accelerate developer-led remediation and improve resident experience, last updated 13 January 2025, whether Avant Homes has been asked to sign the developer remediation contract. (26061)
- 187 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 3 of her Department's Joint plan to accelerate developer-led remediation and improve resident experience, published on 02 December 2024, what steps her Department plans to take to review the accuracy of previous assessments where a fire engineer has been suspended by a professional fire engineering body. (26062)
- 188 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 in tackling instances of damp in social housing stock. (26065)
- 189 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to introduce multi-year Local Government Finance Settlements. (26066)
- 190 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing a default housing first model in the Government's long-term housing plan. (26067)
- 191 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for extending the voting franchise to 16 and 17 year olds. (26068)
- 192 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of raising the temperature threshold requirement for triggering the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol. (26126)
- 193 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure adequate infrastructure is in place before new housing is built. [R] (26106)

- 194 **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to commence section 32 of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024. (25974)
- 195 **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is to commence Section 48 of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024. (25975)
- 196 **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 18874 on Leasehold: Ground Rent, in what order did respondents rank the five policy options outlined in the consultation. (25976)
- 197 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Local Government Association's publication entitled Local government finance policy statement – LGA response, published on 28 November 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the finding that the planned increase in employer National Insurance contributions could cost the local government sector £1.7 billion in financial year 2025-26. (26276)
- 198 **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 22336 on Faith Matters and Tell MAMA: Finance, what her Department's timetable is for confirming funding for (a) monitoring and (b) supporting victims of Islamophobia in the 2025-26 financial year; and whether she plans to put that contract out to tender. (26028)
- 199 **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 22048 on Housing: Energy, whether the average cost for private sector landlords who need to make improvements to their domestic properties as a result of the consultation proposal includes the new metrics for fabric performance, heating system type and smart readiness. (26029)
- 200 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government of 22 January 2025, Official Report, Column 867, on Community Engagement Principles and Extremism Definition, if he will publish (a) the members of the steering group, (b) when it has met and (c) place copies of the minutes of each meeting in the Library. (26030)

- 201 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22648 on Smoking: Public Places, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to prevent local authorities from introducing byelaws on smoking restrictions that go further than provided for in the Tobacco and Vapes Bill. (26031)
- 202 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 18875 on Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2025 and to the corrected Answer of 13 January 2025 to Question HL3525 on Office of the Parliamentary Counsel, if she will list the reasons for the flaws in the Leasehold and Freehold Act 2024. (26033)
- 203 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many research reports were (a) commissioned and (b) published by her Department and its predecessors on local government restructuring since 1997; and what the title of each report was. (26034)
- 204 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 22720 on Housing: Foreign Nationals, in what circumstances are (a) unaccompanied child and (b) other (i) asylum seekers and (i) refugees allocated free housing by the Government; and in what circumstances the provision of such accommodation is provided by (A) local authorities and (B) housing associations. (26035)
- 205 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 23142 on Unitary Councils, if she will publish the (a) numeric population range or (b) area size of a small unitary. (26036)
- 206 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 22044 on Council of the Nations and Regions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of inviting council representatives from (a) Wales, (b) Scotland and (c) Northern Ireland to the Council of the Nations and Regions. (26037)
- 207 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 22334 on Local Government: Reorganisation, what her Department's policy is on facilitating local government reorganisation if such plans are opposed by (a) the majority of and (b) all the principal councils in the local area. (26038)
- 208 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22644 on Council tax, if she will take steps to advertise the council tax discounts, disregards and exemptions for (a) the severely mentally impaired and (b) their carers. (26039)

- 209 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22645 on Workplace Pensions: Councillors and Mayors, whether she has had discussions with local authorities on reinstating pensions for (a) mayors and (b) councils since 5 July 2024. (26040)
- 210 **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the use of short-term accommodation for homeless families. (26171)
- 211 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the National Planning Policy Framework, published in December 2024, how grey belt is defined for the purposes of (a) plan-making and (b) decision-making. (26011)
- 212 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the use of grey belt land on the Green Belt. (26012)
- 213 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what criteria local authorities are expected to apply when identifying land categorised as grey belt. (26013)
- 214 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will reinstate the Rural Services Delivery Grant in the next local government financial settlement for Shropshire. (25992)
- 215 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will reinstate the four percent funding floor for Core Spending Power growth for Shropshire. (25993)
- 216 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the report by the Electoral Commission entitled Report on the 2024 UK Parliamentary general election and the May 2024 elections, what steps her Department is taking to implement the recommendations in that report on postal voting. (26160)
- 217 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing financial borrowing rules for local authorities for council house building. (26163)
- 218 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what funding her Department provided to the (a) Survivors Trust Helpline, (b) National Male Survivor Helpline, and (c) Rape Crisis England and Wales helpline in financial year (i) 2023-24 and (ii) 2024-25. (26124)

- 219 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of Sections 69-72 of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 on human rights. (26125)
- 220 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of reviewing the effectiveness of legislation relating to joint enterprise. (26108)
- 221 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of legal aid provision for prospective kinship carers. (26247)
- 222 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of legal aid provision for parents of children who are or may be deprived of their liberty. (26248)
- 223 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many deaths in police custody there have been in the last five years. (26004)
- 224 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of extending the time limit on bringing forward a civil legal claim for abuse. (26236)
- 225 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the hon. Member for Warrington North, representing the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, what the percentage increases were for (a) MP's staffing budgets and (b) IPSA staffing expenditure between financial years 2018-19 and 2024-25. (26102)
- 226 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the upper limit of house prices for which the Lifetime Individual Savings Account can be used without incurring a penalty. (26269)
- 227 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the total revenue to be raised from applying VAT to independent schools in South Suffolk constituency in the 2025-2026 financial year. (26045)
- 228 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will estimate the revenue expected to be raised from applying business rates to independent schools in South Suffolk constituency in the next financial year. (26046)
- 229 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Office for Value for Money will assess the proposed Chagos settlement. (26048)

- 230 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2024 to Question 19379 on Marginal Tax Rates, for what reason there are lower marginal rates of taxation for higher earners than in some lower earning brackets; and what assessment she has made on the potential impact of marginal tax rates on economic growth. (26059)
- 231 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to provide financial support to the lowest earners. (26060)
- 232 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 12879 on Employer national insurance contributions on pharmacies, whether an impact assessment was conducted prior to the decision to increase employer National Insurance contributions. (26260)
- 233 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of introducing VAT exemptions for (a) gyms and (b) other providers of fitness services on the number of people using these services. (26273)
- 234 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the amount of money lost annually through tax (a) avoidance and (b) evasion. (26274)
- 235 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of HMRC's Consultation on changes to HMRC statistics publications 2025, published on 16 January 2025. (26222)
- 236 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 6 November 2024 to Question 11845 on Employers' Contributions: Essex, whether she plans to (a) collect and (b) publish data on the number of (i) businesses and (ii) employers impacted by changes to employer National Insurance contributions at constituency level; and whether she has had discussions with local authorities on the regional impact of those changes. (26057)
- 237 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the contribution of inbound tourism to the public purse. (26152)
- 238 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she plans to (a) enact section 106 of the Equality Act 2010 and (b) take steps to improve gender representation in candidates for (i) local and (ii) devolved elections ahead of those elections. (26206)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 28 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the total cost of (a) travel and (b) accommodation was for the Special Envoy for the Chagos negotiations during those negotiations. (25990)
- 2N **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, which of the 106 Listed Places of Worship in Wells & Mendip Hills constituency have received Grants under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme since its inception. (25995)
- 3N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of increasing the cost of electronic travel authorisations on inbound tourism. (26155)
- 4N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an estimate of the number of inbound tourism visitors in 2025/26 if electronic travel authorisations cost (a) £10 and (b) £16. (26156)
- 5N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make a comparative assessment of the cost of tourism visas in (a) the UK and (b) international competitors. (26157)
- 6N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with Secretary of State for the Home department on the potential impact of increasing the cost of electronic travel authorisations on her Department's ambition to grow inbound tourism to 50 million visitors per year. (26158)
- 7N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will extend funding for the holiday activities and food programme beyond 21 March 2025. (26170)
- 8N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for announcing funding for the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund for financial year 2025-26. (26025)
- 9N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support families that are seeking therapeutic support via the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund beyond financial year 2025-26. (26026)
- 10N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of making the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund permanent. (26027)
- 11N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding was allocated to the Opening School Facilities Fund for (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25. (26079)

- 12N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will extend the Opening School Facilities Fund beyond March 2025. (26080)
- 13N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with which unions she has had meetings since 5 July 2025; and when. (26081)
- 14N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many new teachers have been recruited since 5 July 2024. (26082)
- 15N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to Question 24699 on Electricity: Artificial Intelligence, what the value is of the contract awarded to European Economic Research Limited to analyse the future net energy demand of artificial intelligence. (26086)
- 16N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to Question 24699 on Electricity: Artificial Intelligence, if he will publish the report by European Economic Research Limited on the future net energy demand of artificial intelligence when it has been received by his Department. (26087)
- 17N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January to Question 24699 on Electricity: Artificial Intelligence, if he will publish the terms of reference for European Economic Research Limited's analysis of the future net energy demand of artificial intelligence. (26088)
- 18 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to support individuals that become ill from sewage discharge. (26208)
- 19N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the Foot and Mouth outbreak in Germany. (26093)
- 20N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of tracing of movement of animals, animal products and vehicles to the UK, in the context of the Foot and Mouth outbreak in Germany. (26094)
- 21N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the risk of incursion of Foot and Mouth disease to the UK. (26095)
- 22N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what additional checks have been put in place at UK border ports for animals, animal products and vehicles coming from (a) the affected area and (b) Germany. (26096)

- 23N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the level of capability for (a) sourcing and (b) deploying a vaccine in relation to an outbreak of foot and mouth. (26097)
- 24N **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill on NHS GP practices. (26209)
- 25N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 October 2024 to Question 10667 on Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme, what discussions he has had with Vaccine Injured and Bereaved UK, and other representatives of those who have suffered harm from vaccinations; and if he will publish a summary of what was discussed at the meeting. (25977)
- 26N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) claims and (b) mandatory reversal claims to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme on Covid-19 vaccinations have been outstanding for more than (i) six months, (ii) 12 months and (iii) 18 months. (25978)
- 27N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 20 of his Department's written opening statement to Module 4 of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry of 20 December 2024, INQ000474799, on what evidential basis his Department said that the covid-19 vaccine programme had prevented (a) over 230,800 hospitalisations and (b) between 119,500 and 126,800 deaths by September 2021. (25979)
- 28N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 20 of his Department's written opening statement to Module 4 of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry of 20 December 2024, INQ000474799, on what evidential basis his Department said that the covid-19 vaccine programme had prevented between 23.7 and 24.1 million infections. (25980)
- 29N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people received a flu vaccine between 1 September and 31 December in each year since 2021. (25981)
- 30N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to make Sleepio accessible to NHS patients in Lambeth. (26075)
- 31N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of making women with endometriosis eligible for flu vaccinations. (26078)

- 32N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if his representative for Humanitarian Affairs in the Occupied Palestinian Territories will meet with (a) Addameer, (b) Defence for Children International Palestine and (c) other Palestinian organisations representing (i) prisoners, (ii) detainees and (iii) abductees. (26091)
- 33N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on the (a) conditions and (b) treatment of Palestinian (i) prisoners, (ii) abductees and (iii) detainees. (26092)
- 34N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the cost to the public purse is of negotiations with the Government of Mauritius over the sovereignty of the Chagos Islands since 5 July 2024. (25988)
- 35N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held discussions with his (a) Egyptian and (b) Israeli counterparts about the expedition of exit permits for Gazans seeking urgent medical evacuations. (25999)
- 36N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to (a) humanitarian organisations and (b) his Israeli counterpart on the expedition of Habiba Al Askari's medical evacuation from Gaza. (26000)
- 37N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Egyptian counterpart on the release of Alaa Abd el-Fattah. (26237)
- 38N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the closest island to the Chagos archipelago is that is not part of the UK deal with Mauritius. [Transferred] (25781)
- 39N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether candidates for the US Ambassador role were vetted to Developed Vetting level. (26016)
- 40N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress she has made on launching an inquiry into the events at Orgreave during the miners strike. [Transferred] (902429)
- 41N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what impact she expects the increased cost of electronic travel authorisations to have on the number of annual visitors to the United Kingdom. (26154)

- 42N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, if the Commission will ban the China Daily publication from delivery to the offices of hon. Members. (26084)
- 43N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the children of US military families based in the UK are exempt from paying VAT on independent school fees. (26041)
- 44N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the children of EU nationals serving in the armed forces in the UK are exempt from VAT on school fees. (26042)
- 45N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have had with US counterparts regarding the Chagos Islands since President Trump took office. (26043)
- 46N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has discussed the proposed payment to leaseback the military base on Diego Garcia with the Office for Value for Money. (26044)
- 47N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the (a) support and (b) resources available to the (i) Sea Cadets, (ii) Volunteer Cadet Corps, (iii) Army Cadet Force, (iv) Air Training Corps and (v) Combined Cadet Force in (A) England and (B) Kent. (26238)
- 48N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of cadet forces on the (i) mental health and (ii) wellbeing of young people. (26239)
- 49N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when a General of the Israel Defense Forces last visited his Department. (26014)
- 50N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he last met a General of the Israel Defense Forces. (26015)
- 51N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of officer cadets entering Sandhurst since 2015 attended a (a) state and (b) private school. (25983)
- 52N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of converting all existing residential leasehold tenure to commonhold on economic growth. (25969)
- 53N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has set a target for the proportion of new homes to be built by 2030 that will be (a) leasehold and (b) commonhold. (25970)

- 54N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps to help increase the uptake of leasehold with a share of freehold on new flatted developments. (25971)
- 55N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 21 November 2024 on Leasehold and Commonhold Reform, HCWS244, if she will list the flaws in the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024. (25972)
- 56N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 21 November 2024 on Leasehold and Commonhold Reform, HCWS244, whether she plans to remove marriage value from the enfranchisement premium calculation. (25973)
- 57N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, what plans her Department has to consult with the public on proposals for local government reforms. (26083)
- 58N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, whether the Government has plans to allow referendums to authorise local authority merges. (26085)
- 59N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has received legal advice on the compatibility of (a) Ministerial and (b) special adviser appointments with section 2 of the Fraud Act 2006. (26089)
- 60N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an impact assessment of the potential financial implications of (a) the direct costs of negotiations, (b) the potential costs of implementing any resulting agreement and (c) other costs of negotiations with Mauritius on the Chagos islands. (25989)
- 61N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will hold discussions with mortgage lenders on the adequacy of their lending criteria for homes within 200 metres of a pylon. (26183)
- 62N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of ending the exemption from Financial Conduct Authority rules on debt advice for IVA providers. (26076)
- 63N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of extending the Financial Conduct Authority's regulatory perimeter so that it can tackle (a) poor and (b) misleading debt advice delivered by insolvency practitioners and IVA firms. (26077)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the grades were of the staff that supported the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards with his review into the hon. Member for Hampstead and Highgate; and which divisions those staff work in. (26020)
- 2N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department holds data on (a) apprenticeship completion rates and (b) apprenticeship completion rates for apprentices with one or more Functional Skills Qualifications requirements. (26252)
- 3N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that there is adequate capacity in pupil referral units in (a) Cannock Chase constituency and (b) Staffordshire. (26100)
- 4N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that pupil referral unit premises are fit for purpose. (26101)
- 5N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of removing VAT from veterinary care. (26263)
- 6N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support people with type 1 diabetes with disordered eating in (a) Staffordshire and (b) other areas that are not included in the pilot scheme. (26098)
- 7N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to publish the outcomes of NHS England trials of bespoke services for patients with type 1 diabetes with disordered eating. (26099)
- 8N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the continuity of UNRWA's operations in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (26257)
- 9N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to increase the maximum sentence for (a) failing to stop at and (b) report a road accident, known as hit and run accidents, from six months to ten years. (26258)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 29 January. (902481)
- 2 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South and South Bedfordshire): (902482)
- 3 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): (902483)
- 4 **Jack Abbott** (Ipswich): (902484)
- 5 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): (902485)
- 6 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): (902486)
- 7 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): (902487)
- 8 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): (902488)
- 9 **Andy MacNae** (Rossendale and Darwen): (902489)
- 10 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): (902490)
- 11 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): (902491)
- 12 **Gordon McKee** (Glasgow South): (902492)
- 13 **John Milne** (Horsham): (902493)
- 14 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): (902494)
- 15 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): (902495)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 January**Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase accessible holiday club provision for SEN children requiring one to one support. (26235)
- 2N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent estimate she has made of the annual cost to the public purse of people serving imprisonment for public protection sentences. (26090)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- 1 **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): What progress his Department has made on establishing the Business Growth Service. (902446)
- 2 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): What steps he plans to take to help reduce employment costs. (902447)
- 3 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): If he will take steps to reduce the noise level of fireworks on public sale. (902448)
- 4 **Alan Strickland** (Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor): What progress his Department has made on developing an industrial strategy. (902449)
- 5 **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): What progress his Department has made on developing a steel strategy. (902450)
- 6 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): What steps he is taking to support high-street businesses. (902451)
- 7 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): What assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the UK in attracting international investment. (902452)
- 8 **Joani Reid** (East Kilbride and Strathaven): What discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Scotland on the potential impact of the new industrial strategy on businesses in Scotland. (902453)
- 9 **Steve Race** (Exeter): What assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the UK in attracting international investment. (902454)
- 10 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): What steps he is taking to help increase business confidence. (902455)
- 11 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What progress his Department has made on developing an industrial strategy. (902456)
- 12 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of Post Office closures on local communities. (902457)
- 13 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): What steps his Department is taking to help support small and medium sized enterprises with the cost of import charges. (902458)
- 14 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What steps he is taking to negotiate a free trade agreement with India. (902459)
- 15 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): What progress his Department has made on implementing the Make Work Pay plan. (902460)
- 16 **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): What steps he is taking to support high-street businesses. (902461)

- 17 **Martin Vickers** (Brigg and Immingham): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of Post Office closures on local communities. (902462)
- 18 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): What progress his Department has made on developing an industrial strategy. (902463)
- 19 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): What recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of free trade agreements on farmers. (902464)
- 20 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): What steps his Department is taking to encourage entrepreneurship. (902465)
- 21 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): What progress his Department has made on implementing the Make Work Pay plan. (902466)
- 22 **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): If he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the number of business closures. (902467)
- 23 **Paul Waugh** (Rochdale): What progress his Department has made on developing an industrial strategy. (902468)
- 24 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): What steps his Department is taking to support businesses in the North East. (902469)
- 25 **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): What steps his Department is taking to support the automotive industry. (902470)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- T1 **Sally Jameson** (Doncaster Central): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902471)
- T2 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): (902472)
- T3 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): (902473)
- T4 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): (902474)
- T5 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): (902475)
- T6 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): (902476)
- T7 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): (902477)
- T8 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): (902478)
- T9 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): (902479)
- T10 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): (902480)