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Questions tabled on Monday 27 January 2025

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- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
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- N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under S.O. No. 22(4).
- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 28 January

Questions for Written Answer

- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment (a) his Department and (b) it's arms-length bodies have made of the potential impact of grid-scale battery energy storage solution systems on the safety of nearby residential units.

 [Transferred] (26344)
- 2N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the children of US military families based in the UK are exempt from paying VAT on independent school fees.

 [Transferred] (26041)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 January

Questions for Written Answer

- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Solicitor General, for what purposes the Serious Fraud Office has used AI in the last 12 months. (26405)
- 2 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Solicitor General, for what purposes the Crown Prosecution Service has used AI in the last 12 months. (26406)
- Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Solicitor General, what contracts

 (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i)

 her Department and (ii) agencies of her Department.

 [R] (26733)

- 4N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an estimate of the number of (a) full-time and (b) part-time (i) employed and (ii) self-employed tattoo artists there are.

 [Transferred] (26279)
- Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the policy is of (a) his Department, (b) the Office for Equality and Opportunity and (c) the Civil Service People Group on transgender people's use of single sex facilities. (26613)
- 6 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what purposes the UK Space Agency has used AI in the last 12 months. (26413)
- 7 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) his Department or (ii) agencies of his Department. [R] (26734)
- Business and Trade, if he will publish a list of Foreign Direct Investment in Wales by county.

 David Chadwick (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will publish a list of Foreign Direct Investment in Wales by county.
- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with stakeholders on the future of the (a) workforce and (b) production lines at Spirit AeroSystems in Northern Ireland; and what steps he is taking to help (i) protect jobs and (ii) support the aerospace sector in Northern Ireland. (26638)
- Sir Ashley Fox (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the average length of wait was to receive the result of an application for a Standard Individual Export Licence using the SPIRE system between January to July 2024. (26771)
- 11 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the average length of wait has been to receive the result of an application for a Standard Individual Export Licence using the new LITE system since it was launched. (26772)
- 12 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will hold discussions with manufacturers on the potential merits of developing antifreeze products without ethylene glycol. (26621)
- 13 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to tackle fraud within the private publishing sector. (26438)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help safeguard consumer protection within the private publishing sector. (26439)
- Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) his Department and (ii) agencies of his Department. [R] (26735)

- Matt Vickers (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support the chemical sector. (26595)
- Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to assess the potential implications for the Government's policies of the unlawful use of copyrighted (a) images, (b) books, (c) films and (d) music by AI firms.
- Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the proposals within the consultation entitled Copyright and Artificial Intelligence, published on 17 December 2024, on visual artists.
- 19 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether (a) her Department and (b) Ofcom has provided funding to the Centre for Countering Digital Hate. (26614)
- 20 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding her Department has provided to youth groups in South Holland and the Deepings constituency in the two latest periods for which data is available; and if she will take steps to increase that funding. (26410)
- 21 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, for what purposes The National Archives has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26414)
- 22 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure a minimum level of provision for youth services across (a) North East Hertfordshire constituency and (b) the UK. (26659)
- 23 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure a minimum level of provision for youth services across the country. (26501)
- 24 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the selection criteria is for membership to the Hospitality Sector Council. (26645)
- 25 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment her Department has made of (a) the governance structures in men's rugby union and (b) their alignment with the requirements for government funding allocations. (26686)
- 26 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will take steps to increase the level of funding made available to support the (a) growth and (b) financial sustainability of women's Rugby Union at (i) grassroots and (ii) professional levels. (26687)

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- 28 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will discuss with Ofcom potential steps to reduce the sexualisation of children in television (a) advertisements and (b) programmes. (26459)
- 29 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme projects have (a) been completed and (b) remain incomplete since the start of this Parliament. (26625)
- 30 Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) her Department and (ii) agencies of her Department. [R] (26736)
- Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many asylum seekers have begun degree qualifications whilst waiting for leave to remain in the UK. (26527)
- 32 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase the number of students from low income backgrounds enrolled on university access programmes. (26528)
- 33 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of asylum seekers enrolled in university access programmes in each of the last five years. (26529)
- Mrs Elsie Blundell (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help mitigate the potential impact of (a) loneliness and (b) isolation on the mental health of (i) boys and (ii) young men.

 (26753)
- Mrs Elsie Blundell (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help improve the educational attainment levels of working class boys in Greater Manchester. (26754)
- 36 Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of provision of secondary school places in areas of high population density in Shrewsbury constituency. (26762)
- 37 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support children in foster care in (a)
 Lincolnshire and (b) the East Midlands. (26412)

- 38 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) maintenance grants and (b) other policies to help improve the level of participation of disadvantaged students in higher education. (26667)
- 39 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of allocating separate funding for (a) oral hygiene education and (b) toothbrushing schemes in schools located in areas with high levels of tooth decay. (26677)
- 40 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the annual cost of providing free breakfast clubs in every primary school will be. (26500)
- 41 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that English pupils are educated to a basic level in the history of each nation of the UK. (26457)
- 42 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) her Department and (ii) agencies of her Department. [R] (26737)
- David Chadwick (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure that National Grid is taking improved action to regularly maintain infrastructure networks. (26647)
- 44 Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for what purposes Ofgem has used AI in the last 12 months.
 (26407)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to respond to the consultation entitled Regulating Third-Party Intermediaries (TPIs) in the retail energy market, published on 20 September 2024. (26583)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of (a) the prevalence of malpractice in the third-party intermediary energy retail market and (b) the potential impact of the policies within the consultation entitled Regulating Third-Party Intermediaries (TPIs) in the retail energy market, published on 20 September 2024, on levels of malpractice. (26584)
- 47 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much money has been allocated from the Net Zero Innovation Portfolio. (26720)
- 48 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much and what proportion of Net Zero Innovation Portfolio funding has been allocated to small businesses. (26721)

- 49 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Net Zero Innovation Portfolio on the economy. (26727)
- 50 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the spend per grant recipient is from the Net Zero Innovation Portfolio. (26728)
- 51 Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) his Department and (ii) agencies of his Department.

 [R] (26738)
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential
 environmental impact of bottom trawling on marine protected areas. (26546)
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of banning bottom trawling in marine protected areas. (26547)
- 54 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to reduce regulation for farmers. (26503)
- Mr Calvin Bailey (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Environment Agency in tackling pollution of the River Roding by Thames Water outfalls without permits.

 (26705)
- Mr Calvin Bailey (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, what recent estimate he has made of E. coli levels in the River
 Roding during dry weather; and what discussions he has had with the Environment
 Agency on those levels. (26706)
- 57 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to re-open water testing Laboratories that are Regulation 31 certified. (26592)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what purposes the Rural Payments Agency has used AI in the last 12 months. (26408)
- 59 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what purposes OFWAT has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26409)

- **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential risks to pets from ingesting antifreeze products. (26624)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with Thames Water on its financial viability. (26664)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to (a) promote and (b) fund nature-based solutions to reduce flooding risks along rivers. (26678)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of untreated sewage discharges into the River Lim on the environment. (26679)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with South West Water on steps to upgrade the sewage processing facilities on the River Lim. (26680)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of trends in the level of agricultural input costs on the financial viability of small farms. (26681)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the development of farm diversification projects in rural areas. (26682)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) barriers to accessing the Sustainable Farming Initiative and (b) the removal of the Basic Payment Scheme on farmers who remain in legacy EU environmental schemes. (26683)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of supermarket supply chain practices on the financial stability of farmers; and what steps he is taking to help farmers receive equitable prices for agricultural produce. (26684)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle the use of late payments by supermarkets and (b) increase transparency in the food supply chain. (26685)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 24031 on Waste:

 Codes of Practice, if he will publish the 35 responses. (26629)

- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 23653 on Domestic Waste: Waste Disposal, how much funding her Department has provided for the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) in the 2024-25 financial year; and what the (a) terms of reference and (b) estimated delivery dates are for the commission to WRAP to provide guidance on best practice.
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to Question 24130, on Domestic Waste: Recycling, if he will publish the (a) equality impact assessment and (b) environmental principles assessment. (26632)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 23655 on
 Domestic Waste: Waste Disposal, whether his Department has had discussions with the
 Local Government Ombudsman on the issuing of fixed penalty notices for householders
 who leave items (a) inside and (b) immediately outside the curtilage of their property. (26633)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what additional non-statutory guidance his Department is working on with the Waste and Resources Action Programme. (26634)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has issued guidance on the quantity of residual bin bags used for household waste collections. (26635)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has issued guidance to local waste authorities on whether fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping can be issued in relation to domestic waste receptacles located within the curtilage of a dwelling. (26636)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of insect-based novel foods on the farming industry. (26637)
- 78 Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) his Department and (ii) agencies of his Department.
 [R] (26739)
- 79 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help increase agricultural productivity. (26504)
- 80 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress has been made on the rollout of the shared rural network in the Forest of Dean constituency. (26620)

- 81 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help protect (a) visual
 artists and (b) other creators from copyright infringement by AI developers. (26482)
- Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of copyright
 law for ensuring visual artists are remunerated for the use of their work in training AI
 models.

 (26483)
- Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of
 introducing an opt-out for AI firms using copyright works on (a) visual artists and (b)
 other creators.

 (26484)
- Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential implications
 for his policies of the potential impact of the use of AI models on (a) visual artists and (b)
 the wider creative sector. (26487)
- Mr James Frith (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to ensure that a rights reservation mechanism has been (a) trialled and (b) proven before a copyright exception for text and data mining is brought into law. (26488)
- Fabian Hamilton (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will provide an update on cross-departmental plans to phase-out animal testing in the UK. (26418)
- 27 Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary
 companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) his Department and (ii) agencies of his
 Department.

 [R] (26740)
- Dr Scott Arthur (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the report entitled The cycling opportunity by Sustrans, published in September 2024. (26642)
- 89 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to support Demand Responsive Transport. (26643)
- 90 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing regulations on the replacement of windscreens on cars and other road vehicles equipped with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems. (26646)

- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help (a) prevent (i) serious delays and (ii) cancelations and (b) provide adequate alternate travel provisions when weather conditions cause severe disruptions in the North West. (26522)
- **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help improve transport connectivity in (a) Heywood and (b) Middleton. (26746)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish her planned timetable for rolling out the National Parking Platform across England. (26600)
- **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, is she will make an assessment of the potential merits of an independent parking regulator with powers to regulate (a) fees, (b) enforcement and (c) appeals. (26717)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what purposes the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26415)
- 96 Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) her Department and (ii) agencies of her Department. [R] (26741)
- **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) improve access to pension information and (b) introduce the Pension Dashboards Scheme. (26707)
- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill on disabled people in receipt of the Personal Independence Payment. (26516)
- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions,
 what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the (a)
 Pensions Act 1995 and (b) Pensions Act 2011 on women.
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Government's decision not to implement the recommendations of the report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024, on affected women. (26518)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what support is available for pensioners to assist with pension credit applications. (26523)

- 102 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what service standard the Child Maintenance Service has to respond to (a) complex casework and (b) complaints submitted between 30 August 2024 to 24 January 2025. (26617)
- 103 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average actual clearance times were for Pension Credit claims made from 25 November 2024 until the most recent date available. (26713)
- Alison Bennett (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to review the rates paid by employers of (a) Statutory Maternity Pay,
 (b) Statutory Paternity Pay and (c) Statutory Shared Parental Pay for parents of (i) twins and (ii) higher order multiple births.
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing assistance for costs to unemployed jobseekers for travelling to in-person interviews for temporary jobs on minimum pay. (26591)
- 106 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate she has made of the cost to the economy of economic inactivity due to myalgic encephalomyelitis. (26709)
- 107 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what purposes the Health and Safety Executive has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26416)
- 108 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people living in Wales that have received overpayments of the Carers Allowance. (26540)
- 109 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to ensure unpaid carers claiming carers allowance over the retirement age on behalf of a disabled spouse below retirement age continue to receive benefits.

 (26712)
- 110 **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her planned timetable is for implementing the McCloud remedy for (a) those who have retired before 23 October 2024 and (b) all outstanding cases. (26773)
- Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) her Department and (ii) agencies of her Department. [R] (26742)
- Jess Asato (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much and what proportion of additional NHS spending announced in the Autumn Budget
 2024 will be directed towards NHS dental services. (26767)

- Danny Beales (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of regularly publishing data on incidents of corridor care in the NHS. (26605)
- Alison Bennett (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Coroner Deborah Archer's report entitled Maeve Boothby O'Neill:

 Prevention of Future Deaths Report, reference 2024-0530, dated 7 October 2024, what steps he has taken to ensure that the (a) care for patients and (b) training available for (i) GPs, (ii) hospital doctors and (ii) other health workers on treating patients with myalgic encephalomyelitis and chronic fatigue syndrome is adequate. (26770)
- 115 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the NHS sight test fee; and if he will take steps to increase that fee. (26630)
- Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of preventative impact of ear wax removal on the NHS for children presenting with hearing loss. (26761)
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 4.5 of the Autumn Budget 2024, how many new (a) surgical hubs and (b) diagnostic scanners will be located in Yorkshire. (26730)
- Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve (a) conditions and (b) treatments for people with a chronic urinary tract infection. (26704)
- Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to raise awareness of shingles. (26711)
- 120 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to review the Care Quality Commission Fundamental Standard on Visiting and Accompanying to include (a) data on and (b) experiences of family and friends visiting vulnerable people in health and social care settings. (26606)
- 121 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Regulation 9A of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 in protecting the physical health of vulnerable people in health and social care settings during pandemic disease outbreaks. (26607)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Regulation 9A of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 in protecting the mental health and wellbeing of vulnerable people in health and social care settings during pandemic disease outbreaks.

- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential risk of introducing a legal right for vulnerable people in health and social care settings to be visited by close family members during (a) pandemic disease outbreaks and (b) other healthcare crises. (26609)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had on Regulation 9A of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 with (a) Non-Departmental Public Bodies of his Department, (b) Government Executive Agencies, (c) Care Rights UK and (d) other external stakeholders.
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to strengthen the visitation rights of family and friends of vulnerable people in health and social care settings to provide (a) emotional support and (b) advocacy. (26611)
- 126 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the salary band is of the Regional Director of Strategy and Integration for the NHS East of England. (26428)
- 127 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to end hospital parking fees for (a) National Health Service staff, (b) patients and (c) visitors; and provide additional funding to help offset lost revenue. (26716)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of implementing recommendation 6 of the NHS Race & Health Observatory's report entitled Review of NHS health communications with (and for) the Jewish community, published in December 2024.
- 129 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS services allow patients to identify as (a) Jewish under ethnicity questions and (b) Judaism as their religion. (26494)
- 130 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS services allow patients to identify as (a) Sikh under ethnicity questions and (b) Sikhism as their religion. (26495)
- 131 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of updating the national mandatory standard for the (a) collection and (b) analysis of ethnicity to include (i) Jewish, (ii) Sikh and (iii) other options. (26496)
- 132 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the length of waiting lists for a lifesaving organ in Lincolnshire. (26411)

- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what purposes the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26417)
- Clive Jones (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to include cancer prevention within the National Cancer Plan.

 [R] (26658)
- 135N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications of the differential effects of the changes in last year's budget to National Insurance Contributions on employers of Learning Disabilities nurses who work (a) directly for the NHS and (b) for independent health and social care suppliers who are contracted by the NHS to give support to its patients.
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of aging hospital infrastructure on clinical outcomes. (26665)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional short term funding to hospitals who are the (a) second and (b) third phase of the New Hospital Programme to help mitigate the impact of deteriorating infrastructure on working conditions. (26666)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of piloting mobile NHS dental clinics to help improve access to routine dental care in remote communities. (26669)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of NHS dental buses in (a)

 West Dorset constituency and (b) other remote areas. (26670)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of introducing mandatory toothbrushing programs in primary schools on improving oral health outcomes for children. (26671)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to encourage schools to implement supervised toothbrushing programs in West Dorset constituency. (26672)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the (a) availability of mental health services and (b) recruitment and retention of mental health professionals in rural areas.

(26673)

- 143 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the accessibility of urgent mental health support for people in rural areas; and what steps he is taking to help ensure equitable service provision compared to urban areas. (26674)
- Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of people living in London that have recorded (a) physical and (b) mental illnesses linked to noise pollution. (26585)
- 145 Ian Roome (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of potential increased maintenance costs for NHS Hospitals whose construction projects have been delayed under(a) wave 2 and (b) wave 3 of the New Hospital Programme review. (26729)
- 146 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking with the private care home sector to improve bed capacity within the NHS. (26456)
- Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) his Department and (ii) agencies of his Department. [R] (26743)
- 148 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government if taking to reach an agreement to end collective action by GPs. (26626)
- 149 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for his policies of reports of (a) abduction, forced conversion, and marriage of minor Hindu girls and (b) systemic discrimination against Hindu minorities in Pakistan. (26463)
- 150 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to stop the

 escalation of violence in Juba, Sudan.

 (26536)
- 151 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the Open Doors 2025 World Watch List on levels of religious persecution.

 (26668)
- James MacCleary (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to ensure the (a) fair treatment and (b) legal representation of British citizens detained abroad. (26615)

- 153 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the threat posed to underwater cables by foreign states; and what steps are being taken across Government to protect this infrastructure. (26655)
- 154 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his European counterparts on tackling the threat to underwater cables posed by foreign states; and what steps he is taking to ensure the protection of such cables. (26656)
- 155 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what consents are required from US Government to appoint the new UK ambassador to that country. (26467)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the withdrawal of the US from the World Health Organisation on the UK's financial contribution to that organisation.
- 157 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, What steps he is taking to help improve (a) healthcare infrastructure and (b) provision within Montserrat. (26441)
- 158 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help improve sea access infrastructure on Montserrat. (26442)
- 159 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help improve sea access infrastructure on St Helena. (26443)
- 160 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help improve sea access infrastructure on Tristan da Cunha. (26444)
- 161 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help promote governance standards on Pitcairn Island. (26445)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help protect Ahmadi places of worship worldwide. (26530)
- Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b)
 subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) his Department and (ii) agencies
 of his Department.

 [R] (26744)

- **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of recent alleged instances of persecution against Christians in Iran. (26460)
- Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has reviewed policy on recognition of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus since 2020.
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the number of people referred to the Prevent programme more than once. (26525)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people under the age of twenty five were referred to Prevent in each of the last ten years, broken down by sex. (26526)
- **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to limit the sale of kitchen knives to those with round tips.

 (26700)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will hold discussions with the Metropolitan Police on the steps it is taking to ensure that data shared with third parties from the gang violence matrix is not (a) misused and (b) further disseminated. (26576)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what steps she is taking to help improve the transparency of processes for
 the (a) collection, (b) retention and (c) use of data by the police. (26578)
- **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent progress has been made to replace the Action Fraud website with an upgraded reporting system hosted by the City of London Police. (26619)
- **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. (26663)
- **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what date her Department holds on the number of Hong Kongers resident in the UK under the British National (Overseas) visa scheme by (a) parliamentary constituency or (b) local authority. (26641)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many instances of religiously aggravated criminal damage were reported in (a)

 England and (b) Romford constituency in the last 12 months. (26448)

- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with relevant organisations to help tackle anti-Christian hate crimes. (26449)
- 176 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with relevant organisations to help tackle anti-Christian religiously-aggravated criminal damage. (26450)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many anti-Christian hate crimes were reported in (a) England and (b) Romford constituency in the last 12 months. (26451)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications there have been for firearms licenses in the last 12 months. (26473)
- **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) her Department and (ii) agencies of her Department. [R] (26747)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) in-year savings measures and (b) stockpile depletion on the delivery of live fire training in the Army. (26784)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the letter on UIN 11295 from the Minister for Veterans and People to the hon. Member for Harborough, Oadby and Wigston, dated 19 November 2024, and pursuant to the Answer of 31 October 2024 to Question 11295 on Army Cadet Force: Costs, at what stage through the Annual Budget Cycle process his Department is as of 27 January 2025; and how much funding he plans to provide for Control Total for Army Cadet Force expenditure in 2025-26.
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veterans are awaiting compensation for PTSD-related claims; and what steps he is taking to expedite those claims. (26722)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department plans to take to reduce the time taken for compensation processing for veterans with PTSD-related claims. (26723)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to expand the availability of veteran-specific mental health services in (a) rural and (b) deprived areas. (26724)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to support ex-blue light service personnel with complex post-traumatic stress disorder. (26725)

- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to support female veterans. (26726)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2025 to Question 25649 on Boeing E-7, what recent estimate she has made of when the E-7 Wedgetail will enter operational service. (26432)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2025 to Question 25651 on Boeing E-7, when he plans to complete the approval of the full business case for E7 Wedgetail. (26433)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the potential cost to the public purse was of renaming the new attack submarine from HMS Agincourt to HMS Achilles. (26434)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department were involved in discussions to rename HMS Agincourt. (26435)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department held consultations with (a) navy stakeholders and (b) Royal Navy representatives on the decision to rename the new attack submarine HMS Achilles. (26436)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department received representations on the potential merits of renaming HMS Achilles. (26437)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to question 26214 tabled on 23 January 2025 on Oded Basyuk, if he will publish transcripts of these meetings. (26534)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether compliance with international humanitarian law was raised during meetings between (a) his officials, (b) General Oded Basyuk and (c) Israeli army officials on 22 January 2025. (26535)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Royal Air Force operated planes flew to Israel between 9 May 2024 and 19 January 2025. (26594)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to (a) increase the role of the private sector within the defence sector and (b) allow industry partners to carry out essential cyber defence activities. (26660)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the potential impact of the Computer Misuse Act 1990 on the (a) effectiveness and (b) operational capabilities of UK defence. (26661)

- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the (a) number and (a) value of unclaimed armed forces (i) preserved and (ii) deferred pensions; and what steps he is taking to pass those pensions to beneficiaries. (26662)
- 199 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the threat posed to underwater cables by foreign states; and what steps he is taking to protect this infrastructure. (26657)
- 200 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help tackle illegal narcotic trade within the Caribbean Sea. (26446)
- 201 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the number of defence projects that are over budget. (26470)
- 202 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the space craft sector in Northern Ireland. (26471)
- 203 Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) his Department and (ii) agencies of his Department.

 [R] (26748)
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of
 Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans for disabled residents. (26532)
- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment on the potential
 merits of rolling out Housing First pilots to all combined authorities. (26520)
- 206 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help improve the quality of housing stock in Heywood and Middleton North constituency. (26752)
- 207 Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a statutory duty for fire and rescue services to respond to flooding events.
 (26648)
- 208 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a legal right to Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans for disabled (a) tenants and (b) leaseholders in residential blocks who are unable to independently evacuate in the event of fire. (26732)
- 209 Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, for what reason her Department publishes all
 Government Procurement Card transactions. (26612)

(26783)

- **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
 Minister of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in response to the question
 from Hon. Member for Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner during the Urgent Question on
 Community Engagement Principles and Extremism Definition of 21 January 2025, Official
 Report, Column 967, what the Government's policy is on engaging with (a) people who
 and (b) organisations which publicly condone criminal activity. (26476)
- **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 (a) councillors and (b) council mayors to the Council of
 Nations and Regions. (26477)
- **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 23337 on Local Government: Debts, what discussions she has had with local authorities on the allocation of council debt following local government reorganisation.
- 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 22929 on Treasury: Employers' Contributions, whether she has received any
 requests for pricing reviews, in the context of changes to employers' National Insurance
 contributions.
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential
 implications for her policies of the decision by the United Arab Emirates to impose
 sanctions on (a) Cambridge Education and Training Center Ltd, (b) IMA6INE Ltd, (c)
 Wembley Tree Ltd, (d) Waslaforall, (e) Future Graduates Ltd, (f) Yas for Investment and
 Real Estate, (g) Holdco UK Properties Limited and (h) Nafel Capital. (26481)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential

 impact of the end of fixed term tenancies on student accommodation in the private rented
 sector. (26549)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, how many office-to-residential prior approval

 planning applications there have been in each quarter of the last 24 months. (26551)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to retain office-to-residential

 permitted development rights. (26552)

- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment with Cabinet
 colleagues of the potential impact of the level of adult English language proficiency on (a)
 workforce participation and (b) integration. (26553)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what proportion of households in England have
 resident adults with no English language proficiency. (26554)
- 220 Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what proportion of households have resident adults
 with no English language proficiency. (26555)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the level of English
 language proficiency of adult migrants to the United Kingdom in the last year for which
 figures are available. (26557)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's policy paper
 entitled Planning Reform Working Paper: Development and Nature Recovery, published
 on 15 December 2024, and pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to Question 20226
 on Environmental Impact Assessment, whether she plans to introduce the new regime
 through (a) secondary legislation under the Levelling up and Regeneration Act 2023 and
 (b) primary legislation. (26559)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to
 Question 20640 on Housing: Ownership, what estimate she has made of the number of
 new build replacements in (a) 2025-26 and (b) 2026-27. (26560)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to
 Question 19964 on Land Registry: Buildings, how many members of Land Registry staff
 attended the office in person on average each day in November 2024. (26561)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to the policy paper entitled Local
 Government Finance Report 2025 to 2026: draft, published on 18 December 2024, how
 much and what proportion of additional funding will be provided to deprived councils. (26562)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, how much funding each council will receive from the
 Rural Services Delivery Grant in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (26563)

- 227 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraphs 17 and 60 of the policy
 paper entitled Planning Reform Working Paper: Development and Nature Recovery,
 published on 15 December 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the
 potential impact of those policies on great crested newts.

 (26564)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure community involvement in decisions on the (a) designation and (b) development of grey belt land. (26507)
- 229 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to ensure environmental protections are maintained when development occurs on grey belt land.
 (26508)
- 230 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to monitor the impact
 of development on grey belt land on local (a) ecosystems, (b) infrastructure and (c)
 community resources. (26509)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what transitional arrangements she plans to put in
 place for (a) local authorities and (b) developers to adapt to the provisions on grey belt
 development in the new National Planning Policy Framework. (26510)
- 232 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help improve mutual twinning arrangements between local authorities and the British Overseas Territories. (26447)
- 233 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking with local authorities to maintain community libraries in (a) England and (b) Romford constituency. (26452)
- 234 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help support local authorities to tackle rodent infestations in public buildings. (26453)
- 235 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to progress strategic
 devolution in Somerset with (a) Wiltshire, (b) Dorset and (c) other neighbouring counties.

 (26774)
- 236 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to regulate property management companies to protect homeowners from (a) unprofessional practices and (b) additional charges.

- 237 Mark Sewards (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of using (a) tax incentives and (b) other methods to encourage people to renovate older properties. (26758)
- 238 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will amend schedule 14 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 to allow the hospitality sector to advertise on rural roads. (26462)
- 239 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): 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 her definition is of (a) smaller and (b) failing
 unitaries.

 [R] (26689)
- 240 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): 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 her planned timetable is for (a) smaller and
 (b) failing unitaries to develop proposals for local government reorganisation. [R] (26690)
- 241 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): 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, how she plans to designate (a) smaller and (b)
 failing unitaries.

 [R] (26691)
- 242 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): 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 she plans to require local consultations
 to be carried out ahead of local government reorganisation.

 [R] (26692)
- 243 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): 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 electoral system new unitary authority areas
 will use.

 (26693)
- 244 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): 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 electoral system will be used to elect mayors
 created under this plan. (26694)
- 245 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the
 adequacy of the capacity available at the Local Government Boundary Commission for
 England to draft electoral boundaries for new unitary authorities. (26695)

- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what ratio of Councillors to electors she expects new
 unitary authorities to be created with. (26697)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 2.2.1 of her
 Department's English Devolution White Paper published 16 December 2024, whether she
 has made an assessment of the potential impact of the creation of devolution island local
 authority areas on adjoining Mayoral Strategic Authorities. (26698)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 2.2.1 of her
 Department's English Devolution White Paper, published 16 December 2024, what
 assessment she has made of the potential merits of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
 Combined Authority becoming a Strategic Authority notwithstanding having a population
 below 1.5 million.
- **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for publishing revised guidance for the Long-Term Plans for Town programme. (26779)
- Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b)
 subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) her Department and (ii) agencies
 of her Department.
- **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent discussions she has had with officials in Greater Manchester on taking steps to protect victims of domestic abuse. (26750)
- **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people took their own life in prison while serving an indeterminate sentence for public protection sentence in 2024. (26533)
- **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when she plans to respond to the letter from the Rt hon. Member for Newark of 18 November 2024 on the assessment of the Government on the potential impact of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on the criminal justice system.
- 254 Kim Johnson (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of the number of people who have been (a) charged, (b) prosecuted and (c) incarcerated based on information obtained from the Gang Violence Matrix since 2011.
 (26573)

- Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to (a) financially and (b) emotionally support victims of domestic abuse (i) when seeking attempting to obtain a non-molestation order and (ii) in other circumstances, in the context of obtaining a non-molestation order. (26580)
- 256 Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people of what (a) nationality and (b) ethnicity were found guilty of (i) murder and (ii) manslaughter in each year since 2010.
 (26688)
- 257 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) her Department and (ii) agencies of her Department. [R] (26751)
- 258 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps he is taking to help support the Northern Ireland Executive to prepare for extreme weather events. (26454)
- 259 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what his threshold is for using the Stormont brake mechanism within the Windsor Framework. (26455)
- 260 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on supporting the Northern Ireland health service.
 (26472)
- 261 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what progress he has made on the proposed electronic travel authorisation scheme in Northern Ireland.
 (26474)
- 262 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he had discussions on strategy towards Iran during his phone call with the President of the United States on 26 January 2025.
- 263 Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he had discussions on strategy towards China during his phone call with the President of the United States on 26 January 2025.
 (26466)
- 264 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking to help grow the rural economy. (26505)
- 265 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking to help develop tourism in rural areas. (26506)
- 266 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to take steps to support the used electric vehicle market. (26639)

- **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of exempting the transfer of property between co-habiting siblings from inheritance tax. (26768)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the data on monitoring the longitudinal fluctuations in the wealth held by the wealthiest 1% of households in Round 8 of the ONS Wealth and Assets Survey, last published on 24 January 2025. (26702)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Office for National Statistics Wealth and Assets Survey, published on 24 January 2025, if he will make an assessment of the reasons for the trends in (a) financial and (b) physical wealth for the top (i) 10% and (i) 1% decile between round seven and round eight. (26703)
- **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she had made of the potential impact of the proposed cut to business property relief on (a) family businesses and (b) the UK economy. (26755)
- **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to allow public sector employees to sacrifice salary to lease an electric vehicle. (26785)
- **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has plans to conduct a fiscal impact analysis of trends in the level of Indefinite leave to remain grants on the economy. (26715)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with the retail banking sector on the accessibility of high street banks.

 (26440)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress she has made on the allocation of dormant assets in the last 12 months. (26475)
- Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what contracts (a) BFS Group Limited and (b) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited hold with (i) her Department and (ii) agencies of her Department.
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many commercial farms she has visited since announcing the changes to Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief. (26593)
- **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what progress she has made on bringing forward the Conversion Practices Bill to ban conversion therapy for LGBTQ+ people; and whether there is a timeline for its introduction.

(26710)

278N Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make it her policy to establish a commission that includes (a) trade unions, (b) campaign organisations and (c) community groups to help implement the socioeconomic duty.

Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Solicitor General, whether he has had discussions with the Prime Minister through (a) WhatsApp messages, (b) text messages, (c) email, (d) written correspondence and (e) verbal exchanges on (i) the potential impact of repealing the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 on compensation liabilities for individuals interned during the 1970s and (ii) negotiations with Mauritius on the sovereignty of the Chagos Islands.
- 2N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any Government Departments are members of the Stonewall Diversity Champions Programme.

 (26545)
- 3N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to enhance the powers of (a) police forces and (b) other relevant authorities under the Digital Markets Act to require the removal of dangerous items for sale on online platforms. (26568)
- 4N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the Minister for Investment has held meetings with Doug Gurr since 4 July 2024. (26596)
- 5N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings (a) he, (b) ministers in his Department and (c) officials in his Department have had with the new American administration on a potential UK-US trade deal.
- 6N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the Pan-Euro-Mediterranian Convention on Rules of Origin. (26598)
- 7N Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether (a) he, (b) Ministers in his Department and (c) officials in his Department have had discussions with representatives from the European Union on the Pan-Euro-Mediterranian Convention on Rules of Origin. (26599)

- 8N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of (a) the adequacy of the level of UK car production and (b) the impact of that industry on the economy. (26782)
- 9N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what changes she plans to make to the support her Department offers for cultural activities involving children and young people by the end of this Parliament. (26425)
- 10N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential economic impact of introducing a football regulator. (26653)
- 11N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans has to use World Heritage sites to encourage economic growth. (26654)
- 12N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the timetable is for the (a) introduction of 5G and (b) the rollout of (b) fibre broadband in Telford constituency. (26719)
- 13N Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the oral contribution of the hon. Member for Bury St Edmunds at Education Questions on 27 January 2025, which medical schools are offering (a) voluntary and (b) compulsory redundancy to clinical academics; and how many redundancies are being offered by each of those schools.
- 14N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish a table of the proportion of requests for EHCP assessment met within the correct timeframe by local authorities. (26558)
- 15N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of school children have required additional support due to special educational needs in each of the last ten years; and if she will make an assessment of the reasons for the trend in the number of children assessed to have special educational needs. (26566)
- 16N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many primary school children are eligible for free school meals in (a) the North East and (b) Hexham constituency. (26616)
- 17N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many pupils are enrolled in a National Centre for Computing Education computing hub. (26497)

18N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the total number of pupils who (a) have participated in the National Consortium for Languages Education's language hubs since they were established and (b) the number of pupils are currently using those hubs.

(26498)

- 19N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the cost of providing free breakfast clubs in primary schools in each financial year to 2028-29. (26499)
- 20N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of staff in her Department are qualified teachers. (26502)
- 21N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will introduce a re-insurance scheme for properties at risk due to coastal erosion. (26696)
- 22N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessments his Department has made of the (a) functionality and (b) operational effectiveness of the Border Target Operating Model. (26756)
- 23N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many times the Flood Resilience Taskforce has met since 4 July 2024. (26581)
- 24N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with emergency services providers on the provision of services during (a) storm and (b) flooding incidents. (26541)
- 25N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the Flood Re Scheme is accessible for people impacted by flooding. (26542)
- 26N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to help improve flood preparedness. (26543)
- 27N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish the National Land Use Strategy. [Transferred] (26400)
- 28N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to bring forward legislation on sustainable drainage systems. (26764)

- 29N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent soil degradation on agricultural land impacted by repeated flooding. (26765)
- 30N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support is available from his Department to set up a new Internal Drainage Board for the Fylde coast. (26766)
- 31N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to Question 24940 on Bridges: Runnymede and Weybridge, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the response of the Environment Agency to public safety concerns. (26548)
- 32N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increasing the electrification of the rail network in Wales to the same level as England on rail journey times in Wales. (26708)
- 33N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish a timetable for a decision on the funding of the M54-M6 North link. (26652)
- 34N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the requirement to apply for a licence to install electric car charging units in leasehold properties on the number of applications for such installations. (26491)
- 35N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 21357 on Large Goods Vehicles: Concrete, what her Department's planned timetable is for publishing it's findings. (26714)
- 36N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities improve road safety on rural roads; and if she will take steps with East Sussex County Council to help improve road safety on the C7 road between Newhaven and Lewes. (26640)
- 37N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to combat anti-social behaviour, particularly the playing of loud music on public transport.

 (26675)
- 38N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with the (a) Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and (b) Secretary of State for the Home Department on (i) the playing of loud music and (ii) antisocial behaviour on public transport. (26676)
- 39N Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to Q9 of the oral evidence given by the Chair of Shadow Great British Railways to the Transport Select Committee on 22 January 2025, HC 554, when her Department expects to publish Shadow Great British Railways' delivery plan. (26649)

- 40N Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people work in the Great British Railways Transition Team on (a) headcount and (b) full-time equivalent basis. (26650)
- 41N Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to Q16 of the oral evidence given by the Chair of Shadow Great British Railways to the Transport Select Committee on 22 January 2025, HC 554, how many people work in GBRX/Great British Railways Innovation (a) by headcount and (b) on a full-time equivalent basis.
- 42N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to end the difference between the treatment of military and civil compensation payments in means tests for disabled facilities grants. (26618)
- 43N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate he has made of when he will meet his target of providing an extra 62,000 neurology appointments in England in each year. (26701)
- 44N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to introduce a new plan to help reduce childhood obesity. (26757)
- 45N **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many FTE GPs at each (a) main practice and (b) branch surgery in Calder Valley constituency were (i) fully qualified and (ii) in training grades in December 2024.

 (26601)
- 46N **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many FTE GPs at each (a) main practice and (b) branch surgery in Calder Valley constituency were (i) fully qualified and (ii) in training grades in May 2010. (26602)
- 47N **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients were registered at each (a) main practice and (b) branch surgery in Calder Valley constituency as of December 2024. (26603)
- 48N **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients were registered at each (a) main practice and (b) branch surgery in Calder Valley constituency as of May 2010. (26604)
- 49N **Jonathan Hinder** (Pendle and Clitheroe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the research by Queen's University, Ontario, entitled Severe Maternal and Neonatal Morbidity Among Gestational Carriers: A Cohort Study, published on 24 September 2024.

(26759)

- 50N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of ensuring that adults aged over 60 with pre-existing conditions are included in the respiratory syncytial virus vaccination programme. (26780)
- Sir Julian Lewis (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the totals of students on (a) all BSc nursing degree courses, and (b) specific courses for the degree of BSc Nursing (Learning Disabilities) since 2016; what percentage of students on BSc Nursing (Learning Disabilities) degree courses were in receipt of NHS bursaries in the year prior to the discontinuation of such bursaries; and what percentage of students currently on BSc Nursing (Learning Disabilities) degree courses are in receipt of apprenticeships. (26402)
- 52N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason NHS hospitals have not commissioned beds available in care homes to restore capacity on hospital wards by enabling patients to be discharged. (26404)
- 53N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure women presenting symptoms of endometriosis receive sufficient care during early stages of diagnosis. (26644)
- 54N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to his Iraqi counterpart on the case of Elizabeth Tsurkov. (26521)
- 55N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help secure the release of Elizabeth Tsurkov. (26524)
- 56N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions (a) he, (b) Ministers in his Department and (b) officials in his Department have had with US counterparts on the (i) the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory and (ii) the military base at Diego Garcia since 20 January 2025.
- 57N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which teams in her Department can revoke a person's Indefinite Leave to Remain. (26531)
- 58N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to provide police forces with the power to require the removal of (a) dangerous items and (b) content (i) online and (ii) for sale online.

- 59N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the permanent deletion of the Metropolitan Police's Gang Violence Matrix database on access to justice for people who were wrongfully included on the database. (26571)
- 60N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, what steps she is taking to ensure people who were convicted using
 information from the Gang Violence Matrix can appeal their convictions after the
 database is deleted. (26572)
- 61N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to contact people who were included on the Gang Violence Matrix to enable them to access their information before its deletion on 13 February 2025. (26574)
- 62N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost of financial incentives offered to Assisted Voluntary Returns deported in Quarter 3 of 2024 was. (26775)
- 63N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the potential cost to the public purse was of financial incentives to Verified Voluntary Returns in Quarter three of 2024. (26776)
- 64N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the potential cost to the public purse was of financial incentives to Controlled Voluntary Returns in Quarter three of 2024. (26777)
- 65N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of the defence budget is accounted for by armed forces pensions. (26778)
- 66N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghans who worked directly for British forces were brought to the UK under (a) Operation Lazurite and (b) its predecessor schemes. (26781)
- 67N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it remains his policy to release land to Homes England through the Defence Infrastructure Organisation to meet the government's housebuilding commitments. (26570)
- 68N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with local authorities on the implications of developers failing to meet their commitments in planning agreements under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. (26760)
- 69N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people are on the waiting list for social housing in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, (d) the North East and (e) England. (26718)

- 70N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether it remains her policy for Homes England to acquire Ministry of Defence land through the Defence Infrastructure Organisation to meet the government's housebuilding commitments. (26569)
- 71N **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to facilitate
 co-operation under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 between local authorities in cases of
 domestic abuse.

 [Transferred] (26391)
- 72N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to implement the recommendations of the reports by HM Inspectorate of Prisons on (a) HMP Long Lartin and (b) HMP Manchester, published on 14 January 2025. (26489)
- 73N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of deleting the Gang Violence Matrix on the ability of wrongfully convicted people to appeal their convictions. (26575)
- 74N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many meetings of Intertrade UK he plans to attend in 2025. (26423)
- 75N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he had discussions on the (a) future of the British Indian Ocean Territory and (b) military base at Diego Garcia during his phone call with the President of the United States on 26 January 2025. (26464)
- 76N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2024 to Question 24423 on Employers' Contributions, how many and what proportion of the 865,000 employers listed have (a) one, (b) two, (c) three, (d) four and (e) more than five employees. (26586)
- 77N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2024 to Question 24423 on Employers' Contributions, how many and what proportion of the half of employers that will see no change have (a) one, (b) two, (c) three, (d) four and (e) more than five employees. (26587)
- 78N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2024 to Question 24423 on Employers' Contributions, how many and what proportion of the employers that will see a change in their employer National Insurance have (a) one, (b) two, (c) three, (d) four and (e) more than five employees.
- 79N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2024 to Question 24423 on Employers' Contributions, if she will provide disaggregated cost figures for the hospitality sector for the same period of time. (26589)

- 80N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2024 to Question 24423 on Employers' Contributions, if she will provide disaggregated cost figures for the retail sector for the same period. (26590)
- 81N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of trends in the level of consumer credit debt relating to car purchases in the last five years. (26424)
- 82N **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has carried out analysis of the potential impact of Heathrow expansion since October 2017.
- 83N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the National Insurance measures in the Autumn Budget 2024 on businesses in (a) Epping Forest and (b) England. (26544)
- 84N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what meetings (a) she and (b) Ministers have had with Doug Gurr since 4 July 2024. (26577)
- 85N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the cost to families of VAT on school uniform for 14-16 year olds. (26623)
- 86N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has received representations from TheCityUk on the enhanced tier of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme since June 2022. (26469)

Questions for Answer on Monday 3 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Solicitor General, whether the Attorney General has provided the (a) Permanent Secretary and (b) Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards a list of his (a) paid and (b) unpaid fees further to his past employment at Matrix Chambers. (26565)
- 2N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the increase in university tuition fees on university enrolment. (26515)

- 3N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will set out planned funding allocations for (a) nurseries, (b) primary schools and (c) secondary schools in Birmingham and Solihull broken down by (i) local authority and (ii) parliamentary constituency for each year for which figures are available.

 (26419)
- 4N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the planned funding allocations for Birmingham and Solihull NHS ICB are in each year for which figures are available. (26420)
- 5N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the salary band is for the Regional Director of the NHS East of England.

 (26426)
- 6N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the salary band is for the Finance Director of the NHS East of England.

 (26427)
- 7N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the salary band is of the Chief Operating Officer of the NHS East of England. (26429)
- 8N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many full-time equivalent staff are employed by the NHS East of England headquarters. (26430)
- 9N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on when the Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust plans to publish it's 2024-25 Annual Report. (26431)
- 10N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of patients receiving dialysis at home. (26537)
- 11N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to ensure a minimum of 20% of dialysis patients in renal centres receive home dialysis. (26538)
- 12N Mary Glindon (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of people on home dialysis who do not receive reimbursement of the energy costs of that dialysis; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of that number on the ability of his Department to shift care from hospital to community. (26539)

- 13N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure
 humanitarian aid continues to reach Gaza throughout the ceasefire; and what diplomatic
 steps he is taking to encourage a two-state solution in Israel and Palestine. (26514)
- 14N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the planned funding allocations for (a) Birmingham City Council and (b) Solihull Borough Council are in each year for which figures are available. (26421)
- 15N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what annual forecast she has made of the number of new social homes to be built in Birmingham and Solihull. (26422)
- 16N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has had recent discussions with security companies on the provision of technology that can jam drone signals to help tackle drones delivering weapons into prisons. (26479)
- 17N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what meetings she has held with the Lady Chief Justice since her appointment. (26480)
- 18N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information his Department holds on the total cost of the rebranding of the National Wealth Fund. (26511)
- 19N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of people employed by the National Wealth Fund that previously worked for the UK Infrastructure Bank. (26512)
- 20N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of staff within the National Wealth Fund that did not previously work for the UK Infrastructure Bank. (26513)
- 21N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to business property relief on family-owned property development companies. (26582)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 February

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department plans to refer to the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America in official documents. (26627)

Questions for Answer on Monday 10 February

Questions for Written Answer

Michael Wheeler (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department are taking to help protect properties bordering (a) the Bridgwater Canal, (b) the Manchester Ship Canal and (c) other (i) natural and (ii) artificial waterways in Worsley and Eccles constituency from flooding. (26731)

Questions for Answer on Monday 24 February

Questions for Written Answer

Tom Tugendhat (Tonbridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions her Department has had with (a) Aviva, (b) Legal & General, (c) Pension Insurance Corporation and (d) Scottish Widows on public sector involvement in the consolidation of corporate sponsored defined benefit pension schemes in the last 12 months. (26519)