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Questions tabled on Tuesday 28 January 2025

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 22044 on Council of the Nations and Regions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of inviting (a) councillors and (b) council mayors to the Council of Nations and Regions. [Transferred] (26477)
- 2 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the selection criteria is for membership to the Hospitality Sector Council. [Transferred] (26645)
- 3 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what fiscal steps she is taking to help develop tourism in rural areas. [Transferred] (26506)
- 4 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, 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. [Transferred] (26753)
- 5 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking with local authorities to maintain community libraries in (a) England and (b) Romford constituency. [Transferred] (26452)
- 6 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what progress she has made on the allocation of dormant assets in the last 12 months. [Transferred] (26475)

- 7 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help increase agricultural productivity. [Transferred] (26504)
- 8 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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 his Department has made of the potential impact of those policies on great crested newts. [Transferred] (26564)
- 9 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he 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. [Transferred] (26485)
- 10 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, for what purposes the UK Space Agency has used AI in the last 12 months. [Transferred] (26413)
- 11 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to expand the availability of veteran-specific mental health services in (a) rural and (b) deprived areas. [Transferred] (26724)
- 12 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support ex-blue light service personnel with complex post-traumatic stress disorder. [Transferred] (26725)
- 13 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Prime Minister had discussions on strategy towards Iran during his phone call with the President of the United States on 26 January 2025. [Transferred] (26465)
- 14 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Prime Minister had discussions on strategy towards China during his phone call with the President of the United States on 26 January 2025. [Transferred] (26466)
- 15 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (26648)
- 16 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (26481)

- 17 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress she has made on the proposed electronic travel authorisation scheme in Northern Ireland. [Transferred] (26474)
- 18 **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (26773)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Solicitor General, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the UK's compliance with the Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the EU in relation to the ban on sandeel fishing. (27037)
- 2 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Solicitor General, what assessment she has made of the compatibility of the terms of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the UK's ban on sandeel fishing. (27040)
- 3 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Solicitor General, what assessment she has made of the likely outcome of the arbitration on the sandeel fishing ban; and what steps she is taking to prepare for an unfavourable outcome. (27046)
- 4 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have had with representatives of the devolved administrations on supporting economic development in pan-regional economies that are also cross-border economies. (26964)
- 5 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress his Department has made on the review to look at government wide reform at a local level led by the Parliamentary Secretary. (26853)
- 6 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to regulate the cost of Office for National Statistics surveys. (26814)

- 7 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23517 on Crime: Westminster Bridge, which public bodies are responsible for law enforcement in relation to (a) unlawful gambling, (b) unlawful street vendors, (c) red line parking and (d) unlicensed pedicabs on Westminster Bridge. (26887)
- 8 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 18 December 2024, to Question 21064, on Military Aircraft: Helicopters, if he will publish his Department's Commercial Transport Contract. (26823)
- 9 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's transparency data entitled Cabinet Office spend approvals: July to September 2024, published on 17 December 2024, who the payment with reference HMGP7103 is to; what the purpose is; and what period of time it covers. (26824)
- 10 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will list the members of the (a) Nominations Committee, (b) Investment Committee, (c) People & Operations Committee and (d) Resilience and Security Committee. (26825)
- 11 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Cabinet Office board operating framework was last updated; and if he will place a copy in the Library of the House. (26826)
- 12 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the recipients of compensation payments from the Infected Blood Compensation Authority will be subject to any (a) legal conditions and (b) non-disclosure requirements when accepting such payments. (26827)
- 13 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether there is a data sharing agreement between his Department and HM Revenue and Customs on the work of (a) the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards, (b) the Propriety and Ethics Team, (c) the Honours unit, and (d) the Public Appointments unit. (26828)
- 14 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of the London properties managed by the Government Property Agency have shared-space gender-neutral toilets. (26829)
- 15 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will ensure that Departmental public appointments publish declarations of interest. (26830)

- 16 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2024 to Question 6100 on Civil Servants: Recruitment, if he will publish the (a) Department, (b) grade and (c) job title of each of the jobs advertised through Civil Service Jobs which were accessible only to civil servants since 5 July 2024. (26831)
- 17 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to (a) protect and (b) enhance the Post Office network in rural areas. (26881)
- 18 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department plans to take to strengthen the framework for holding large corporations accountable in their support for small businesses. (27052)
- 19 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans his Department has to support the development of pan-national economies that cut across the borders of the nations of the UK in (a) South Wales and Western England and (b) other areas. (26961)
- 20N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings he has had with Doug Gurr since 4 July 2024. (27058)
- 21 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on a UK/EU youth mobility scheme. (26869)
- 22 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what representations his Department has made to the European Union on the compatibility of the UK sandeel fishing ban with the Trade and Cooperation Agreement. (27031)
- 23 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of suspending participation in the arbitration mechanism of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement in disputes over sustainable fishing policies on (a) trade and (b) legal outcomes. (27032)
- 24 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether (a) she, (b) special advisers and (c) officials have held meetings with (i) Centre for Countering Digital Hate and (ii) Stop Funding Hate since 4 July 2024. (26981)
- 25 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to (a) ensure that organisations campaigning against free media are not publicly funded and (b) protect freedom of speech for media outlets. (26983)

- 26 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will hold discussions with the (a) Home Office and (b) Football Association on the potential merits of introducing lifetime club bans for people convicted of threats of violence against (i) referees, (ii) players and (iii) family members of referees and players. (26804)
- 27 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to enact the recommendations of the Leveson Report on press regulation. (26966)
- 28 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23517 on Crime: Westminster Bridge, what steps her Department is taking to tackle unlawful gambling on Westminster Bridge; and if she will initiate discussions with the relevant responsible authority. (26888)
- 29 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to reform the social care system for disabled children. (26971)
- 30 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish a plan to support disabled children through education and social care. (26972)
- 31 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many primary school breakfast clubs she plans to introduce in Lincolnshire. (27084)
- 32 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of expanding the Holiday Activities and Food programme to all (a) families in receipt of Universal Credit and (b) children and young people living in areas of high multiple deprivation. (26802)
- 33 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data her Department holds on the number of pupils who have been absent from school because of the lack of provision of SEND services. (26938)
- 34 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with teaching groups on the potential merits of establishing a STEM teachers continuing professional development fund with industry. (26807)
- 35 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a STEM teachers continuing professional development fund with industry. (26808)
- 36 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans he has to implement a national system to monitor petrol prices. (27002)

- 37 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles plans to publish guidance on the options for the charging of electric vehicles. (27007)
- 38 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) the UK's nuclear energy capacity on delivering the AI Opportunities Action Plan, (b) the costs of regulatory processes on building new nuclear and (c) existing plants being decommissioned without replacement on AI. (27019)
- 39 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will meet with the US Energy Secretary to discuss (a) importing US-produced (i) Liquefied Natural Gas and (ii) oil and (b) imports from volatile regions. (26806)
- 40 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to bring grid infrastructure for new data centres under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project regime. (26891)
- 41 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to Clean Power 2030 Action Plan, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the AI Opportunities Action Plan on future (a) instances of judicial review, (b) environmental impact assessments and (c) local planning decisions on grid infrastructure for new data centres. (26892)
- 42 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to allow the National Policy Statements for Energy and Planning Policy Guidance to approve grid infrastructure for new data centres. (26894)
- 43 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to provide additional support to the (a) Planning Inspectorate, (b) statutory consultees, (c) local planning authorities, and (d) government consenting teams on taking forward grid infrastructure for new data centres. (26895)
- 44 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of his policies on the construction of off-grid infrastructure for new data centres, including on (a) gas-fired power plants, (b) nuclear power plants, (c) small modular reactors, and (d) renewables. (26896)
- 45 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of building new data centres on (a) sites of decommissioned power stations and (b) other brownfield sites. (26897)

- 46 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions (a) ministers, (b) special advisers and (c) officials within his Department have had with technology companies on the energy infrastructure needed for new data centres. (26898)
- 47 **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 adequacy of recent flooding response preparations. (26934)
- 48 **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 adequacy of the resilience of power lines in the event of extreme weather. (26935)
- 49 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's consultation entitled, Consultation on fairer food labelling, which closed in May 2024, when he will publish the outcomes of that consultation. (27024)
- 50 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will implement a (a) transparent and (b) meaningful method of production labelling. (27025)
- 51 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support closed loop recycling schemes; and if he will bring forward legislative proposals to protect those schemes through regulations. (26852)
- 52 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to enforce the ban on peat burning in England. (26866)
- 53 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has plans to review the maximum penalties for committing wildlife offences. (26873)
- 54 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Government to crack down on waste incinerators with stricter standards for new builds, published on 30 December 2024, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the new local and environmental conditions to apply to all future incinerators. (26874)
- 55 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the ban on sandeel fishing on the ecology of seabird populations. (27026)

- 56 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what indicators will be used to monitor the potential impact of the ban on sandeel fishing on (a) the recovery of seabird populations and (b) broader marine biodiversity. (27027)
- 57 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish his Department's assessment of the potential risks of continued sandeel fishing to (a) biodiversity and (b) marine ecosystems. (27028)
- 58 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will maintain its policy of a ban on the industrial fishing of sandeels in negotiations with the European Union on fisheries access post-2026. (27029)
- 59 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of the EU on (a) environment policy and (b) sandeel fishing. (27030)
- 60 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will list the (a) bilateral and (b) multilateral forums through which his Department is engaging with the European Commission in relation to the UK's sandeel fishing ban. (27034)
- 61 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress he has made on the introduction of the Digital Waste Tracking Service. (26922)
- 62 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help tackle bee harm. (26816)
- 63 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle illegal puppy farms. (26818)
- 64N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the timetable is for the (a) introduction of 5G and (b) the rollout of fibre broadband in Telford constituency. [Transferred] (26719)
- 65 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment has he made of the AI skills gap. (26941)
- 66 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment has he made of the potential impact of AI Growth Zones on AI capabilities in the UK. (26942)
- 67 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help improve AI skills in the workforce. (26943)

- 68 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help promote the development of AI infrastructure including (a) data centres and (b) high-performance computing facilities to support the growth of AI technologies. (26944)
- 69 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help establish international partnerships in AI research and development. (26945)
- 70 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help promote the creation of AI infrastructure including (a) data centres and (b) high-performance computing to support the growth of AI technologies in (i) Birmingham and (ii) the West Midlands. (26950)
- 71 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what meetings (a) he, (b) his special advisers, (c) Departmental officials and (d) Ofcom have had with (i) Centre for Countering Digital Hate and (ii) Stop Funding Hate since 4 July 2024. (26982)
- 72 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the number of passenger flights in the UK using sustainable aviation fuel in 2023-24. (26884)
- 73 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of peer age passenger restrictions for newly qualified drivers aged under 21. (26912)
- 74 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve rural road safety. (26882)
- 75 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential cost of building one new runway at Heathrow Airport. (27083)
- 76 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what purposes the Office of Rail and Road has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26786)
- 77 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what purposes the Maritime and Coastguard Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26787)
- 78 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of renaming London Heathrow Airport after Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. (26993)

- 79 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing carers to accompany those they care for to travel free of charge on public transport. (26863)
- 80 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of free travel for carers on (a) improving access to essential services and (b) promoting inclusivity for (i) disabled people and (ii) people with chronic illnesses. (26864)
- 81 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23517, on Crime: Westminster Bridge, what steps her Department is taking to tackle (a) unlawful parking and (b) unlicensed pedicabs on Westminster Bridge; and if she will initiate discussions with the relevant responsible authority. (26890)
- 82 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse for Highways England to decarbonise (a) internal operations by 2030, (b) road maintenance and construction by 2040, and (c) travel on roads by 2050. (26899)
- 83 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the number and proportion of Highways England vehicles that were (a) petrol, (b) diesel, (c) hydrogen, (d) hybrid, (e) plug-in hybrid and (f) fully electric in each year between 2014 and 2024. (26900)
- 84 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will list all (a) start and (b) end dates for lease agreements held by Highways England for their vehicle fleet. (26901)
- 85 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of lighting on (a) motorways and (b) A roads has been replaced with LEDs in each year between 2014 and 2024; and what the cost to the public purse was of this work. (26902)
- 86 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many trees have been planted by Highways England in each year between 2014 and 2024; and what the cost to the public purse was of this work. (26904)
- 87 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many electric vehicle pilots were administered by Highways England in each year between 2014 and 2024; and what the cost to the public purse was per pilot. (26905)
- 88 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions his Department has had with (a) Highways England and (b) Distribution Network Operators on steps to accelerate the upgrades to substations near charging points on (i) motorways, and (ii) A roads. (26906)

- 89 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse of building (a) charging infrastructure and (b) on-road services for electric vehicles in each year between 2014 and 2024. (26908)
- 90 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the eligibility for Winter Fuel Payment on living standards for pensioners. (27064)
- 91 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the bus fare cap on vulnerable people. (27065)
- 92 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support disabled people with the cost of living. (27066)
- 93 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the Personal Independence Payment application process. (27067)
- 94 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of removing the two-child benefit cap. (27068)
- 95 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to ensure that Universal Credit advisers are aware that payments should be backdated when a change of circumstances relates to the award of a disability benefit. (27071)
- 96 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Work and Pensions Select Committee report entitled Defined benefit pension schemes, published on 26 March 2024, whether her Department has plans to implement pre-1997 indexation for members of the (a) Financial Assistance Scheme and (b) Pension Protection Fund. (27073)
- 97 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what support her Department provides to its employees that are kinship carers. (26991)
- 98 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when her Department last reviewed its policy on supporting its employees that are kinship carers. (26992)
- 99 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of the time taken for the state pensions top-up process. (27006)

- 100 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what purposes the Money and Pensions Service has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26793)
- 101 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's Get Britain Working White Paper, published on 26 November 2024, whether she has plans to review the eligibility of Personal Independence Payments claimants. (26933)
- 102 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many refugees were in receipt of Personal Independence Payment in each of the last five years; and what the cost to the public purse was. (27072)
- 103 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to take steps to improve service provision for people with (a) Tourette's syndrome and (b) other tic disorders in the North East. (26939)
- 104 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve (a) physical, (b) emotional and (c) financial support for people diagnosed with (i) Pulmonary Fibrosis and (ii) Interstitial Lung Disease. (26985)
- 105 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to issue guidance to ensure that people diagnosed with ADHD through private healthcare can access NHS prescriptions without additional assessment. (27070)
- 106 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce the turnaround times for (a) hospital and (b) HM Coroner's Office post mortems in (i) neonatal and paediatric and (ii) other cases. (26955)
- 107 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will set out a timeline for implementation of measures to improve miscarriage care recommended in the Pregnancy Loss Review published on 22 July 2023. (26984)
- 108N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to end the difference between the treatment of military and civil compensation payments in means tests for disabled facilities grants. [Transferred] (26618)
- 109 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what purposes the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26790)

- 110 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what purposes the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26791)
- 111 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to consult with (a) cancer charities and (b) patient representative bodies during the development of a national cancer plan. [R] (27035)
- 112 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with NHS England on the collection of patient data which indicates the level of disease progression of blood cancers at the point of diagnosis. [R] (27039)
- 113 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's press release entitled AI technology to help cut cancer waiting lists, published on 21 May 2024, whether his Department has distributed all of the announced funding. [R] (27053)
- 114 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support social care providers with changes announced in the Autumn Budget 2024. (26936)
- 115 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether social care providers will be allocated additional funding for measures announced in the Autumn Budget 2024. (26937)
- 116 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of including Band 2 NHS workers in pay progression policies. (26865)
- 117 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for publishing the Maternity and Neonatal Estates Review. (27000)
- 118 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of clinical commissioning groups that have implemented more restrictive policies on the prescription of gluten-free products for people with coeliac disease; and whether his Department is monitoring the potential impact of those policy changes on affected groups. (26990)
- 119 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will introduce age-related universal testing for prostate cancer. (26803)
- 120 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the uptake of smear tests. (27020)

- 121 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the uptake of HPV vaccinations for (a) girls and (b) boys. (27021)
- 122 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of whether the Bath, Swindon, and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board's decision to award a contract to HCRG Care Group for community-based care (a) includes social value in the contract, (b) conducts a public interest test for procurement and (c) ensures value for money while achieving the goals in the Business Case. (26893)
- 123 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of expediting NICE appraisal for Givinostat. (26988)
- 124 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Israeli counterparts for an independent investigation to be launched into the killing of two-year-old Palestinian child Laila Mohammad Ayman Khatib. (27009)
- 125 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help protect the (a) safety and (b) wellbeing of Palestinian children in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (27010)
- 126 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) countries and (b) regions he is prioritising for the allocation of official development assistance. (26946)
- 127 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to develop an Africa strategy. (26947)
- 128 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve development cooperation with the European Union. (26948)
- 129 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve development cooperation within the Commonwealth. (26949)
- 130 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the pause in USAID spending on (a) jointly-funded UK-US programmes and (b) multilateral (i) organisations and (ii) initiatives. (26951)

- 131 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the pause in USAID spending. (26952)
- 132 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussion he has had with his US counterparts about cooperation on (a) overseas development assistance and (b) humanitarian aid. (26953)
- 133 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his US counterpart about the pause in spending on (a) overseas development assistance and (b) humanitarian aid. (26954)
- 134 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on alleged reports of (a) gender-based and (b) conflict-related sexual violence in Sudan. (27014)
- 135 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the withdrawal of the USA from the World Health Organisation will lead to an increase in UK contributions to that organisation. (27078)
- 136 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the human rights situation in West Papua. (26860)
- 137 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Pakistani counterpart on transnational repression. (26871)
- 138 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his planned timetable is to publish the Government's new human rights strategy. (26999)
- 139 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his sub-Saharan Africa aid policies of the US State Department's decision to halt nearly all foreign assistance funding; and whether the Government plans to take steps to replace any shortfall in HIV/AIDS funding. (26800)
- 140 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure the continuity of treatment and prevention services for global HIV/AIDS programs, in the context of the recent US State Department decision to halt nearly all existing foreign assistance funding. (26801)

- 141N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Prime Minister 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. [Transferred] (26464)
- 142 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support (a) peace and (b) stability in the Democratic Republic of Congo. (26805)
- 143 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help stop the persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan; and if he will have discussions with his Pakistani counterpart on steps to protect Ahmadi Muslims and their mosques and graves, in the context of the recent demolition of an Ahmadi mosque in Daska, Punjab, by local authorities on 16 January 2025. (27013)
- 144 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle safeguarding issues relating to (a) children at risk of being removed from the UK in contravention of a court ruling and (b) other children with a foreign national parent. (27049)
- 145 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what purposes the National Crime Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26792)
- 146 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a curfew for irregular migrants housed by local authorities close to schools that have reported incidents of loitering by irregular migrants. (27038)
- 147 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of an increased police presence around schools that have reported loitering by irregular migrants. (27043)
- 148 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a restriction on irregular migrants housed in (a) hotels and (b) other government-funded accommodation within walking distance of schools during the (i) drop off to and (ii) pick up from school of children. (27045)
- 149 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the funds raised from the increase in firearms licensing fees will be ringfenced for administering firearms licensing. (27012)
- 150 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum claims from Afghans were refused in 2024. (26867)

- 151 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department considers Afghanistan to be a safe country for asylum returns. (26868)
- 152 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff are employed to (a) process and (b) issue project licences for experiments using animals regulated by the Animal Welfare (Scientific Experiments) Act 1986. (27047)
- 153 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many visa applications were in the appeal system as of 28 January 2025. (26817)
- 154 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people aged under 25 were charged with possession of cocaine in the last 12 months. (26819)
- 155 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23517 on Crime: Westminster Bridge, what role the Government has (a) in policing and (b) tackling crime within Whitehall's Government Secure Zone; and whether Westminster Bridge is in the Government Secure Zone. (26886)
- 156 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that illegal hunts do not take place on Ministry of Defence land. (27079)
- 157 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, what steps she is taking to help ensure that trees are not damaged during permitted development works. (26969)
- 158 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help ensure that contractors are not damaging trees during works. (26970)
- 159 **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 19702 on Housing: Construction, if the 1.5 million target will be backloaded in this Parliament. (26834)
- 160 **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 Development and Nature Recovery, published on 15 December 2024, whether she plans to (a) amend and (b) repeal the assimilated EU Habitat Regulation Assessment regulations. (26835)

- 161 **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 Development and Nature Recovery, published on 15 December 2024, whether Delivery Plans will be part of Local Plans. (26836)
- 162 **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 Development and Nature Recovery, published on 15 December 2024, what steps is she taking to ensure new housebuilding is prioritised over the protection of newts. (26837)
- 163 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to para 4.2.3 of the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, how the (a) debts and (b) surpluses of individual councils will be divided up in areas with local government restructuring; and whether debt liability will be transferred to all the taxpayers in the new unitary. (26838)
- 164 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 64 of the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, what assessment she has made of the impact of the (a) abolition of district councils with existing Local Plans, (b) requirement of new unitaries to develop new Local Plans and (c) development of Spatial Development Strategies on the viability of the delivery of the 1.5 million homes target in this Parliament. (26839)
- 165 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 4.2.2 of the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, what formula her Department will use to distribute funding to strategic authorities. (26840)
- 166 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many times the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs has made a representation to her Department on the call-in of a planning application in the last ten years. (26841)
- 167 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 3.2 of the Devolution White Paper, CP 1218, if she will make an estimate of the average change in Band D council tax in England from proposed changes to mayoral precepts. (26842)
- 168 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what requests she has received from local authorities to set a council tax referendum threshold for 2025-26 above the draft Local Government Finance Settlement. (26843)

- 169 **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 ending the New Homes Bonus on the funding of district councils. (26844)
- 170 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 16 December 2024 on English Devolution, HCWS316, whether local authorities will be able to impose selective licensing requirements on all private rented properties. (26845)
- 171 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Written Ministerial Statement of 16 December 2024 on English Devolution, HCWS316, how many areas will be in the first wave of local government restructuring. (26846)
- 172 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Written Ministerial Statement of 16 December 2024 on English Devolution, HCWS316, if she will place in the Library a copy of each substantive response by local authorities to the invitation sent to places without devolution in July 2024. (26847)
- 173 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to Written Statement of 18 December 2024 on the Local Government Finance Settlement, HCWS342, what the real terms increase in core spending power is for each local authority. (26848)
- 174 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 18 December 2024 to Question 18957 on Devolution: East of England, if she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to devolve decision-making powers to (a) parents in relation to local education policy and (b) local taxpayers in relation to the delivery of public services. (26849)
- 175 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 18 December 2024, to Question 18953, on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, whether 10 Downing Street asked the Deputy Prime Minister to call in the planning application, further to the Prime Minister's conversation with President Xi on the matter. (26850)
- 176 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2024 to Question 18952 on Local Government Pension Scheme, what assessment she has made of the potential risk (a) to investment returns from the proposed changes to the nature and types of investments and (b) of political interference in investment decisions. (26851)

- 177 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to APPG for Households in Temporary Accommodation's report entitled child mortality in temporary accommodation, published on 28 January 2025, what steps her Department is taking to stop child deaths in temporary accommodation. (26832)
- 178 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps the Department is taking to support local authorities with the cost of placing people in temporary accommodation. (26833)
- 179 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 24615 on Housing: Carbon Emissions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of planned amendments to building regulations on the economy. (27018)
- 180 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of levels of demand for new housing in different areas of the UK; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of new homes on the economy of the different regions. (27023)
- 181 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of introducing a central governance board to regulate the issuance of EWS1 forms for residential buildings. (27011)
- 182 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department has taken to ensure that residents are protected from incorrectly completed EWS1 forms when trying to (a) sell, (b) remortgage and (c) purchase properties in residential buildings. (27080)
- 183 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Institution of Fire Engineers as a regulatory body for fire engineers. (27081)
- 184 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she is taking steps to ensure housing associations who raise rents for social housing tenants above inflation are using the increased revenue to invest in building new homes. (26960)
- 185 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment has she made of the potential merits of (a) freezing rents and (b) capping service charges for housing association social tenants. (26963)
- 186 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of a new regulator for service charges. (26965)

- 187 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of under 25s who are renting privately. (26815)
- 188 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will make an assessment of the merits of deposits for private renters. (26820)
- 189 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions the New Towns Taskforce has had with (a) Bedford Borough Council, (b) Central Bedfordshire Council and (c) Luton Borough Council. [R] (26861)
- 190 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what engagement the New Towns Taskforce will have with hon. Members. (26862)
- 191 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the total cost to the public purse of the work of the New Towns Taskforce. (26870)
- 192 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23517, on Crime: Westminster Bridge, what steps her Department is taking to tackle unlawful street vendors on Westminster Bridge; and if she will initiate discussions with the relevant responsible authority. (26889)
- 193 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for what purposes HM Courts and Tribunals Service has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26794)
- 194 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the (a) maximum amount of possible court time and (b) actual court time used for each Crown Court in each of the last 12 months. (26915)
- 195 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many new prison places were built between (a) May 1997-May 2010 and (b) May 2010 and July 2024. (26918)
- 196 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the value for money of rehabilitation of foreign national offenders. (27076)
- 197 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will amend the Historical Institutional Abuse (Northern Ireland) Act 2019 to include siblings and parents in the entitlement to claim compensation in respect of deceased person criteria. (26976)

- 198 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, 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] (26994)
- 199 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, 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] (26995)
- 200 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal measures she is taking to support the hospitality sector in rural areas. (26883)
- 201 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of raising the upper limit of house prices for which the Lifetime Individual Savings Account can be used without incurring a penalty for people living in (a) Greater London and (b) other regions with high house prices. (27051)
- 202 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential economic (a) costs and (b) benefits of an expansion of Heathrow Airport. (27082)
- 203 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will hold discussions with (a) Lloyd's of London and (b) other insurance companies on the provision of (i) insurance and (ii) investment to fossil fuel companies in the context of the Government's climate policies. (26967)
- 204 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of updating the Lloyd's Act 1982 to align the underwriting activities of that organisation with legally binding climate policies. (26968)
- 205 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of recent trends in the level of wealth inequality. (26997)
- 206 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the review of the UK's national resilience will include the impact of wealth inequality on society. (26998)
- 207 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring a at least 25% of all new pension contributions to be invested in social and green infrastructure projects. (27001)
- 208 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what purposes HM Revenue and Customs has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26788)
- 209 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what purposes the National Infrastructure Commission has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (26789)

- 210 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will increase the funding available to British Patient Capital's Future Fund: Breakthrough. (26858)
- 211 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she is taking steps to encourage pension funds to invest into (a) venture capital and (b) growth equity funds. (26859)
- 212 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of lowering corporation tax on tax revenue. (27074)
- 213 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of decreasing corporation tax to the lowest level in Europe. (27075)
- 214 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of civil service pensions for the next 50 years. (27077)
- 215 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether HMRC case workers dealing with (a) Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme and (b) Enterprise Investment Scheme applications are incentivised to help companies. (27004)
- 216 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will take steps to ensure that HMRC case workers dealing with (a) Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme and (b) Enterprise Investment Scheme applications process them in a (i) timely and (ii) effective manner. (27005)
- 217 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the bounce back loan scheme implemented during the Covid-19 pandemic; and what assessment she has made of trends in the level of repayment. (27044)
- 218 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a similar scheme to the Small Business Investment Company in the USA. (27022)
- 219 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of additional individuals her Department expects to pay tax in financial year 2025-26 as a result of the freeze on income tax thresholds. (26872)
- 220 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of taxpayers set to pay the higher rate of income tax in financial year 2025-26 compared with financial year 2024-25. (26875)

- 221 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of taxpayers set to pay the additional rate of income tax in financial year 2025-26 compared with financial year 2024-25. (26876)
- 222 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the total amount of tax someone on the median salary will pay in financial year (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (26877)
- 223 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the total amount of (a) income tax and (b) employee national insurance paid by a full time minimum wage worker in (i) 2024-25 and (ii) 2025-26. (26878)
- 224 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of Autumn Budget 2024 on recent trends in the level of mortgage rates. (26879)
- 225 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the average annual cost of a five year fixed rate mortgage (a) on the week commencing 21 October 2024 and (b) in January 2025. (26880)
- 226 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what discussions (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Departmental have had with the Welsh Government on supporting pan-regional economies that overlap the borders of England and Wales. (26962)
- 227 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, 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] (26996)

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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Written Statement of 28 January on United Kingdom's Trade Envoy Programme, HCWS392, whether any United Kingdom Trade Envoys appointed by the former Prime Minister are still in post. (26809)
- 2N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 28 January on United Kingdom's Trade Envoy Programme, HCWS392, whether he plans to appoint any additional United Kingdom Trade Envoys. (26810)

- 3N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 28 January on United Kingdom's Trade Envoy Programme, HCWS392, what funding has been allocated to support the (a) work and (b) travel of the newly appointed trade envoys. (26811)
- 4N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 28 January on United Kingdom's Trade Envoy Programme, HCWS392, how the countries to which United Kingdom Trade Envoys have been appointed were selected. (26812)
- 5N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 28 January on United Kingdom's Trade Envoy Programme, HCWS392, what the terms of appointment are for United Kingdom Trade Envoys. (26813)
- 6N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports has had with Doug Gurr since 4 July 2024. (27059)
- 7N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security has had with Doug Gurr since 4 July 2024. (27060)
- 8N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings the Minister for Industry has had with Doug Gurr since 4 July 2024. (27061)
- 9N **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what meetings the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets has had with Doug Gurr since 4 July 2024. (27062)
- 10N **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 16109 on Free Schools: Dorking, what (a) reports and (b) surveys required to submit the planning application for Betchwood Academy the construction contractor (i) has produced and (ii) is producing. (27008)
- 11N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the savings to the public purse made by cancelling the Latin Excellence Programme from March 2025. (26924)
- 12N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the savings to the public purse made by (a) cancelling computing hubs and (b) changes to language hubs. (26925)
- 13N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to extend the National Wraparound Childcare Programme beyond March 2026. (26927)

- 14N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what progress he has made with Ofgem and energy suppliers on (a) understanding how energy costs will change for consumers following the switch from services relying on Radio Teleswitch and (b) ensuring consumers will have access to competitive tariffs when Radio Teleswitch Service meters are replaced. (26973)
- 15N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support his Department is providing those impacted by flooding following Storm Herminia. (26913)
- 16N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for its policies of the report entitled Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Recommendations for future veterinary legislation, published on 13 October 2021; and whether he plans to bring forward a consultation on the reform of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966. (26855)
- 17N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to establish regulations for AI companies which (a) guarantee ethical practices, (b) safeguard protections for workers and communities and (c) ensure accountability. (26980)
- 18N **Patrick Spencer** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make a comparative estimate of the number of pensioners claiming Pension Credit in winter (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25; and how many pensioners are ineligible for the winter fuel payment in Suffolk during winter 2024-25. (27033)
- 19N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to retain (a) doctors and (b) other health professionals, in the context of the abolition of the lifetime allowance on pension savings. (26796)
- 20N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much additional funding for maintenance at delayed schemes in the New Hospital Programme has been made available for each hospital in each year. (26916)
- 21N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which health foundation trusts other than Devon are under NHS Oversight Framework Level 4. (26974)
- 22N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of Child Death Overview Panels cited consanguinity as the (a) primary and (b) secondary cause of death of children in each of the last 30 years. (26857)

- 23N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will direct NICE to undertake an assessment of the potential merits of the use of hydrotherapy treatments in the NHS. (27016)
- 24N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when NHS dentists will receive payment for the 2024-25 unit of dental activity rate increase. (26909)
- 25N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of delays to 2024-25 dental payments on NHS dental provision. (26910)
- 26N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS dental providers have had to return their contracts in each month since April 2024. (26911)
- 27N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of (a) public health and (b) adult social care services in reducing the demand on (i) primary and (ii) acute services in South Derbyshire constituency. (27057)
- 28N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will offer provisionally registered status to overseas-qualified dentists. (27055)
- 29N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to (a) increase diagnostic capacity at memory clinics, (b) prepare primary care, (c) increase numbers of specialists capable of prescribing new medicines, (d) adopt new diagnostic technology including blood biomarkers, (e) ensure adequate CT scanning capacity and (f) raise awareness among patients of new medications for Alzheimer's Disease. (26986)
- 30N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of adequacy of the diagnostic capacity of memory clinics in Oxfordshire. (26987)
- 31N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 24596 on Caesarean Sections, what steps he is taking with NHS England to ensure that women are not unnecessarily discouraged from having elective caesarean sections. (26989)
- 32N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled UK-Occupied Palestinian Territories development partnership summary July 2023, published on 17 July 2023, whether he has made an assessment of trends in the level

of educational content that (a) incites violence, (b) glorifies terrorism and (c) contains antisemitism in (i) textbooks and (ii) other curriculum materials provided to children in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (26975)

33N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the conditions that Jimmy Lai is being held by Chinese authorities. (26795)

34N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will ensure that discussions on the Pan-Euro-Mediterranean Convention include trade between mainland Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (26797)

35N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the cost of (a) military and (b) humanitarian aid for Ukraine in 2025 for each taxpayer. (27036)

36N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he made to his Egyptian counterpart to allow access to Alaa Abdel El-Fattah on 23 January 2025. (27063)

37N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with UNRWA on ensuring that educational materials used in UNRWA-run schools in the West Bank and Gaza do not incite violence and hatred. (27041)

38N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what conditions he has placed on the restoration of funding to UNRWA. (27042)

39N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to introduce a national strategy to reduce the exploitation of children in county lines drug trafficking. (26903)

40N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to introduce a national strategy to deal with the prevalence of illegal drug (a) use and (b) dealing. (26907)

41N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of council run youth centres in tackling youth crime in South Derbyshire constituency. (27054)

42N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she is preparing reviews on the operation of sections (a) 73 and (b) 74 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 in accordance with those sections. (26940)

- 43N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department made a formal response to the Treasury's consultation on reforms to (a) inheritance tax and (b) the application of inheritance tax on Death in Service payments for armed forces personnel. (26926)
- 44N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Landmark £9 billion contract for British business to boost jobs, growth and nuclear deterrent, published on 24 January 2025, how many of the jobs in (a) Cardiff and (b) Glasgow are already in existence working on elements of defence nuclear power. (26854)
- 45N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has plans to rename Royal Navy ships, in the context of the renaming of HMS Agincourt. (26798)
- 46N **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. (26799)
- 47N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2025 to Question 25390 on Diego Garcia: Military Bases, which international agreements govern the US (a) presence and (b) operations in the British Indian Ocean Territory. (26923)
- 48N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has set a deadline for councils to publish their (a) local growth plans and (b) local housing development plans. (26917)
- 49N **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to (a) tackle fraudulent EWS1 forms and (b) support affected homeowners. (27050)
- 50N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of challenges brought to the English First-tier Property Tribunal against (a) councils, (b) housing associations, (c) private landlords and (d) intermediary managing agents for the (i) level and (ii) payability of service charges in 2024. (26956)
- 51N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to prevent overcharging of service charges by (a) councils, (b) housing associations, (c) private landlords and (d) intermediary managing agents. (26957)
- 52N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support housing association social tenants in rent arrears. (26958)

- 53N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of (a) changes in the number of housing association social tenants in rent arrears and (b) increased rents. (26959)
- 54N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of extending the availability of Great British Insulation scheme grants for loft insulation to properties in Council Tax Band E. (27069)
- 55N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for (a) issuing updated guidance and (b) releasing funding for consultation with local communities on the Long-Term Plan for Towns. (26856)
- 56N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the breakdown by country is of Foreign National Offenders deported between 4 July and 31 December 2024. (26921)
- 57N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing VAT for admissions fees to indoor play centres for children under 12. (27017)
- 58N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made the adequacy of the number of local authority planning officers in South Derbyshire to help support the Government's wider planning reform ambitions. (27056)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- 1 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): What assessment she has made of the impact of job centres on economic growth. (902496)
- 2 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): What steps she is taking to increase take-up of Pension Credit. (902497)
- 3 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): What assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of recent trends in the unemployment rate. (902498)
- 4 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle benefit fraud by criminal gangs. (902499)
- 5 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): What steps she is taking to support vulnerable people into work. (902500)

- 6 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Pensions Regulator on economic growth. (902501)
- 7 **Patrick Spencer** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of means testing the Winter Fuel Payment on levels of pensioner poverty. (902502)
- 8 **Katrina Murray** (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch): What steps she is taking to support people with disabilities and long-term health conditions into work. (902503)
- 9 **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the adequacy of levels of maternity and paternity pay. (902504)
- 10 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): What steps her Department plans to take with employers to help increase economic growth. (902505)
- 11 **Gill German** (Clwyd North): What steps her Department plans to take with employers to help increase economic growth. (902506)
- 12 **Lee Pitcher** (Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme): What assessment she has made of the impact of job centres on economic growth. (902507)
- 13 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): What steps she is taking to increase efficiency in the Child Maintenance Service. (902508)
- 14 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): What progress her Department has made on developing a Child Poverty Strategy. (902509)
- 15 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): What assessment she has made of the impact of job centres on economic growth. (902510)
- 16 **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): What assessment she has made of the impact of parental employment on child poverty. (902511)
- 17 **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): What steps her Department is taking to prevent the child maintenance system being used as a tool of financial abuse. (902512)
- 18 **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): What assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of removing the two-child benefit cap. (902513)
- 19 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): What steps she is taking to support people with disabilities and long-term health conditions into work. (902514)
- 20 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): What recent progress her Department has made on tackling fraud in the welfare system. (902515)
- 21 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): What steps she plans to take to reform the Carer's Allowance system. (902516)

- 22 **Dame Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): If she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the fixed disregard rate for the New Style Employment and Support Allowance. (902517)
- 23 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of means testing the Winter Fuel Payment on levels of pensioner poverty. (902518)
- 24 **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): What steps she is taking to support people with disabilities and long-term health conditions into work. (902519)
- 25 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): What steps her Department plans to take with employers to help increase economic growth. (902520)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- T1 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (902521)
- T2 **Peter Swallow** (Bracknell): (902522)
- T3 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): (902523)
- T4 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): (902524)
- T5 **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): (902525)
- T6 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): (902526)
- T7 **Andrew Pakes** (Peterborough): [R] (902527)
- T8 **Chris McDonald** (Stockton North): (902528)
- T9 **Lee Pitcher** (Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme): (902529)
- T10 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): (902530)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Government is taking to raise awareness of the opportunity for people to buy back missing National Insurance years. (26930)

- 2N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much the Government is spending on public awareness campaigns to inform people about the opportunity to buy back missing National Insurance years before the 5 April 2025 deadline. (26931)
- 3N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many full-time equivalent civil servants are working on supporting people who wish to buy back missing National Insurance years before the 5 April 2025 deadline. (26932)
- 4N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress the Children and Young People's Cancer Taskforce has made. (26821)
- 5N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Minister for Health and Secondary Care plans to respond to the correspondence of 6 November 2024 from the hon. Member for Hazel Grove on funding for Stepping Hill Hospital. (26885)
- 6N **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing people in (a) care homes and (b) hospitals to have visitors in all circumstances. (27003)
- 7N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to advocate reform of the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction to better protect victims of domestic violence. (26929)
- 8N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will request that the National Crime Agency undertakes an investigation into the (a) laundering of funds from Bangladesh into the United Kingdom and (b) role of the Awami League. (26822)
- 9N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Article 13(b) of the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, what steps she is taking to ensure the definition in UK law of "grave risk of harm" includes domestic violence. (26928)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on tackling the shortage of Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy drugs. (27015)

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- 2N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure veterans in Hexham constituency have access to mental health services. (26919)
- 3N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many veterans are accessing mental health support in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, (d) the North East and (e) England. (26920)
- 4N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many cases were awaiting a crown court date on (a) 4 July 2024 and (b) 28 January 2025. (26914)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 6 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support the financial viability of universities. (26977)
- 2N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of recent trends in the number of international students studying in England on the financial viability of universities. (26978)
- 3N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to protect the financial viability of English universities, in the context of falling numbers of international students applying for Higher Education in England. (26979)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 11 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of replacing the competent person schemes model for domestic electrical installation. (27048)