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Questions tabled on Wednesday 29 January 2025

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- † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
- N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under S.O. No. 22(4).
- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 January

Questions for Written Answer

Stuart Anderson (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what fiscal measures he is taking to support the hospitality sector in rural areas.

[Transferred] (26883)

- Susan Murray (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment hIS Department has made of the effectiveness of the bounce back loan scheme implemented during the Covid-19 pandemic; and what assessment he has made of trends in the level of repayment.

 [Transferred] (27044)
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the resilience of power lines in the event of extreme weather.

 [Transferred] (26935)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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.

 [Transferred] (27031)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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. [Transferred] (27032)

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- Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether (a) he, (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.
 - [Transferred] (26981)
- 7 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the bus fare cap on vulnerable people.

 [Transferred] (27065)
- 8 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles plans to publish guidance on the options for the charging of electric vehicles.

 [Transferred] (27007)

Questions for Answer on Monday 3 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will ensure that discussions on the Pan-Euro-Mediterranean Convention include trade between mainland Great Britain and Northern Ireland. [Transferred] (26797)
- John Cooper (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department has issued to the Government Property Agency on ensuring that accessible signs with (a) braille and (b) tactile symbols are available in all government buildings.

 (27398)
- 3 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will hold discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) civil servants on the potential merits of introducing a scheme to enable (i) cultural exchange by and (ii) increased mobility of young people between the UK and EU. (27402)
- 4N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has commissioned opinion polling on public attitudes towards (a) Brexit, (b) the Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the EU, (c) the Windsor Framework and (d) the UK's relationship with the EU. (27399)
- 5 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to negotiate a six-month visa waiver scheme with the EU. (27444)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to ensuring the transparency of private companies that deliver public services. (27335)

- 7 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to amend the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to include private companies. (27336)
- Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on long-term funding and resource allocations for cross-government resilience work; and how these agreements will support the delivery of the government's Resilience Review recommendations. (27172)
- Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he has taken to ensure that the findings of the Government's Resilience Review (a) reflect the specific needs of and (b) engage with (i) people on low incomes, (ii) people who face discrimination and (iii) other disproportionately impacted communities. (27174)
- Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how the Resilience Review has incorporated input from the voluntary and community sector; and what steps he plans to take to facilitate ongoing collaboration in resilience planning and response.
- 11 Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will have discussions with his European Union counterpart on the potential merits of establishing a six months visa waiver scheme for citizens visiting EU Member States in the Schengen area to replace the 90 day rule. (27133)
- 12 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of consultations conducted by the Government since July 2024. (27317)
- 13N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership on each (a) nation and (b) region of the UK.
- 14N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will list the support offered to businesses in Northern Ireland by UK Export Finance in 2024.
- Mims Davies (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has carried out a proportionality assessment on clause 16 of the Employment Rights Bill. (27207)
- Mims Davies (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he sought external legal advice when drafting the Employment Rights Bill.

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- 17 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to create a single enforcement body to ensure employment rights are upheld. (27211)
- Mr Mark Francois (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of environmental, social, and governance criteria on the financing of (a) small and medium-sized enterprises and (b) other defence companies. (27123)
- 19 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to (a) encourage (i) banks and (ii) investors to provide financial (A) services and (B) investment to defence firms and (b) monitor the effectiveness of such steps.
- 20 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will introduce financial (a) incentives and (b) guarantees to encourage (i) banks and (ii) investment firms to support the defence sector; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of restricted access to capital on the UK's defence (A) industrial base and (B) procurement strategy. (27125)
- 21 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions financial institutions on the potential impact of environmental, social, and governance policies on the provision of banking services to defence (a) manufacturers and (b) suppliers; and what steps he is taking to ensure that legally operating defence firms have full access to financial services. (27126)
- 22N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what has been the cost of the UK Trade Envoy programme since its inception; and what was the cost of the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy programme in each of the last 5 years in which it operated. (27297)
- 23 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, for what purposes the Competition and Markets Authority has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27107)
- 24 Ben Maguire (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will publish his timetable for the third Statutory Review of the Pubs Code and the Pubs Code Adjudicator. (27504)
- 25 Tristan Osborne (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on a Free Trade Agreement.
 (27438)
- 26 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that company directors consider the interests of (a) workers and (b) the environment. (27449)

- **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what support his Department is offering to businesses to alter articles of association to align the interests of (a) people, (b) the planet and (c) profit. (27451)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of planned changes to the furnished holiday let tax regime on tourism accommodation capacity in (a) rural Scotland and (b) the UK. (27459)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with (a) VisitScotland, (b) the Scottish Tourism Alliance and (c) other tourism sector representatives on the planned changes to the furnished holiday let tax regime. (27460)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with (a) the Scottish Government and (b) local authorities in Scotland on the abolition of the Furnished Holiday Let tax regime. (27461)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the Furnished Holiday Let tax regime on rural tourism businesses. (27462)
- **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she has taken with the Advertising Standards Authority to tackle online gambling advertisements (a) targeting children and (b) failing to disclose the presence of (i) loot boxes and (ii) other gambling-like features in mobile games.
- **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a ban on gambling advertisements in video games PEGI rated 18 and under. (27092)
- **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when the Board of Women's Sport (a) last met and (b) next plans to meet; and whether she plans to update the terms of reference of that board. (27426)
- 35N **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will publish all correspondence she has received from the Union of European Football Association since 5 July 2024. (27430)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how the National Youth Strategy will help tackle barriers to opportunity for children and young people in (a) South Holland and The Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (27106)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to ban the ownership of UK newspapers by foreign states. (27393)

- 38 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the adequacy of funding provided to local authorities to promote tourism.

 [R] (27307)
- 39N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to widen access to postgraduate education. (27220)
- 40 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to tackle misogynistic attitudes in primary schools. (27325)
- 41 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking with local authorities to expedite the removal of asbestos from schools. (27326)
- 42 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the increase in employer National Insurance contributions on SEND transport to educational institutions. [R] (27290)
- 43 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support private providers of school transport for SEND pupils. [R] (27291)
- 44 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help improve (a) vocational education and (b) apprenticeships in agriculture. (27416)
- 45N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of full-time equivalent teachers were without qualified teacher status in state funded (a) mainstream primary, (b) mainstream secondary, (c) special schools and (d) alternative provision in the (i) earliest and (ii) latest year for which data are available.
- 46N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of teachers without qualified teacher status were (a) working towards (b) not working towards qualified teacher status in the (i) earliest and (ii) latest year for which data are available. (27140)
- 47N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of teachers without qualified teacher status were on recruitment programmes (a) supported and (b) procured by her Department in the (i) earliest and (ii) latest year for which data are available. (27141)
- 48N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which subjects are most taught by teachers without qualified teacher status. (27142)

- 49N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what average proportion of full-time equivalent teaching staff teachers without qualified teacher status constitute for the top (a) 3% and (b) 10% of schools employing those teachers.
- 50 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what representations she has received on disallowing schools from employing teachers without qualified teacher status. (27144)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the distribution is by (a) age and (b) length of service of teachers without qualified teacher status.

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- 52 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a cap on the number of international students. (27484)
- 53 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the enforcement of guidelines on air quality in schools.

 (27441)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to (a) enforce and (b) monitor safeguarding standards in academy schools. (27322)
- 55 Ian Roome (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions her Department has had with Skills England on potential changes to the funding of apprenticeships. (27442)
- Patrick Spencer (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what primary schools in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich constituency offer early intervention support; and what type of support is offered. (27435)
- Patrick Spencer (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what schools in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich constituency are using the Nuffield Early Language Intervention programme; and what their uptake is. (27436)
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of standardising the funding models local authorities use to support pupils with special educational needs.

 [R] (27309)
- 59 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of SEN pupils attend a school in a different local authority area to the one in which they live in the East of England. (27311)

- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of SEN pupils who attend independent schools in Bedfordshire. (27312)
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an estimate of the number of SEN pupils in Bedfordshire that are expected to leave the Independent school sector in 2024-25. (27313)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many pupils in Bedfordshire had an EHC plan in each academic year since 2019/20. (27314)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the length of Speech and Language waiting lists. (27315)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to tackle backlogs in the processing of statutory assessments for EHCPs. (27316)
- **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure fair and competitive pay for people working in further education. (27362)
- Richard Tice (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff in her Department are responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests; and if she will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work.
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support children's services in Devon. (27403)
- **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to tackle fuel poverty in winter 2024-25. (27360)
- **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support community energy projects. [R] (27361)
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to publish an update to the Reduced Data Standard Assessment Procedure. (27396)
- Pippa Heylings (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to ensure that the UK's Nationally Determined Contribution (a) facilitates a just transition and (b) commits to increased climate finance.

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- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will carry out a review of the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) to ensure alignment with the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Mandate; and if he will take steps to ensure that the ETS is reviewed in time to facilitate the deployment of Sustainable Aviation Fuel. (27160)
- 73 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to consult on the EPC of C or above requirement for rental properties. (27395)
- 74 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the cost of electricity bills. (27340)
- 75N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has received representations from fossil fuel companies on the Global Plastics Treaty. (27465)
- Anna Sabine (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of a third runway at Heathrow on the environment. (27346)
- 77 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of a third runway at Heathrow on carbon emissions. (27347)
- 78 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to mitigate carbon dioxide emissions from aviation.

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- 79 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of net zero policies since 2000. (27454)
- Richard Tice (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the total installed capacity is of combined-cycle gas turbine power stations in the UK; how much of that capacity is from plants commissioned in the (a) five and (b) twenty years; and what the projected total capacity requirement is expected to be by 2029.
- Richard Tice (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many staff in his Department are responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests; and if he will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work.

- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he expects to make a decision on the inclusion of decapod crustaceans in the Animal Welfare Act 2006; and what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on their inclusion in the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.
- Chris Coghlan (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to provide (a) financial, (b)
 planning and (c) infrastructure support for the (i) development and (ii) improvement of
 sewage treatment facilities. (27286)
- **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will ensure that local communities are compensated by water companies for sewage discharges. (27287)
- **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support water regulators in (a) monitoring (i) river and (ii) sea water quality and (b) rectifying low water quality. (27288)
- John Cooper (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will take steps to ensure that written text on all
 food packaging can be read by people with visual impairments. (27401)
- **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of farm diversification on the working hours of farmers. (27413)
- Adam Dance (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the average cost was of compensating farmers for cattle culled due to bovine tuberculosis in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024 to date. (27414)
- **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessments he has made of the adequacy of the methodology used to calculate the carbon sequestration generated by cattle. (27418)
- **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessments he has made of the the adequacy of the implementation of the Rock Review. (27419)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress his Department has made on developing a food strategy. (27446)
- **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to open funding via the Animal Health and Welfare Infrastructure Grant under the Animal Productivity Pathway for capital investments to improve on-farm productivity in spring 2025. (27411)

- 93 **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a mandatory method of production labelling on all animal products. (27505)
- 94N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) adult and (b) foal (i) horses and (ii) ponies have been seized at the UK border following attempts to illegally export them to Europe since 1 July 2024.

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- 95 Liz Jarvis (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of fireworks on animal welfare.
 (27366)
- John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much correspondence his Department has received from individuals making representations on proposed changes to (a) Agricultural Property Relief and (b) Business Property Relief for Inheritance Tax since October 2024.
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- 97 John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) letters, (b) emails and (c) other correspondence his Department has received supporting proposed changes to (i) Agricultural Property Relief and (ii) Business Property Relief for Inheritance Tax. (27255)
- 98 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 24102 on Per- and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances, whether her Department has conducted work into assessing the suitability of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance alternatives. (27487)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, when he intends to reply to the correspondence of 7 December
 2024 from the Public and Commercial Services Union.
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to consult with civil service trade unions prior to the publication of the Governing Greening Commitments 2025-30. (27095)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 in relation to the transparency of private companies that perform public services. (27337)
- 102N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development affairs on the negotiations for a global plastics treaty.

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- 103N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether (a) he, and (b) officials within his Department have had discussions with the fossil fuel and petrochemical industries on the UN Global Plastics Treaty. (27463)
- 104N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to support the introduction of a binding global target to cut all forms of primary plastic polymer production. (27464)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of precedents for unilateral environmental measures in trade agreements on the sandeel fishing ban within the Trade and Cooperation Agreement arbitration process. (27295)
- 106 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many staff in his Department are responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests; and if he will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work.
- 107 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will reinstate capital grants for hedgerow work. (27367)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made on the potential impact of hedgerow grants on the environmental land management scheme budget. (27368)
- 109 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the pause on new applications for grants on hedge restoration and planting. (27369)
- 110 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the pause on new applications for grants on rural employment. (27370)
- 111 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the pause on new applications for grants on tree nurseries. (27371)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the freeze on applications for grants on farmer confidence in Countryside Stewardship. (27372)
- 113 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the freeze on applications for grants on farmer confidence in the Sustainable Farming Incentive. (27373)

- 114 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the freeze on hedgerow grants on employment in the hedgerow business this winter. (27374)
- 115 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with farmers on the freeze on applications for hedgerow grants. (27375)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will end the freeze on applications for hedgerow grants. (27376)
- 117 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the freeze on hedgerow grant applications on ecosystem services. (27377)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the blog entitled An update on capital grants, published on 27 November 2024, what assessment he has made of changes to capital grants on young people starting their career in land management. (27378)
- 119 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the development of a roadmap for phasing out animal testing. (27434)
- 120 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the number of people dying of suicide after engaging with suicide-related content online; and what steps he is taking to reduce those deaths. (27475)
- 121 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when he expects the report of the Independent Pornography Review to be published. (27135)
- 122 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will have discussions with the Games Rating Authority on the classification of video games; and if he will take steps to reduce the sexualisation of children in video games. (27136)
- Mike Amesbury (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of the expansion of Heathrow Airport on (a) noise pollution, (b) air quality and (c) carbon targets. (27213)
- 124 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what consultation she has undertaken with local communities on Heathrow airport expansion.

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- 125 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to increase the number of electric vehicle charging points across (a) Heywood and Middleton North constituency and (b) Greater Manchester. (27323)
- 126 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve the (a) reliability of Northern Trains and (b) communications on the impacts of delays and cancellations on passengers. (27324)
- 127N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she plans to publish the next National Road Traffic Projections. (27112)
- 128N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of ensuring that all public-facing transport staff participate in mandatory autism awareness and sensitivity training. (27452)
- 129 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Lower Thames Crossing on residents of (a) South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency and (b) other surrounding areas. (27341)
- 130 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate she has made of the total cost of the Lower Thames Crossing; and what the cost for the project was originally projected to be. (27342)
- 131 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure that the Lower Thames Crossing provides value for money for taxpayers. (27343)
- 132 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much and what proportion of the Lower Thames Crossing is expected to be funded using public money. (27344)
- 133N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the Maritime and Coastguard Agency's annual budget was in each year between 2018-19 and 2024-25.
- 134N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency on enforcement of the Seafarers Wages Act 2023. (27147)
- 135 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many claims have been successful for vehicles that have been damaged by potholes in the last year.

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- 136 Luke Taylor (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made representations to the Mayor of London on the Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Action Plan.
 (27355)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will list all training that has been provided to traffic officers on managing electric vehicles in incident recovery situations in each year between 2014 and 2024. (27404)
- 138 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the carbon emissions were for Highways England in each year between 2014 and 2024. (27405)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, What the cost of recycling (a) cement, (b) concrete, and (c) asphalt for road maintenance and construction was in each year between 2014 and 2024. (27406)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what low carbon
 (a) materials and (b) methods are used by Highways England in road (i) maintenance and
 (ii) construction. (27407)
- 141 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to increase statutory parental leave. (27356)
- 142 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what purposes the Pensions Regulator has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27105)
- 143N **Dame Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the cost of ending the two child benefit cap. (27131)
- 144N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the answer of 24 December 2024, to Question 20228, on Civil Society: Islam, whether his Department have engaged with (a) MEND, (b) CAGE, (c) the Muslim Association of Britain and (d) the Muslim Council of Britain since 5 July 2024. (27162)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of low skilled immigration worker visa grants on job opportunities for low skilled domestic workers. (27477)
- 146 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what percentage of people with a High Potential Individual visa are in employment. (27479)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of food bank dependency on people who (a) are disabled and (b) live in social housing. (27329)

- 148 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help reduce the long-term use of food banks.
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- 149 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the level of the frequent use of food banks.
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- 150 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of repeat food bank users receive disability benefits. (27333)
- 151 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support people with disabilities at risk of food insecurity. (27334)
- 152 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the potential impact on public services of grants of Indefinite Leave to Remain to people with Health and Care Worker visas. (27429)
- Dave Robertson (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of classing trainee teachers as being in work for the purpose of claiming free childcare. (27296)
- 154 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to make workplaces more accessible for disabled people. (27176)
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of pensioners in poverty during the winter of 2024-25; and how this compares to the winter of 2023-24. (27308)
- Richard Tice (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff in her Department are responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests; and if she will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work.
- 157 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve detection of undiagnosed heart conditions in young people. (27223)
- 158 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding access to diagnostic (a) checks and (b) screenings to improve detection of undiagnosed heart conditions in young people. (27224)

- 159 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase awareness of (a) cardiac health and (b) physical activity increasing risk of strokes in young people in (i) schools, (ii) universities and (iii) sports facilities.
- 160 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce the number of deaths associated with asbestos-related diseases. (27327)
- 161N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2024 to Question 5537 on Bowel Cancer: Screening, whether he expects bowel screening for 50 year-olds to be completed by (a) autumn or (b) winter 2025.
- Sarah Champion (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what definition of child practitioner his Department uses for children's (a) health and (b) mental health services.
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- Sarah Champion (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what distinguishes child practitioners from other professionals working in children's mental health services. (27270)
- Sarah Champion (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) functions and (b) responsibilities are assigned to child practitioners. (27272)
- Mr Luke Charters (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to commission services for adults with young onset dementia. (27310)
- 166 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will review the eligibility criteria for people over 65 who did not receive the shingles vaccine to allow for retrospective vaccination. (27289)
- 167 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2024 to Question 13066 on Prostate Cancer: Screening, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of laboratories not testing samples within 16 hours on prostate specific antigen testing accuracy. (27440)
- Adam Dance (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the farming sector's provision of access to (a) healthy eating and (b) nature on preventative health care. (27417)
- 169 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of people not taking prescribed medication due to prescription charges. (27428)

- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the care continuity for individuals with Cerebral Palsy with no cognative impairment moving from childrens care pathways to adult support networks. (27276)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any directors of the Mid and South Essex Hospitals NHS Trust were paid any form of bonuses in financial years (a) 2022-23, (b) 2023-24 and (c) 2024-25. (27119)
- **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to engage with UNISON to resolve disputes on the NHS pay structure. (27108)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the support for out of hours doctors services in Lincolnshire. (27103)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what purposes the UK Health Security Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27104)
- **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that private parking companies do not overcharge for facilities at hospitals. (27409)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) monitor and (b) tackle the illegal availability of Ozempic injections online.

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- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to introduce early diagnosis services for osteoporosis. (27394)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department are taking to ensure the needs of people affected by brain tumours will be considered in the Cancer Plan.

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- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve (a) diagnosis, (b) treatments and (c) support from clinical nurse specialists for (i) patients and (ii) families affected by brain tumours.

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- 180N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide additional (a) interventions and (b) support to areas with higher rates of asthma. (27445)

- Jerome Mayhew (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients were detained in assessment and treatment units in England in December (a) 2023, (b) 2022 and (c) 2021. (27256)
- 182N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he will announce the unit of dental activity(UDA) rate for 2025-26; and from what date dentists will receive payments at that rate. (27306)
- 183N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to coordinate the roll out of (a) the Respiratory Syncytial Virus vaccine and (b) other vaccines across all English regions to maximise effectiveness.

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- 184 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes in the levels of grants of Indefinite Leave to Remain on NHS (a) capacity and (b) waiting times. (27423)
- Jack Rankin (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of an increase in Indefinite Leave to Remain visa grants on NHS capacity.
 (27425)
- 186 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence develop guidance on mild cognitive impairment. (27466)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) future proof diagnostic systems and (b) improve access to subtype diagnoses in systems. (27467)
- 188 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) invest in diagnostic infrastructure and (b) reduce waiting times. (27468)
- 189 Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to implement a commission lead review on dementia diagnostics. (27469)
- 190 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of Elacestrant. (27188)
- 191 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many alcohol related deaths there have been in England in the last 12 months. (27189)
- 192N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to prevent health companies based overseas from selling hormone treatments online to people living in the UK. (27169)

- **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the guidance entitled New Hospital Programme: plan for implementation, published on 20 January 2025, if he will publish the multi-criteria decision support analysis for the Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Sutton. (27352)
- **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support St Helier Hospital while awaiting the construction of the Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Sutton. (27353)
- **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the costs for the Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Sutton were estimated. (27354)
- **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many staff in his Department are responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests; and if he will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work.
- **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many staff in his Department are responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests; and if he will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work. (27391)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dental practices in (a) England, (b) the East of England and (c) Suffolk have stopped accepting NHS patients since 5 July 2024. (27408)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will review the reimbursement system for (a) pharmacies and (b) GP practices dispensing medicines.

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- **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a comparative estimate of the costs of (a) implementing a one-time increase in the legal purchase age of tobacco and (b) introducing an age escalator, in the context of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill. (27137)
- 201 Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the impact assessment for the Tobacco and Vapes Bill, published on 5 November 2024, whether the specified cost of retailer staff training (a) is a one-off cost and (b) reflects ongoing costs in relation to planned secondary legislation relating to that Bill.
 (27138)
- 202 Sarah Champion (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the World Bank on steps to ensure construction businesses in Gaza benefit from recently announced funding towards the restoration of critical water and energy infrastructure. (27260)

- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much and what proportion of UK aid expenditure has been destroyed during the Israel-Hamas conflict. (27261)
- 204N**Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has received any representations from the Metropolitan Police on the called-in application for the proposed new Chinese embassy. (27090)
- 205N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the objectives set out in his speech entitled The Kew Lecture: Foreign Secretary's speech on the climate crisis, published on 17 September 2024, if he will make an assessment of the contribution of the Darwin Plus Programme to the UK Overseas Territories. (27085)
- **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his (a)
 Israeli, (b) US and (c) Qatari counterparts on the (i) safety and (ii) potential early release
 of (A) Eli Sharabi and (B) Oded Lifshitz. (27301)
- **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether (a) he and (b) his officials are taking
 diplomatic steps to ensure that (i) Avinatan Or and (ii) the remains of Yossi Sharabi are
 returned by Hamas. (27302)
- 208 Liz Jarvis (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and
 Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help protect children from
 the impact of climate change in conflict-affected states.
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the delivery of aid in (a) Gaza and (b) the West Bank after 30 January 2025. (27202)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to his Israeli counterparts on the detention of Dr Hussam Abu Safiya. (27205)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on UNRWA's operations in (a) Gaza and (b) the West Bank. (27209)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the (a) cost to the public purse and (b) nationality of each recipient of a Commonwealth Scholarship was in the last five years. (27480)

- 213 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish a breakdown of the (a) cost to the public purse and (b) recipients by nationality of the Chevening Scholarship in each of the last five years.
- 214 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 29 January 2025 to Question 25832 on Pakistan: Development Aid and Visas, if he will make it his policy to raise potential punitive measures with his counterparts in Pakistan during future visits. (27500)
- 215N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to introduce a right to

 consular assistance in cases of human rights violations. (27304)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to
 Question 22010 on Sudan: Humanitarian Aid, what estimate he has made of the amount of humanitarian aid being provided by international partners to help those who fled Sudan and are being assisted in the wider region.
- 217 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to
 Question 22629 on Development Aid: Asylum Hotels, what discussions he has had with the
 Secretary of State for the Home Department to agree a timeline for the (a) reduction and
 (b) cessation of the use of asylum hotels.
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025 to
 Question 22001 on Belarus: Sanctions, what the timescale is for completing the crossGovernment review of sanctions enforcement. (27264)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025
 to Question 22001 on Belarus: Sanctions, what the terms of reference are for the cross-Government review of sanctions enforcement.
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025
 to Question 22001 on Belarus: Sanctions, who has been appointed to lead the cross-Government review of sanctions enforcement.
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025 to
 Question 21997 on Syria: Armed Conflict, what steps his Department is taking to help
 ensure that aid will reach women and girls.

- 222N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 13 January 2025
 to Question 22284 on Development Aid: Nutrition, if he will provide a timeline for (a)
 reviewing and (b) finalising his Department's approach to N4G 2025. (27271)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the
 effectiveness of funding provided by his Department to (a) LAFIYA-UK and (b) other health
 programmes in Nigeria. (27273)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the UK-Nigeria strategic partnership on future trends in the level of aid distribution in Nigeria.
- 225N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has plans to publish the outcomes

 of his Department's consultation on it's Africa policy. (27275)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the
 Chancellor of the Exchequer on restructuring the repayment terms for British Council
 loans owed to the Government.
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help the British
 Council become financially self-sufficient. (27278)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the British Council (a) funding model and (b) loan repayment terms on the effectiveness of the British Council at promoting and supporting UK soft power.
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans his Department has to update the
 International Women and Girls Strategy 2023–2030. (27280)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that women's
 (a) economic participation and (b) access to education are effectively integrated in the
 International Women and Girls Strategy 2023–2030.
- 231 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to implement the
 International Women and Girls Strategy 2023–2030. (27282)

- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what funds have been allocated by his Department to support initiatives outlined in the International Women and Girls Strategy 2023–2030. (27283)
- 233N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the
 Chancellor of the Exchequer on initiatives outlined in the International Women and Girls
 Strategy 2023–2030. (27284)
- 234 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many people are awaiting appeal decisions in under the Afghan resettlement scheme. (27183)
- 235 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take diplomatic steps to encourage the
 Japanese government to formally (a) acknowledge and (b) apologise for the sinking of
 the SS Tilawa in 1942. (27363)
- 236 Luke Taylor (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Chinese
 counterpart on the solitary confinement of Jimmy Lai. (27364)
- 237 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many staff in his Department are
 responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests;
 and if he will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work. (27389)
- 238N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he had discussions with (a) the Iraqi
 Prime Minister and (b) his Iraqi counterpart on Elizabeth Tsurkov on 14 January 2025. (27506)
- 239 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many of the asylum seekers due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham, are male.
- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the age range is of the asylum seekers due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham.
- 241 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many single men without dependents are due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham. (27230)
- 242 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many single men without dependents due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham, are between the ages of 18 and 40. (27231)

- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average age is of the asylum seekers due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham.(27232)
- 244 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, from what countries the asylum seekers due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham, come; and how many are from each country. (27233)
- 245 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many of the asylum seekers due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham, are children. (27234)
- 246 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many of the asylum seekers due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham, are children with their mothers. (27235)
- 247 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the decision was made to house asylum seekers at Wates House, Fareham. (27236)
- 248 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many of the asylum seekers due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham, are together as families. (27237)
- 249 Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many of the asylum seekers due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham are women. (27238)
- 250 Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how long asylum seekers will be housed at Wates House, Fareham.
 (27239)
- 251 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost of housing asylum seekers at Wates House, Fareham is.

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- 252 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when asylum seekers to be housed at Wates House, Fareham arrived in the UK; and by what method. (27241)
- 253 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish the (a) risk and (b) impact assessments completed by her Department for the Wates House, Fareham, site. (27242)
- 254 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when asylum seekers will arrive at Wates House, Fareham. (27243)

- 255 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what background checks will have been completed on asylum seekers before they arrive at Wates House, Fareham. (27244)
- 256 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether any of the asylum seekers due to be housed at Wates House, Fareham, have criminal (a) convictions, (b) arrests and (c) cautions. (27245)
- 257 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what security will be in place at Wates House, Fareham. (27246)
- 258 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to allow objections to the decision to house asylum seekers at Wates House, Fareham. (27247)
- 259N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of how many hotels will be required as temporary accommodation for people seeking asylum in Northern Ireland by the end of 2025.
- 260N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the reply by the Minister for Security to the urgent question of 28 January 2025 on the Extremism Review, if she will publish the (a) analysis and (b) capping paper from the Counter-Extremism Sprint reported in the report entitled Extremely confused, published by Policy Exchange on 28 January 2025. (27159)
- 261N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of (a) police officers and (b) public-facing police staff participating in mandatory autism awareness and sensitivity training.

 (27450)
- 262N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish any correspondence between her Department and the (a) Planning Inspectorate and (b) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in relation to the application to build a new Chinese Embassy. (27359)
- 263N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason the letter from her and the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to the Planning Inspector in relation to the planning and listed building consent applications by the Chinese Embassy in the UK for the redevelopment of the Royal Mint Court site in Tower Hamlets is dated 14 January 2024.

 (27379)
- 264 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will reintroduce the Resident Labour Market Test. (27482)

- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the number of people that will become eligible to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain in each of the next ten years. (27486)
- **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 excluding (a) family members and (b) dependents from student visas. (27488)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the potential cost to the public purse was of her Department's equality network in each of the last five years. (27490)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the potential cost to the public purse was of her Department's Islamic network in each of the last five years. (27492)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the number of skilled visa holders who are sponsored by (a) takeaways, (b) restaurants and (c) convenience stores. (27494)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish a breakdown of companies sponsoring skilled visas by Nature of Business (SIC).
- 271N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle illegal drug (a) use and (b) dealing in market towns. (27305)
- 272N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the breakdown by country is of Foreign National Offenders deported between 4 July and 31 December 2024.

 [Transferred] (26921)
- **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made cost benefit analysis of the Health and Care Worker visa. (27431)
- **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her department records the (a) employment and (b) earnings of (i) people who arrived in the UK on a Health and Care Worker visa and (ii) their dependents. (27432)
- **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on subsequent family migration patterns of people with Indefinite Leave to Remain. (27433)
- **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff in her Department are responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests; and if she will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work. (27384)

- **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff are responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests related to police forces in England and Wales; and if she will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work. (27392)
- 278N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to consult with LGBTQI+ sector (a) organisations and (b) individuals on the review of the Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention policy. (27300)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on Semaglutide since 1 January 2024. (27120)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) educational institutions to help ensure the safety of defence industry representatives at university recruitment events.
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential strategic risks to the UK's military base in Brunei of increasing Chinese influence in the region; and what steps his Department is taking to help mitigate potential security challenges arising from this influence.
- 282N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 December 2024 to Question 20228 on Civil Society: Islam, whether his Department has engaged with (a) MEND, (b) CAGE, (c) the Muslim Association of Britain and (d) the Muslim Council of Britain since 5 July 2024. (27161)
- **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department has taken to strengthen the UK's place within the international F-35 Lightning II supply chain programme. (27439)
- **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff in his Department are responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests; and if he will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work. (27390)
- 285N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of (a) increasing the termly rates and (b) expanding the eligibility criteria for the Continuity of Education Allowance. (27293)
- **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of (a) waking watch and (b) other indirect consequences of measures introduced in the Building Safety Act 2024 on costs to residential leaseholders in higher risk buildings. (27086)

- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what purposes HM Land Registry has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27102)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure

 compliance with propriety guidance for the call-in of the proposed new Chinese Embassy.

 (27152)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, if she will commence the street votes programme
 through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023. (27153)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will publish all correspondence, including
 electronic communications, between 10 Downing Street and her Department on the
 planning application for the proposed Chinese Embassy. (27156)
- **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 18960 on Council of the Nations and Regions: National Identity, what definition
 of (a) regions and (b) nations her Department uses within the English Devolution White
 Paper, published on 16 December 2024.
- **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, for what reason planning powers are
 being transferred to a regional level. (27158)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether secondary legislation to implement the
 provisions on local referendums in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 has been
 drafted.

 (27163)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether the establishment of a Mayoral
 Development Corporation requires her consent. (27164)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to
 Question 16948 on Planning Permission, what guidance the National Planning Casework
 Unit provided on the processes and administrative arrangements for the decision on
 whether to call-in the Chinese Embassy planning application in London. (27165)

- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024
 to Question 13624 on Road Signs and Markings and with reference to Section 81 of the
 Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023, what plans she has to bring forward secondary
 legislation to enable local referendums on changes to street names. (27166)
- **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 17563 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, what guidance her Department
 has issued to planning decision-makers on how planning applications which have (a)
 previously been refused and (b) been resubmitted without any substantive changes
 should be considered. (27167)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2024 to
 Question 15985 on Planning Permission: Publicity, if she will make an assessment with
 Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of the income generated by publishing
 statutory notices on the financial viability of independent local newspapers. (27168)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024
 to Question 18374 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Staff,
 how many and what proportion of staff attended each regional office for each week of
 November 2024. (27249)
- **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, HCWS317, on Development and the environment, what assessment
 she has been of the potential impact of nutrient mitigation funding requirements on (a)
 Community Infrastructure Levy and (b) Section 106 affordable housing payments; and
 whether nutrient mitigation funding will be subject to an economic viability test. (27250)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of
 17 December 2024 on Development and the environment, HCWS317, how the new
 Environmental Outcome Reporting regime will differ from the EU legacy (a) Environment
 Impact Assessment and (b) Strategic Environmental Assessment regimes; and whether
 the Environmental Outcome Reporting regime will include carbon reporting. (27251)
- 302N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the letter from the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on the planning and listed building consent applications by the Chinese Embassy in the UK for the redevelopment of the Royal Mint Court site in Tower

- Hamlets, dated 14 January, whether that letter will be admissible to the examination, in the context of being submitted after the deadline of 2 December 2024 for comments by interested parties. (27350)
- 303N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with (a) Ministers

 and (b) hon. Members on the application for a proposed Chinese Embassy. (27351)
- 304 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to implement the recommendations on a Housing Revenue Account agreement outlined in the report commissioned by Southwark council entitled securing the future of council housing, published in July 2024. (27397)
- 305N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress her Department has made on its target to build 1.5 million homes during this Parliament. (27400)
- 306 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to prevent the permanent conversion of public houses to other uses through the High Street Rental Auctions scheme in (a)

 Cornwall and (b) England. (27501)
- 307 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many public houses have been unlawfully (a) converted to another use and (b) demolished in (i) Cornwall and (ii) England since 2017. (27502)
- 308 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing a statutory duty on local planning authorities to remedy breaches of planning law for unlawful (a) demolition of public houses and (b) conversion of public houses to another use.

 (27503)
- 309N**Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, 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.

 [Transferred] (27056)
- 310 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many Section 21 evictions have taken place in each year since 2015. (27257)
- 311 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many single parents that have been evicted through a Section 21 notice in each year since 2015. (27258)

- 312 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many single parents with more than two children have been evicted through a Section 21 notice in each year since 2015. (27259)
- Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what additional funding and resources will be allocated to local authorities to implement the recommendations of the Government's Resilience Review.(27173)
- Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will increase the funding available to local authorities to provide living services for people with learning disabilities. (27132)
- Dave Robertson (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of making water and sewerage undertakers statutory consultees on applications for planning permission. (27292)
- Dave Robertson (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of making integrated care boards statutory consultees on applications for planning permission.

 (27294)
- Dave Robertson (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of regulation of the private car parking sector. (27485)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to (a) help
 prevent land banking by developers and (b) ensure that land earmarked for housing
 development is used to increase the supply of affordable housing. (27472)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to make local
 councils aware of the High Street Rental Auctions scheme. (27474)
- 320 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to incorporate (a) environmental and (b) animal welfare considerations for applications for factory farms. (27412)
- 321N Barry Gardiner (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information her Department holds on the number of tribunal judges who have been promoted to become Circuit Judges by the Judicial Appointments Commission within six months of receiving a formal advice of misconduct from the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office in the last five years.

- 322 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for what purposes His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27101)
- 323 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the cost-effectiveness of her Department's Arm's Length Bodies. (27321)
- 324 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the (a) transparency of private companies that provide public services for her department and (b) protection of their commercially sensitive data.
 (27338)
- Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people with a home address in Wales prior to entering custody were in prison and held the religious identity of (a) all Christian, (b) Anglican, (c) Free Church, (d) Roman Catholic, (e) other Christian, (f) Muslim, (g) Hindu, (h) Sikh, (i) Buddhist, (j) Jewish, (k) other religious group, (l) no religion and (m) non recognised/not recorded in (i) March, (ii) June, (iii) September and (iv) December 2024.
- 326 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people with a home address in Wales prior to entering custody were in prison and identified as (a) White, (b) Mixed Ethic Groups, (c) Asian or Asian British, (d) Black or Black British, (e) Chinese or Other Ethnic Group and (f) Not known/not stated in (i) March, (ii) June, (iii) September and (iv) December 2024.
- 327 Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people in each prison in Wales held the religious identity of (a) all Christian, (b) Anglican, (c) Free Church, (d) Roman Catholic, (e) other Christian, (f) Muslim, (g) Hindu, (h) Sikh, (i) Buddhist, (j) Jewish, (k) other religious group, (l) no religion and (m) non recognised/not recorded in (i) March, (ii) June, (iii) September and (iv) December 2024.
- Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people held in each prison in Wales identified as (a) White, (b) Mixed Ethic Groups, (c) Asian or Asian British, (d) Black or Black British, (e) Chinese or Other Ethnic Group and (f) Not known/not stated in (i) March, (ii) June, (iii) September and (iv) December 2024.
- 329 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people were held in each prison in Wales aged (a) 15-17, (b) 18-20, (c) 21-24, (d) 25-29, (e) 30-39, (f) 40-49, (g) 50-59, (h) 60 and over and (i) Not recorded or not known in (i) March, (ii) June, (iii) September and (iv) December 2024. (27217)

- **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people resident in England prior to entering custody were being held in prison in (a) England and (b) Wales broken down by prison in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (ii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (27218)
- **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people resident in England prior to entering custody were being held in prison in (a) England and (b) Wales broken down by local authority area in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (ii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (27219)
- **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many staff in her Department are responsible for (a) processing and (b) responding to Freedom of Information Act requests; and if she will make an estimate of the annual cost to the public purse of this work.

 (27385)
- 333N **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, when he plans to provide a substantive response to the Freedom of Information Act of 26 September 2024 from the Rt Hon Member for Salisbury, reference RFOI2024/13851. (27148)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a Department for Borders and Deportation. (27483)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he is taking to ensure that Harland & Wolff's Scottish sites can compete for future defence contracts following the Navantia UK buy-out. (27178)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps his Department plans to take to collaborate with Scottish stakeholders to ensure the success of the buy-out of Harland & Wolff by Navantia UK. (27179)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what support his Department is providing to assist Navantia UK in managing the transition process for Harland & Wolff's Scottish sites. (27180)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he is taking to ensure that the job guarantees for workers at Harland & Wolff's Scotlish sites are upheld after the buy-out by Navantia UK. (27181)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he is taking to ensure that the job guarantees for workers at Harland and Wolff's Scotlish sites are upheld after the buy-out by Navantia UK. (27182)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that the Navantia UK buy-out of Harland and Wolff contributes to the development of the (a) renewable energy and (b) defence sectors in Scotland. (27184)

- Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much the Government has contributed financially to the Navantia UK buyout of Harland and Wolff; and what estimate he has made of the potential benefit to the Scottish workforce.
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether the Government has has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Navantia UK buy-out on shipbuilding capacity in Scotland. (27186)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps the Government is taking to ensure the buy-out of Harland and Wolff by Navantia UK aligns with (a) defence and (b) clean energy strategies. (27187)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with Navantia UK on future investment in Harland & Wolff shipyards in Scotland. (27190)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he plans to take to ensure that Harland & Wolff remains a competitive player in the UK shipbuilding industry after the buy-out by Navantia UK. (27191)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he plans to take to support the skills development of workers at Harland & Wolff's Scotlish sites, in the context of the Navantia UK buy-out. (27192)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what role the Government plans to play in supporting the integration of Harland & Wolff's Scottish sites into Navantia UK's broader industrial strategy. (27193)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps his Department plans to take to engage with local communities in Methil and the Western Isles to ensure that the benefits of the Navantia UK buy-out are fully realised.
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps the Government is taking to monitor the effectiveness of the Navantia UK buy-out in safeguarding skilled jobs at Harland & Wolff's Scottish shipyards.

 (27195)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he has taken to ensure that the buy-out of Harland & Wolff by Navantia UK leads to increased opportunities for naval work at the company's Scottish sites.
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much Industrial Strategy funding will be allocated to support the continued development of the Harland & Wolff shipyards in Scotland. (27197)

- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the Navantia UK buy-out on the local economies of Methil and the Western Isles. (27198)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps his Department plans to take to support the long-term sustainability of Harland & Wolff's shipyards in Scotland, in the context of the Navantia UK buy-out. (27199)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help ensure the job security of the 350 workers at Harland & Wolff's sites in (a) Methil and (b) Arnish. (27200)
- **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has plans to change the access to (a) Junior ISAs and (b) Child Trust Funds for parents of SEND young adults. (27357)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what data her Department holds on the number of furnished holiday let properties registered for tax purposes in (a) Scotland and (b) the UK as of January 2025. (27455)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on the total value of tax relief claimed under the furnished holiday let tax regime in (a) Scotland and (b) the UK in the 2023-24 financial year.

 (27456)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what sectoral impact assessments her Department has conducted on changes to Business Property Relief since the Autumn Budget 2024; and whether she has made an estimate of the number of businesses at risk of closure following the introduction of those changes.

 (27470)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish an updated impact assessment of changes to Business Property Relief; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of those changes on family-owned businesses in (a) Scotland and (b) the United Kingdom. (27471)
- **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to ensure that funds potentially owed by Roman Abramovich to HMRC are (a) investigated and (b) reclaimed. (27093)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the finding of the Adam Smith Institute millionaire tracker. (27265)

- Rachel Gilmour (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the impact of the withdrawal of Winter Fuel payments on pensioners who (a) are not in receipt of Pension Credit and (b) have an annual income below £15,000.
- 363 John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the National Farmers Union of Scotland on changes to Business Property Relief in the Autumn Budget 2024 since 30 October 2024. (27248)
- John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much correspondence her Department has received from individuals making representations on proposed changes to (a) Agricultural Property Relief and (b) Business Property Relief for Inheritance Tax since October 2024. (27252)
- John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) letters, (b) emails and (c) other correspondence her
 Department has received supporting proposed changes to (i) Agricultural Property Relief and (ii) Business Property Relief for Inheritance Tax. (27254)
- 366 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of low skilled migrants' entitlement to benefits on the public purse. (27476)
- 367 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what percentage of holders of Skilled Worker visas are net contributors to the Exchequer. (27478)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the transparency of public spending on Arm's Length Bodies.
 (27318)
- 369 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure that Arm's Length Bodies are value for money. (27319)
- 370 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the cost-effectiveness of her Department's Arm's Length Bodies. (27320)
- 371 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle the root causes of dependency on food banks.
 (27330)
- 372N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2025 to Question 25389 on Crown Estate: Wales, if she will list all ministerial level meetings with the Welsh Government where the devolution of the Crown Estate in Wales has been discussed. (27453)

- 373 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to ensure Inheritance Tax is not charged on death in service payments paid to relatives of armed forces personnel. (27134)
- 374 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of regulation of motor insurers in the context of increases in premiums. (27204)
- 375 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the recent increase in motor insurance premiums. (27206)
- 376 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, when she plans to publish the call for evidence on implementing a ban on unpaid internships. (27149)
- Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on

 (a) the review of the Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention policy and (b) detention for vulnerable people.
 (27299)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of ensuring that public-facing (a) leisure and (b) sports staff participate in mandatory autism awareness and sensitivity training.

 (27448)
- 2N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what Freedom of Information disclosures her Department have made on Government Art Collection artwork in 10 Downing Street in the last five years. (27226)
- 3N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the cost of home schooling a child for (a) parents and (b) local education authorities in this financial year. (27420)
- 4N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the potential cost to local authorities of the provisions of the Children's Wellbeing and School Bill. (27421)
- 5N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to reduce bullying in schools. (27424)

- 6N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of (a) teachers and (b) other teaching staff participating in mandatory autism awareness and sensitivity training. (27447)
- 7N Ian Sollom (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department will continue funding the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund after March 2025. (27495)
- 8N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) schools and (b) educators are adequately (i) informed and (ii) prepared for national curriculum reform. (27443)
- 9N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of cancelling the computing hubs programme on the uptake of computer science level (a) two and (b) three qualifications by (i) female and (ii) male students.
- 10N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to language hubs on the (a) uptake of languages and (b) diversity of opportunities available to students at GCSE level. (27155)
- 11N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of cancelling the computing hubs programme on the number and proportion of pupils who are likely to receive grade A or above in A-level computing in each of the next 5 years. (27201)
- 12N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she will publish the impact assessments for the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. (27203)
- 13N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many pupils have made use of the National Centre for Computing Education's Computing Hubs since their introduction in 2018. (27222)
- 14N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have had discussions with (i) Dale Vince and (ii) representatives of Ecotricity since 5 July 2024. (27489)
- 15N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Heckington Fen Solar Park on future trends in the level of energy bills for (a) domestic and (b) commercial consumers in Lincolnshire.
- 16N Mark Garnier (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the guidance entitled Pensions dashboards: guidance on connection: the staged timetable, published 25 March 2024, if she will set out a revised timeline for making the connection of occupational pension schemes to the Pensions Dashboard Scheme available to the public.

- 17N **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of (a) 18 November 2024 and (b) 16 January 2025 from the hon. Member for Didcot and Wantage on a request for a meeting on AEAT pensions.
- 18N Sojan Joseph (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the criteria for the eligibility of the Winter Fuel allowance to include pensioners who have received a terminal diagnosis.
 (27328)
- 19N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many employees of NHS East of England are in salary bands above (a) £250,000, (b) £200,000, (c) £150,000 and (d) £100,000. (27114)
- 20N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) communications and (b) media staff are employed by NHS East of England. (27115)
- 21N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when NHS East of England plans to publish an annual report for 2024-25. (27116)
- 22N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the operating deficit for the Mid and South Essex Hospitals NHS Trust for financial years (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26. (27117)
- 23N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any senior directors of NHS England were paid performance bonuses in financial years (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25. (27118)
- 24N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that amateur athletes have access to an effective screening programme for cardiac conditions. (27437)
- 25N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether it is his policy to oppose efforts to
 move Palestinians in Gaza to neighbouring Arab states. (27497)
- 26N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will condemn President Trump's statement
 on moving Palestinians in Gaza to neighbouring Arab states. (27498)
- 27N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his US
 counterpart on (a) compliance with international humanitarian law and (b) Palestinians'
 rights to self-determination. (27499)

- 28N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that the
 provisions of the Renter's Rights Bill do not negatively impact students from (a) Northern
 Ireland and (b) other devolved nations renting accommodation in England. (27473)
- 29N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many promotions of judges from the first tier tribunal have been made within six months of receiving formal advise for misconduct from the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office in the last five years.

 (27087)
- 30N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her polices of the principles set out in the Porter v. Magill 2001 House of Lords ruling in last six moths, in the context of advising on promotions from the first tier tribunal. (27088)
- 31N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her 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.

 [Transferred] (26929)
- 32N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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.

 [Transferred] (26931)
- 33N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has plans to align the British Business Bank under the National Wealth Fund.

 (27493)
- 34N Mark Garnier (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Bank of England on encouraging economic growth in relation to its consultation entitled Amendments to the Bank of England's approach to setting a minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities, published on 15 October 2024.

 (27150)
- 35N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the expected timeframe is for the publication of the final report by the Digitisation Taskforce. (27151)
- 36N Mark Garnier (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the press notice entitled Pension reforms to go further to unlock billions to drive growth and boost working peoples' pension pots, published on 28 January 2025, what estimate she has made of the potential value of additional business investment as a result of reforms to the occupational defined benefit pension funds over the next five years. (27170)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): What recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of fuel poverty. (902531)
- **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): What steps he is taking to support workers' rights in the renewable energy sector. (902532)
- David Williams (Stoke-on-Trent North): What discussions he has had with energy suppliers on support for consumers during winter 2024-25. (902533)
- **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on opportunities for industry under the National Wealth Fund. (902534)
- **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): What progress he has made on achieving clean power by 2030. (902535)
- **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): What steps he is taking to support off-grid communities with energy prices. (902536)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): What steps he is taking to introduce the Warm Homes Plan. (902537)
- **Andrew George** (St Ives): What assessment he has made of the effectiveness of Government-funded home insulation schemes. (902538)
- **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): What discussions he has had with energy suppliers on support for consumers during winter 2024-25. (902539)
- **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): What steps he is taking to introduce the Warm Homes Plan. (902540)
- **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South and South Bedfordshire): What discussions he has had with energy suppliers on support for consumers during winter 2024-25. (902541)
- **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): What discussions he has had with energy suppliers on support for consumers during winter 2024-25. (902542)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): What assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of recent trends in levels of standing charges for electricity bills. (902543)
- **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of energy based development proposals in Mid Buckinghamshire constituency.(902544)
- Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What steps he is taking to support off-grid communities with energy prices. (902545)
- **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): What steps he is taking to introduce the Warm Homes Plan. (902546)
- **Mr Bayo Alaba** (Southend East and Rochford): Whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a Great British Energy office in every region. (902547)

- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): What steps his Department is taking to tackle fuel poverty in winter 2024-25. (902548)
- 19 Harpreet Uppal (Huddersfield): What progress he has made towards achieving the UK's 2035 Nationally Determined Contribution emissions reduction target under the Paris Agreement. (902549)
- 20 **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): What steps he is taking to support climate technology startups. (902550)
- 21 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): What steps he is taking to support the growth of community energy projects. (902551)
- 22 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help prepare local authorities to deliver the Local Power Plan. (902552)
- Peter Fortune (Bromley and Biggin Hill): What steps his Department is taking to help reduce carbon emissions in industry. (902553)
- 24 Josh Babarinde (Eastbourne): If he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of supporting sports and leisure facilities with energy costs. (902554)
- 25 **Sally Jameson** (Doncaster Central): What steps he is taking to support the growth of community energy projects. (902555)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

T1	John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): If he will make a statement on his	
	departmental responsibilities.	(902556)
T2	Oliver Ryan (Burnley):	(902557)
T3	Dr Marie Tidball (Penistone and Stocksbridge):	(902558)
T4	Ruth Jones (Newport West and Islwyn):	(902559)
T5	Bradley Thomas (Bromsgrove):	(902560)
T6	David Mundell (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale):	(902561)
T7	Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale):	(902562)
T8	Peter Prinsley (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket):	(902563)
Т9	Vikki Slade (Mid Dorset and North Poole):	(902564)
T10	Mr Alistair Carmichael (Orkney and Shetland):	(902565)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make it her policy to ensure the continuation of the Lionesses Future Fund. (27285)
- 2N **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it is his policy to continue the Green Industries Growth Accelerator; and how much has been spent on the scheme. (27127)
- 3N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the average cost to the public purse was of vets fees for testing cattle herds for bovine tuberculosis in 2023 and 2024. (27415)
- 4N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of prescription charges on the uptake of prescribed medication for people who have undergone a kidney transplant. (27427)
- 5N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of access to digital gates at Border Control for British National (Overseas) passport holders; and what steps she is taking to ensure equitable treatment for those passport holders. (27221)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 6 February

Questions for Written Answer

- In Sollom (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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.

 [Transferred] (26979)
- 2N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the (a) British Transport Police and (b) National Police Chiefs Council on levels of violence against women and girls on trains. (27128)
- 3N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of (a) arrests and (b) prosecutions in relation to cases of violence against women and girls on trains in the last five years.

4N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish a passenger focused plan on train travel post rail-reform which includes recommendations on ensuring the safety of women and girls on trains. (27130)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 11 February

Questions for Written Answer

- Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown (North Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many hereditaments used for retail in England had a rateable value of £500,000 or above on 29 January 2025. (27096)
- 2N **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many hereditaments used for hospitality in England had a rateable value of £500,000 or above on 29 January 2025. (27097)
- 3N **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many hereditaments used for leisure in England had a rateable value of £500,000 or above on 29 January 2025. (27098)
- 4N **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many hereditaments in England that are not used for retail, hospitality or leisure had a rateable value of £500,000 or above on 29 January 2025. (27099)
- 5N **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many hereditaments used for (a) distribution and (b) warehousing in England had a rateable value of £500,000 or above on 29 January 2025. (27100)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 February

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding the criteria for removing varicose veins to include the level of pain experienced. (27410)