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## Questions tabled on Thursday 30 January 2025

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### Questions for Answer on Monday 3 February

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Solicitor General, what steps she is taking to help ensure the effective prosecution of rural crime. (27732)
- 2 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Solicitor General, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Justice on backlogs of court cases. (27733)
- 3 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Solicitor General, what steps she is taking to help ensure the effective prosecution of people who commit hate crime. (27734)
- 4 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Solicitor General, how much (a) her Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27770)
- 5 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Solicitor General, what estimate she has made of the cost to her Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27792)
- 6N **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (27148)
- 7 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) away days and (b) leadership conferences for senior civil servants his Department organised between 4 July 2022 and 4 July 2024; and what the cost of these were. (27817)

- 8 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to respond to Question 23666 on Cabinet Office: Media, tabled on 13 January 2025. (27818)
- 9 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse for supporting the a:gender network in each of the last five years. (27716)
- 10 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the cost to his Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27793)
- 11 **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislation to end male primogeniture for baronetage. (27780)
- 12 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of joining the Pan-Euro-Mediterranean Convention. (27545)
- 13 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what changes have been made to the guidance entitled Additional information on Exemptions, Thresholds, Expectations and Compliance, and Breaches of Spend Controls, updated on 20 January 2025. (27547)
- 14 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to increase statutory parental leave. [Transferred] (27356)
- 15 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much (a) his Department and (b) each of its arm's length bodies has paid to external public relations firms since 5 July 2024; and to list those firms. (27762)
- 16 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps the Government is taking to address additional (a) costs and (b) administration faced by small businesses in Northern Ireland as a result of the Irish Sea border; and whether he plans to support local businesses to access supplies from the rest of the UK. (27778)
- 17 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to publish the call for evidence on implementing a ban on unpaid internships. [Transferred] (27149)
- 18 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support the legal services sector. (27514)
- 19 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support legal services and skills. (27515)

- 20 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will bring forward secondary legislation under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 to prevent the importation of goods from illegal Israeli settlements. (27730)
- 21 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies on trade with illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory of the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion entitled Legal Consequences Arising From The Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Including East Jerusalem, published on 19 July 2024. (27731)
- 22 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate he has made of the cost to his Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27794)
- 23 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support retailers to improve security measures in their stores to prevent crime. (27777)
- 24 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support retailers to improve security measures in their stores to prevent crime. (27779)
- 25 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much (a) her Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27766)
- 26 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate she has made of the cost to her Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27795)
- 27 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will have discussions with the BBC on (a) the introduction of advertising, (b) the creation of a specific tax for streaming services, (c) making BBC Radio listeners pay for the service and (d) other options for future funding. (27784)
- 28 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will have discussions with the Games Rating Authority on the classification of video games; and if she will take steps to reduce the sexualisation of children in video games. [Transferred] (27136)
- 29 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will provide additional funding beyond the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme to support the maintenance of historic places of worship in (a) Leicester East constituency and (b) England. (27588)

- 30 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22681 on Broadcasting, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact on the protection of children online of including podcasts in the broadcasting code. (27623)
- 31 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support freedom of speech in (a) schools and (b) universities. (27677)
- 32 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to increase the number of high skilled apprenticeships. (27678)
- 33 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase opportunities for STEM apprentices. (27679)
- 34 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help increase the number of construction apprenticeships in (a) Slough and (b) the South East. (27693)
- 35 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce inequalities in SEND funding between local authorities. (27745)
- 36 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a study of the impact of the dependency of universities on international students on the level of fees paid by such students. (27714)
- 37 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the cost to her Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27796)
- 38 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the rate of absenteeism in primary schools in Knowsley constituency. (27643)
- 39 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce rates of secondary school absenteeism in Knowsley constituency. (27644)
- 40 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the proportion of pupils meeting the expected standard in the year one phonics screening check in Knowsley constituency. (27645)
- 41 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle (a) child poverty, (b) access to mental health services and (c) the provision of adequate support for vulnerable children. (27589)

- 42 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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. [Transferred] (27296)
- 43 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether any (a) devolved and (b) delegated responsibility agreements with devolved authorities prohibit them from setting up individual learning accounts within the Adults Skills Fund. (27625)
- 44 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure that Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage is deployed in Scotland. (27521)
- 45 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure that Aberdeen's skilled North Sea oil and gas workforce is supported to transition into jobs in (a) carbon capture and storage and (b) hydrogen in the Scottish Cluster. (27522)
- 46 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when Scottish industries will be able to decarbonise operations using the Scottish Cluster. (27523)
- 47 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help prevent North Sea oil and gas workers leaving the UK. (27524)
- 48 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to ensure that the (a) Jackdaw and (b) Rosebank oil and gas projects can proceed. (27611)
- 49 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with (a) Equinor, (b) Shell, and (c) Ithaca Energy on the regulatory process for reassessing the environmental impact of the (i) Rosebank and (ii) Jackdaw fields. (27612)
- 50 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to accelerate the environmental reassessment process required for the (a) Rosebank and (b) Jackdaw oil and gas fields. (27613)
- 51 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential economic implications of delay to the (a) Jackdaw and (b) Rosebank oil and gas projects. (27614)
- 52 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to issue a decision on the new environmental approvals required for the (a) Rosebank and (b) Jackdaw oil and gas fields. (27615)

- 53 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the impact of potential delays to the (a) Rosebank and (b) Jackdaw oil and gas projects on the UK's (i) future energy needs and (ii) ability to regulate energy market pricing. (27616)
- 54 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the judgement in the petitions of Greenpeace Ltd and Uplift [2025] CSOH 10, what discussions he has had with the North Sea Transition Authority to ensure that regulatory requirements following that judgement minimise barriers to investment in UK oil and gas production. (27617)
- 55 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential long-term impact of repeated legal challenges to approved oil and gas sector projects on that sector; and what steps he is taking to help provide greater regulatory certainty for investors. (27618)
- 56 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to ensure that the revised environmental assessments for the (a) Rosebank and (b) Jackdaw fields reflect the potential emissions reductions achieved by domestic oil and gas production compared to higher-emission imports. (27619)
- 57 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans his Department has to support the installation of rooftop solar panels. (27627)
- 58 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much (a) his Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27759)
- 59 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when she will publish the Warm Homes Plan. (27630)
- 60 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his timeline is for implementing the decent homes standard. (27631)
- 61 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy that Carbon Capture and Storage plans are assessed under principle H of schedule B of the Subsidy Control Act 2022. (27752)
- 62 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the expansion of Heathrow Airport on levels of air pollution in Surrey Heath constituency. (27823)



- 63 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans his Department has to support the insulation of homes in (a) Leicester East constituency and (b) other areas in England with high levels of fuel poverty. (27590)
- 64 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to help consumers with the cost of water bills. (27674)
- 65 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reinvesting fines collected from water companies in reducing water bills. (27675)
- 66 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to require the inclusion of information on animal welfare standards on food labels. (27705)
- 67 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help farmers prevent the spread of foot and mouth disease. (27736)
- 68 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve water quality in rivers. (27737)
- 69 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support flood preparedness projects. (27738)
- 70 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support farmers impacted by flooding. (27739)
- 71 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much (a) his Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27765)
- 72 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to protect blue carbon habitats from human activities. (27720)
- 73N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the objectives set out in the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs' 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. [Transferred] (27085)

- 74 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the cost to his Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27797)
- 75 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much his Department spent on consultancy work undertaken by McKinsey and Company as part of its Arm's Length Body Transformation Programme; and if he will publish the (a) reports and (b) recommendations made by McKinsey and Company on that work. (27787)
- 76 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of making it mandatory for insurers participating in the Flood Re scheme to provide insurance to properties at risk of flooding. (27724)
- 77 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much (a) his Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27763)
- 78 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make it his policy that a copyright exception for text and data mining will not be brought into law until a rights reservation mechanism has been proven to work to the satisfaction of copyright holders. (27700)
- 79 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what was the total allocation of funding from the Life Science Innovative Manufacturing Fund to projects aimed at improving the (a) supply and (b) distribution of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy since 2 March 2022. (27816)
- 80 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the cost to his Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27798)
- 81 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that (a) community information websites, (b) hobbyist forums and (c) other small (i) websites and (ii) discussion forums are not disproportionately affected by the regulatory requirements of the Online Safety Act 2023. (27742)
- 82 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will meet with Dr Susan Michaelis to discuss funding of research into invasive lobular breast cancer. (27790)



- 83 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the potential cost to the public purse of Government investment into Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency research in financial year 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (27663)
- 84 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the potential cost to the public purse of Government investment into Wilson's disease research in financial year 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (27664)
- 85 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the potential cost to the public purse of Government investment into Gilbert syndrome research in financial year 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (27665)
- 86 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the potential cost to the public purse of Government investment into intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy research in financial year 2023-24; and which public bodies provided that investment. (27666)
- 87 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Advanced Research and Invention Agency on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27668)
- 88 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Arts and Humanities Research Council on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27671)
- 89 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Economic and Social Research Council on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27673)
- 90 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27676)
- 91 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27680)

- 92 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Medical Research Council on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27681)
- 93 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Natural Environment Research Council on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27682)
- 94 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Geospatial Commission on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27683)
- 95 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with the Science and Technology Facilities Council on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27684)
- 96 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with Innovate UK on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27685)
- 97 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with Research England on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27686)
- 98 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with UK Research and Innovation on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024. (27687)
- 99 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with universities on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024; and with which universities he has had such discussions. (27688)
- 100 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with businesses on (a) their sustainability plans and (b) assessments of the sustainability of projects they (i) fund and (ii) otherwise sponsor since July 2024; and with which businesses he has had such discussions. (27690)

- 101 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the delivery of the Midlands Rail Hub on economic growth. (27640)
- 102 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the (a) frequency and (b) capacity of services between Birmingham and (i) Nottingham and (ii) Leicester. (27641)
- 103 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Chiltern Railways on increasing its capacity. (27642)
- 104 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions her Department has had with officials within the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on further housing development near Castleton Rail Station in Heywood and Middleton North constituency to support (a) local and (b) regional economic growth. (27597)
- 105 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much (a) her Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27764)
- 106 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the cost to her Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27799)
- 107 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has conducted a study of the (a) financial and (b) operational impact of rail nationalisation in Scotland. (27582)
- 108 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to prevent cost overruns during the transition to Great British Railways. (27583)
- 109 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of (a) trends in the level of congestion on the Witney-Oxfordshire section of the A40 and (b) the potential impact of increased housebuilding in West Oxfordshire on congestion on that road. (27751)
- 110 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of a third runway at Heathrow on the environment. [Transferred] (27346)
- 111 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of a third runway at Heathrow on carbon emissions. [Transferred] (27347)

- 112 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to mitigate carbon dioxide emissions from aviation. [Transferred] (27348)
- 113 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to take into account the potential impact on access to health services in (a) Exeter, (b) Torbay, (c) Newton Abbot, (d) Dawlish and (e) Teignmouth when making decisions on (i) transport and (ii) connectivity. (27626)
- 114 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to take into account the potential impact on access to health services in (a) Exeter, (b) Torbay, (c) Newton Abbot, (d) Dawlish and (e) Teignmouth when making decisions on phase 5 of the South West Rail Resilience programme. (27628)
- 115 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the recommendations of the report entitled Nothing has changed, published by Citizens Advice Eastbourne in January 2025. (27606)
- 116 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help reduce the number of deaths associated with asbestos-related diseases. [Transferred] (27327)
- 117 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much (a) her Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27761)
- 118 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment they have made of the potential impact of welfare reforms on people living with (a) bipolar and (b) other serious mental illnesses. (27552)
- 119 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of welfare support for people with bipolar. (27553)
- 120 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Government is taking to ensure people with bipolar receive the support they need to (a) access and (b) stay in work. (27554)
- 121 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of Work Capability Assessments were carried out (a) face-to-face, (b) remotely and (c) on paper in each month since March 2020. (27607)
- 122 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (27303)

- 123 **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 migrants' entitlement to benefits on the public purse. [Transferred] (27476)
- 124 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the cost to her Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27800)
- 125 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle the root causes of dependency on food banks. [Transferred] (27330)
- 126 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans she has to help raise awareness of the risks of under-saving in pensions for retirement. (27727)
- 127 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help ensure that workers contribute sufficiently into their pensions to achieve an adequate standard of living in retirement. (27728)
- 128 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of PenSim3 for supporting public (a) awareness and (b) understanding of pensions. (27729)
- 129 **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 instructing the emergency services to contact responders to traumatic emergency incidents within 24 hours to see if they require mental health support. (27660)
- 130 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care during the debate on New Hospitals of 25 May 2023, Official Report, column 477, whether a further assessment (a) of the end date of safe operation of the seven most RAAC-affected hospitals been conducted and (b) will be required before construction of new hospitals can begin. (27517)
- 131 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of the legal right to a care supporter in a health and social care setting. (27629)
- 132 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of a public inquiry into the safety of PIP breast implants. (27591)
- 133 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle inequalities in NHS (a) care and (b) funding for patients living near county borders. (27749)

- 134 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much (a) his Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27757)
- 135 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to expand Start for Life services to include Carshalton and Wallington constituency. (27689)
- 136 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the capacity of health care services in the England and Wales to provide take home Naloxone kits to people at risk of opioid overdose. (27691)
- 137 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a programme of naloxone provision in the NHS. (27697)
- 138 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the consultation outcome entitled Expanding access to naloxone, published on 24 January 2024, whether he plans to increase the number of organisations able to distribute Naloxone. (27699)
- 139 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in the devolved Administrations on the impact of government-funded Naloxone programmes. (27701)
- 140 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve training for healthcare professionals to better (a) recognise and (b) diagnose bipolar. (27555)
- 141 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on improving co-ordination between healthcare services and the welfare system to support people with bipolar. (27556)
- 142 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve early diagnosis of bipolar. (27557)
- 143 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to introduce specialist bipolar pathways in NHS mental health services. (27558)
- 144 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for providing national coverage for fracture liaison services. (27646)



- 145 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether NHS England is providing training to help GPs to diagnose brain tumours at an early stage. [R] (27785)
- 146 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) research into drug delivery mechanisms in the brain and (b) blood-brain barrier research. [R] (27786)
- 147 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 6 January 2025 to Question 20760 on Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy, whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on increasing access to the raw ingredients required for the production of pancreatic enzymic replacement therapy. (27813)
- 148 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 6 January 2025 to Question 20760 on Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy, whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on increasing the UK's manufacturing capacity of pancreatic enzymic replacement therapies. (27814)
- 149 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many posts there are in the NHS Muslim Network; what the job titles are of those posts; and what their cost to the public purse was in the last financial year. (27719)
- 150 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the cost to his Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27801)
- 151 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients were (a) held informally under the Mental Health Act 1983 and (b) otherwise detained in assessment and treatment units in December (i) 2024, (ii) 2023, (iii) 2022 and (iv) 2021. (27648)
- 152 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that people over 65 can access free health checks every five years. (27819)
- 153 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for adult ADHD assessments in rural areas. (27821)
- 154 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate his Department has made of the average waiting time for an ADHD assessment. (27822)

- 155 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of support for people with ADHD outside the school environment. (27824)
- 156 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) levels of diagnosis and (b) difficulties of diagnosing ADHD in girls. (27825)
- 157 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to help (a) older and (b) digitally illiterate demographics in using online NHS booking services for GP appointments in Surrey Heath constituency. (27788)
- 158 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support hospitals affected by RAAC in the South East. (27808)
- 159 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reducing the level of car parking charges for staff in NHS hospitals in Surrey Heath constituency. (27811)
- 160 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that hospitals can (a) recruit and (b) retain midwives in Surrey Heath constituency. (27812)
- 161 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2025 to question 24346 on NHS: Standards, how many additional Value Weighted Activity appointments have been delivered since 5 July 2024. (27748)
- 162 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take into account the potential impact on (a) health, (b) hospitals and (c) health services when making decisions on (i) transport and (ii) connectivity. (27624)
- 163 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the human rights situation in Syria. (27696)
- 164 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Cypriot counterpart on the use of Cyprus-based financial structures by UK (a) businesses and (b) individuals to evade VAT. (27633)
- 165 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many British UNRWA workers were expelled as a result of the Israeli legislation enforced on 30 January 2025. (27520)

- 166 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much (a) his Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27754)
- 167 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the cost to his Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27802)
- 168 **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 his policies on climate change on the International Women and Girls Strategy 2023 to 2030. (27526)
- 169 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle gender-based violence through the International Women and Girls Strategy 2023 to 2030. (27527)
- 170 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he plans to take to deliver humanitarian aid to support the Syrian people. (27528)
- 171 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the Government's policy is on the repatriation of British citizens who travelled to Islamic State-led territories to support that group. (27530)
- 172 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Locarno speech, delivered on 9 January 2025, what steps his Department is taking to strengthen defence collaboration with NATO allies. (27531)
- 173 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the annual budget of the Soft Power Council is. (27532)
- 174 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the planned frequency of meetings of the Soft Power Council is. (27533)
- 175 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with (a) ASEAN, (b) Five Eyes and (c) Japanese partners on (i) improving humanitarian aid access into Myanmar and (ii) best practice for ensuring aid reaches civilians most in need. (27535)

- 176 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment has he made of the potential implications for his policies of the treatment of Christian refugees from Myanmar in India. (27536)
- 177 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the effectiveness of UK aid distribution at reaching civilians in Syria. (27537)
- 178 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the number of Syrian refugees (a) in the UK and (b) globally who are returning to Syria. (27538)
- 179 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Education on building UK research capacity in neglected tropical diseases. (27539)
- 180 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to use UK research capacity in neglected tropical diseases to support his policy objectives in this area. (27540)
- 181 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of disruptions to energy supply in (a) Transnistria and (b) Moldova. (27543)
- 182 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were (a) arrested and (b) charged for shoplifting offences in 2024. (27670)
- 183 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the length of prison sentences for violent shoplifting offences. (27672)
- 184 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if will make an assessment of the potential merits of a national firearms application process. (27735)
- 185 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle retail crime. (27743)
- 186 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the impact of her Department's policies on the number of convictions for (a) people smuggling and (b) related crimes since July 2024. (27592)

- 187 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Transport on steps to tackle violence against women and girls on public transport in Greater Manchester. (27598)
- 188 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much (a) her Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27753)
- 189 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of fire regulations on Lithium Ion battery storage in the (a) commercial and (b) domestic sector. (27659)
- 190 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to monitor the implementation of the right person right care policy by Devon and Cornwall constabulary. (27661)
- 191 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to (a) fast track protections for people who experience doxing and (b) help ensure social media platforms (i) act swiftly to remove doxing content and (ii) sanction those who commit such offences. (27760)
- 192 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will hold discussions with the Metropolitan Police on (a) the potential impact of its gang violence matrix on ethnic minority groups and (b) the steps it is taking to ensure that its policing practices are not discriminatory. (27575)
- 193 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if the Government will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a Department for Borders and Deportation. [Transferred] (27483)
- 194 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the cost to her Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27804)
- 195 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to reduce retail crime. (27772)
- 196 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to help reduce financial loss to retailers caused by customer theft. (27773)
- 197 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to improve the safety of retail workers from (a) violence and (b) abuse. (27774)

- 198 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of levels of (a) violence and (b) abuse faced by retail workers. (27775)
- 199 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of reported retail crime cases resulted in prosecution in each of the last three years. (27776)
- 200 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to (a) tackle and (b) improve reporting rates of disability hate crime. (27820)
- 201 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with Police and Crime Commissioners in (a) Leicestershire and (b) England on the potential impact of changes to the cost of firearms licenses on the police. (27584)
- 202 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the Minister for Women and Equalities on (a) the review of the Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention policy and (b) detention for vulnerable people. [Transferred] (27299)
- 203 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much (a) his Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27755)
- 204 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential long-term impact of increasing UK defence spending on (a) economic growth, (b) innovation and (c) job creation in the defence sector. (27782)
- 205 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost to his Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27805)
- 206 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of asking Avon Protection to produce a further 200,000 gas masks for soldiers in Ukraine. [R] (27747)
- 207 **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what information his Department holds on the suicide rate amongst armed forces veterans in England and Wales for (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023 and (f) 2024. (27649)
- 208 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the number of Russian shadow fleet vessels that have entered UK waters in the last 12 months. (27704)



- 209 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with Ashfield District Council about phase 1 of the local government re-organisation. (27667)
- 210 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to publish a timetable for local government re-organisation. (27669)
- 211 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress she has made with the implementation of the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023. (27602)
- 212 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with officials in the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on house building around Castleton station to support (a) local and (b) regional economic growth. (27593)
- 213 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much (a) her Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27771)
- 214 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has been of the adequacy of the quality of temporary accommodation provided in (a) Slough and (b) the South East. (27694)
- 215 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the planning system in supporting the rollout of electric vehicle charging points. (27600)
- 216 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the effectiveness of (a) compliance by contractors with and (b) enforcement measures by the new Building Safety Regulator with the Building Safety Act 2022; and if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of compliance by (i) clients and (ii) contractors with the provisions of that Act. (27708)
- 217 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department issues guidance on the frequency of household rubbish and recycling collections. (27559)
- 218 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether any private sector companies contracted to her Department will receive increased payments for the increase in employer National Insurance contributions. (27560)

- 219 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17827 on Private Education: Business Rates, whether the draft Local Government Finance Settlement for 2025-26 incorporates the expected funding from business rates on independent schools. (27561)
- 220 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for the commencement of the Parking (Code of Practice) Act 2019. (27563)
- 221 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17554 on Local Government: Working Hours, for what reason her Department did not reissue the Best Value Notice previously reissued to South Cambridgeshire District Council on 8 May 2024. (27564)
- 222 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what representations she has received from the National Association of Local Councils on the potential effect of higher National Insurance contributions on (a) town and (b) parish councils. (27565)
- 223 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which provisions of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 have not been implemented. (27566)
- 224 **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 16546 on Housing: Construction, what assessment she has made of the potential effect on affordable housing provision of reduced demand for registered providers in acquiring homes built by private sector developers as a Section 106 requirement; and what assessment she has made of the potential merits of greater flexibility on affordable tenure types to help increase take-up. (27567)
- 225 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2024 to Question 14182 on Public Sector: Finance, whether local authorities will be able to bid to receive funds from the Public Sector Reform and Innovation Fund. (27568)
- 226 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to bring forward legislative proposals on nutrient neutrality reform. (27569)
- 227 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 20555 on Elections: Kent, how many local authority areas will participate in the Devolution Priority Programme. (27570)

- 228 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2024 to Question 17826 on Local Government: Disadvantaged, which data metrics were used to compile the 2019 Index of Deprivation; and from which year each metric was derived from. (27571)
- 229 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the number of households placed in temporary accommodation. (27550)
- 230 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the cost to her Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27806)
- 231 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support community-led developments; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the funding available for such schemes. (27789)
- 232 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to (a) support minority-owned construction firms and builders gain equitable access to housing sector (i) opportunities, (ii) funding and (iii) contracts and (b) promote diversity in the industry in (a) Leicester East constituency and (b) England. (27587)
- 233 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the average time was for the Building Safety Regulator to make a decision in the last 12 months. (27721)
- 234 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to increase the number of claims processed by the Building Safety Regulator. (27722)
- 235 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of cases are waiting to be assessed by the Building Safety Regulator. (27723)
- 236 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps the Government is taking to include youth homelessness in the cross-government homelessness strategy. (27740)
- 237 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to consult young people on the homelessness strategy. (27741)

- 238 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions has she had with Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyor on extending the Home Survey Standard to include (a) soil, (b) lead light windows, (c) decorative lead flashing and (d) lead contaminated dust in roof spaces. (27519)
- 239 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of giving landlords the power to offer students fixed term house in multiple occupation tenancies for the academic year. (27750)
- 240 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the timescales Parish Councils have to increase allotment spaces. (27702)
- 241 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of reforming the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1926. (27703)
- 242 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to expedite the judicial process for those charged with domestic abuse offences. (27599)
- 243 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent steps her Department has taken to help reduce reoffending in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and (b) Staffordshire. (27791)
- 244 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidance her Department issues to local authorities on the Aarhus Convention. (27603)
- 245 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of the cost to her Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27807)
- 246 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that the bodies of deceased people from minority religious communities whose faith practices require burial within a specific timeframe are released promptly to their families. (27585)
- 247 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure bodies of deceased individuals are released promptly to families from minority religious communities. (27586)
- 248 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how much (a) his Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27767)

- 249 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the time taken to consider the (a) Rosebank and (b) Jackdaw oil and gas fields on energy sector jobs in (a) Scotland, (b) Aberdeen and (c) Shetland. (27620)
- 250 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps his Department is taking to help support Scotland's oil and gas industry, in the context of the Court of Session judgement of 30 January 2025 in relation to the Rosebank and Jackdaw oil and gas fields. (27621)
- 251 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much (a) his Department and (b) its Arm's Length Body has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27768)
- 252 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the new lower employers' National Insurance threshold applies to retained fire crews. (27518)
- 253 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue HMRC estimates has been lost due to tax evasion facilitated through overseas territories in the last five years. (27634)
- 254 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority will retain independent commissioners. (27601)
- 255 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much (a) her Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27756)
- 256 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (27459)
- 257 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (27460)
- 258 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (27461)
- 259 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the Furnished Holiday Let tax regime on rural tourism businesses. [Transferred] (27462)

- 260 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she plans to remove minimum wage age bands. (27609)
- 261 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help ensure access to banking services in the North Down constituency; and if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the planned closure of the Halifax branch in Bangor, North Down. (27726)
- 262 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she will confirm funding for the Great British Insulation Scheme for 2025/26. (27632)
- 263 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing compensation for small shareholders for the loss of shares in Northern Rock Plc. (27647)
- 264 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of giving a VAT exemption on admissions fees for children under 12 for the indoor play sector. (27604)
- 265 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has plans to consult the indoor play sector before future business rates reform. (27605)
- 266 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the cost to her Department of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions for financial year 2025-26. (27803)
- 267 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans she has to support low-income households with water bills. (27809)
- 268 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of changes in the level of annual water bills for households in England and Wales. (27810)
- 269 **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment on the potential merits of extending eligibility for the zero-rate VAT for charities to include flood defence equipment. (27815)
- 270 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department plans to take to support family owned small and medium sized enterprises with changes in the level of (a) the National Living Wage and (b) Business Property Relief. (27610)
- 271 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how much her Department has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27769)



- 272 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, how much (a) her Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (27758)
- 273 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure the National Careers Service is fully inclusive for disabled people. (27746)

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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) officials and (b) advisers are employed by (i) his Department and (ii) Number 10 Downing Street. (27507)
- 2 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on regulatory alignment with the European Union's Artificial Intelligence Act (Regulation (EU) 2024/1689). (27544)
- 3N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will ensure that public appointments of Departmental non-executive directors publish declarations of interest. (27548)
- 4 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with gambling (a) companies and (b) operators on (i) advertising to (A) children and (B) other vulnerable people and (ii) their compliance with advertising codes of conduct. (27508)
- 5N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a national plan for religious education. (27650)
- 6 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of floating solar panels on reservoirs. (27709)
- 7N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many full-time equivalent civil servants are currently working on Phase 5 of the South West Rail Resilience programme. (27657)
- 8N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Highways Agency on increasing the height of the railings on the A28 overbridge over the M20 between junctions 9 and 10. (27725)

- 9N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her Department's target response time is for correspondence from Rt hon. and hon. Members. (27608)
- 10 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraph 28 of Schedule 7 of the Pensions Act 2004, if she will make an estimate of the number of pensioners who have accrued pensionable service before 6 April 1997 for which they do not receive annual increases in periodic compensation from the Pension Protection Fund in (a) Boston and Skegness constituency and (b) the UK. (27713)
- 11N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of including Primary Progressive Aphasia in the list of conditions requiring nationally commissioned services. (27656)
- 12 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with (a) NHS England and (b) integrated care boards on the adequacy of NICE guidelines on the management of cerebral palsy in individuals under 25 years old with no cognitive impairment. (27577)
- 13N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what criteria he will use to evaluate the commitment of the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham regime to (a) inclusive governance and (b) human rights. (27529)
- 14 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of distributing humanitarian aid to civilians in need through (a) local civil society, (b) education programmes and (c) faith groups in Myanmar. (27534)
- 15N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support UK research into neglected tropical diseases. (27541)
- 16N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will hold discussions with the Metropolitan Police on taking steps to allow people who have been wrongfully included on the gang violence matrix to challenge their inclusion before the deletion deadline. (27574)
- 17 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason there was an increase in the number of settlement grants for workers from 2022-2023. (27715)
- 18N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his speech delivered at the ADS Annual Dinner on 28 January 2025, what progress he has made on the Gravehawk system. (27594)

- 19N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his speech delivered at the ADS Annual Dinner on 28 January 2025, what progress he has made on the Wasp system. (27595)
- 20N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his speech delivered at the ADS Annual Dinner on 28 January 2025, what progress he has made on the Snapper system. (27596)
- 21 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what comparative assessment he has made of the level of defence expenditure in (a) the UK and (b) Russia; and what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Government's commitment to increase defence expenditure to 2.5% of GDP. (27781)
- 22 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 18945 on Ministry of Defence: Recruitment, how his Department measures the performance of those executive search firms. (27549)
- 23 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many 3M Combat Arms Earplugs V2 his Department has purchased in the last five years. (27710)
- 24N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking with Slough Borough Council to tackle homelessness. (27695)
- 25N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to activate the (a) Bellwin scheme and b) Flood Recovery Framework following Storm Darragh; and whether there is a deadline by which a decision must be made. (27562)
- 26N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what large transport infrastructure projects outside the South East she is considering. (27509)
- 27N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 5762 on World Economy, what recent discussions she has had with international partners on strengthening the international debt architecture. (27510)
- 28 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the policy paper entitled Abolition of the furnished holiday lettings tax regime, updated on 7 November 2024, on what evidential basis her Department determined that the furnished holiday let tax regime created market distortions in relation to (a) property investment patterns and (b) tax advantages. (27711)
- 29 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes in tax liabilities and reliefs on small-scale furnished holiday let operators transitioning to

long-term residential letting; and what the difference in tax relief will be between (a) the current Furnished Holiday Lettings tax regime and (b) the standard residential letting arrangements from April 2025. (27712)

30N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government is taking to raise awareness of the opportunity for people to buy back missing National Insurance years. [Transferred] (26930)

31N **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that compensation payments for victims of the infected blood scandal are not subject to Inheritance Tax in circumstances where payments are transferred to a deceased victim's next of kin and then passed on again to the next of kin's benefactors in a will. (27744)

32N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Domestic Affairs on the China audit before 10 January 2025. (27542)

33N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent steps she has taken to help end discrimination against disabled people. (27692)

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 February

### Questions for Written Answer

1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 26089 on Ministers and Public Appointments, whether that legal advice was sought. (27698)

2N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on dynamic alignment with the European Union. (27546)

3N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with the Public and Commercial Services trade union on the proposed industrial action by workers in his Department. (27639)

4N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to Q33 of the oral evidence she gave to the Culture, Media and Sport Committee on 10 December 2024, HC 330, what assessment she has made of the (a) demand for women's and girl's football facilities and (b) the funding required for that provision over the next five years. (27581)

- 5N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase specialist educational provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities in South Derbyshire constituency. (27651)
- 6N **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had meetings with commercial farm owners on proposed changes to inheritance tax relief. (27576)
- 7N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve public transport connections in (a) South Derbyshire constituency and (b) the East Midlands. (27654)
- 8N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) support disabled people seeking to enter or return to work and (b) ensure those unable to work continue to receive financial support. (27655)
- 9N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will provide financial support to the Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Trust prior to 2030 to assist them in securing land for the reconstruction of the Royal Berkshire Hospital. [R] (27783)
- 10N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to shift towards a preventative healthcare model in South Derbyshire constituency; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the preventative healthcare model on primary care providers nearby. (27652)
- 11N **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support he provides for the (a) health and (b) wellbeing needs of thalidomide survivors. (27717)
- 12N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much funding his Department has provided to the British Council in the 2024-25 financial year; what information his Department holds on the level of funding provided to equivalent organisations in other G7 countries; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the difference in funding levels on the projection of UK soft power. (27525)
- 13N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his planned timetable is for when the Ajax armoured vehicle will achieve initial operating capability. (27511)
- 14N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has received representations from small and medium-sized defence companies on challenges in obtaining insurance liability coverage. (27512)

- 15N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has received representations from small and medium-sized defence companies on difficulties in securing bank accounts. (27513)
- 16N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending pension entitlements to Army reservists who were excluded from the Armed Forces Pension Scheme between July 2000 and March 2015. (27653)
- 17N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Bank of England on creating a regulatory framework for stablecoins. (27516)
- 18N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she expects to publish the Financial Inclusiveness Strategy. (27578)
- 19N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much funding was allocated to grass roots football in (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25; and if she will take steps to continue this funding in 2025-26. (27580)

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### Oral Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

- 1 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): What assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the accessibility of domestic violence prevention services for women. (902566)
- 2 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce the gender pay gap. (902567)
- 3 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): What recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Education on SEND provision. [R] (902568)
- 4 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to implement the findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report on Women's State Pension age. (902569)
- 5 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): When she expects the Equality and Human Rights Commission to publish its revised Code of Practice for services, public functions and associations. (902570)
- 6 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): What discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on tackling violence against women and girls. (902571)
- 7 **Mrs Sarah Russell** (Congleton): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle workplace sexual harassment. (902572)
- 8 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): What assessment she has made of the potential merits of making care experience a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010. (902573)



- 9 **Patrick Spencer** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): What steps the Government is taking to improve opportunities for white working-class boys. (902574)
- 10 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South and South Bedfordshire): Whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Justice on legally binding humanist marriages in England and Wales. (902575)
- 11 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): What discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the potential impact of restrictions on the right to work on women seeking asylum. (902576)
- 12 **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): What progress she has made with Cabinet colleagues on implementing the recommendations of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review 2020. (902577)
- 13 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): If she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to tackle first cousin marriage. (902578)
- 14 **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle LGBT discrimination in care homes. (902579)
- 15 **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle violence against women and girls. (902580)

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### Topical Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

- T1 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (902581)
- T2 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): (902582)
- T3 **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): (902583)
- T4 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): (902584)
- T5 **Sam Rushworth** (Bishop Auckland): (902585)
- T6 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): (902586)
- T7 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): (902587)
- T8 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): (902588)

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### Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 5 February. (902615)

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2	<b>Richard Tice</b> (Boston and Skegness):	(902616)
3	<b>Yasmin Qureshi</b> (Bolton South and Walkden):	(902617)
4	<b>Mr Gagan Mohindra</b> (South West Hertfordshire):	(902618)
5	<b>James MacCleary</b> (Lewes):	(902619)
6	<b>Calum Miller</b> (Bicester and Woodstock):	(902620)
7	<b>Claire Young</b> (Thornbury and Yate):	(902621)
8	<b>Natalie Fleet</b> (Bolsover):	(902622)
9	<b>John Slinger</b> (Rugby):	(902623)
10	<b>Dave Doogan</b> (Angus and Perthshire Glens): When he next plans to visit Scotland.	(902624)
11	<b>Sorcha Eastwood</b> (Lagan Valley):	(902625)
12	<b>Patricia Ferguson</b> (Glasgow West):	(902626)
13	<b>Tony Vaughan</b> (Folkestone and Hythe):	(902627)
14	<b>Dr Danny Chambers</b> (Winchester):	(902628)
15	<b>Mrs Sarah Russell</b> (Congleton):	(902629)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 6 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of loneliness on the (a) mental and (b) physical health of (i) elderly and (ii) vulnerable people. (27658)
- 2N **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much Croydon council will receive for family hubs in this financial year. (27622)
- 3N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many (a) underground and (b) overground railway station lifts were in place in (a) 2014 and (b) 2024. (27572)
- 4N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data her Department holds on the number of days when lifts were out of service at (a) underground and (b) overground stations in (i) 2014 and (ii) 2024. (27573)

- 5N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost to the public purse was of spending on railway station lift maintenance in (a) 2014 and (b) 2024. (27662)
- 6N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of reports of (a) rape and (b) sexual assault that have taken place in hospitals since 1 January 2024. (27706)
- 7N **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to ensure that thalidomide survivors have effective representation in negotiations with Diageo on long-term (a) assistance and (b) compensation. (27718)
- 8N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate she has made of the number of people in the Metropolitan Police's Gangs Violence Matrix who have been convicted under joint enterprise laws. (27635)
- 9N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of identifying an independent body to safeguard data relating to the Metropolitan Police's Gangs Violence Matrix. (27637)
- 10N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will instruct the Metropolitan Police to delay the deletion of its Gangs Violence Matrix. (27638)
- 11N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people serving custodial sentences were convicted based on evidence from the Gang Violence Matrix. (27636)
- 12N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many alleged (a) rapes or (b) sexual assaults have taken place in hospitals since 1 January 2024. (27707)
- 13N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on a long-term funding settlement for women and girls' football facilities. (27579)

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### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- 1 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support the wellbeing and mental health of farmers. (902589)

- 2 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): If he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the cost of food on levels of food insecurity. (902590)
  - 3 **Andrew George** (St Ives): What steps he is taking to promote biodiversity recovery. (902591)
  - 4 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): If he will place a moratorium on the construction of waste incinerators. (902592)
  - 5 **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): What steps he is taking to increase the accountability of water company executives for service failures. (902593)
  - 6 **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What steps he is taking to help reduce sewage in rivers. (902594)
  - 7 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): What steps his Department is taking to support flood preparedness projects. (902595)
  - 8 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): What recent steps he has taken to help support people affected by flooding. (902596)
  - 9 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): What steps he is taking to help improve the health of rivers. (902597)
  - 10 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): Whether he plans to regulate the breeding of cats. (902598)
  - 11 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): What steps his Department is taking to help support growth in the agriculture sector. (902599)
  - 12 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): What steps he is taking to support flood preparedness projects. (902600)
  - 13 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): What assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on business confidence among farmers. (902601)
  - 14 **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): What steps he is taking to improve the regulation of metal recycling businesses. (902602)
  - 15 **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): What steps he is taking to encourage public bodies to purchase British produce. (902603)
  - 16 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): What steps he is taking to encourage public bodies to purchase British produce. (902604)
  - 17 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): If he will take steps to designate thoroughbred horses as high health animals, in the context of the Border Target Operating Model. (902605)
  - 18 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): What recent discussions he has had with Ofwat on trends in the level of water bills. (902606)
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**Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

- T1 **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902607)
- T2 **Lorraine Beavers** (Blackpool North and Fleetwood): (902608)
- T3 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): (902609)
- T4 **Harpreet Uppal** (Huddersfield): (902610)
- T5 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): (902611)
- T6 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): (902612)
- T7 **Lee Barron** (Corby and East Northamptonshire): (902613)
- T8 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): (902614)
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**Oral Questions to the Solicitor General**

- 1 **Douglas McAllister** (West Dunbartonshire): What steps she is taking to ensure adequate numbers of Crown Prosecution Service prosecutors. (902630)
- 2 **Maya Ellis** (Ribble Valley): What steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates for cases involving violence against women and girls. (902631)
- 3 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the Serious Fraud Office's progress on tackling economic crime. (902632)
- 4 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): What steps she is taking to increase transparency in the Attorney General's Office. (902633)
- 5 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): Whether she has had meetings with her counterparts in the devolved Administrations since taking office. (902634)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What steps she is taking to manage conflicts of interest in the Attorney General's Office. (902635)
- 7 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): What assessment she has made of the potential merits of the use of technology to improve efficiency in the criminal justice system. (902636)
- 8 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): What steps she is taking to manage conflicts of interest in the Attorney General's Office. (902637)
- 9 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): What steps she is taking to help ensure increased prosecution rates for rural crime. (902638)
- 10 **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What steps she is taking to help ensure the effective prosecution of people who commit hate crime. (902639)

- 11 **Patrick Spencer** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): What steps she is taking to manage conflicts of interest in the Attorney General's Office. (902640)
- 12 **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): What steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates for cases involving violence against women and girls. (902641)
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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 13 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of private equity acquisitions in the groceries retail sector on trends in the level of employment across the food supply chain. (27551)