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Questions tabled on Friday 31 January 2025

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Questions for Answer on Monday 3 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (27649)
- 2 **Mims Davies** (East Grinstead and Uckfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to remove minimum wage age bands. [Transferred] (27609)
- 3 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of fireworks on animal welfare. [Transferred] (27366)
- 4 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure the National Careers Service is fully inclusive for disabled people. [Transferred] (27746)
- 5 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of fire regulations on Lithium Ion battery storage in the (a) commercial and (b) domestic sector. [Transferred] (27659)
- 6 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he will confirm funding for the Great British Insulation Scheme for the 2025-26 financial year. [Transferred] (27632)

- 7 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department issues guidance on the frequency of household rubbish and recycling collections. [Transferred] (27559)
- 8 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the expansion of Heathrow Airport on levels of air pollution in Surrey Heath constituency. [Transferred] (27823)
- 9 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for her policies of the length of Speech and Language waiting lists. [Transferred] (27315)
- 10N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for what reason the letter from him and the Secretary of State for the Home Department to the Planning Inspector in relation to the planning and listed building consent applications by the Chinese Embassy in the UK for the redevelopment of the Royal Mint Court site in Tower Hamlets is dated 14 January 2024. [Transferred] (27379)
- 11 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support retailers to improve security measures in their stores to prevent crime. [Transferred] (27777)
- 12 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support retailers to improve security measures in their stores to prevent crime. [Transferred] (27779)
- 13 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people are awaiting appeal decisions in under the Afghan resettlement scheme. [Transferred] (27183)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' policy paper entitled Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023, whether his Department provides training further to section 19 of the Environment Act 2021 in the (a) statutory instrument capability programme, (b) parliamentary capability team training programme and (c) Policy Profession programme. (27963)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the email address is for correspondence from hon. Members to the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards. (27918)

- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the estimated spending on Government (a) communications and (b) marketing is in 2024-25 (a) before and (b) after the Autumn Budget 2024. (27919)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many all-staff calls have been held in his Department since 4 July 2024; and how many staff attended each of those calls. (27920)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any staff in his Department are seconded from the London Borough of Camden. (27921)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has issued guidance on the publication of declarations of political activity for public appointees. (27922)
- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2024 to Question HL2719 on Legislation: Impact Assessments, if he will publish that letter. (27923)
- 8 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, for what purposes Companies House has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27832)
- 9 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant of the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 23276 on Energy: Investment, what steps his Department is taking to help support British companies with investments in Mexico during the period of regulatory change. (27846)
- 10 **Nesil Caliskan** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the equitability of film tax relief schemes. (27908)
- 11 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of public libraries in (a) Slough and (b) Berkshire. (27881)
- 12 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the funding available for public libraries in (a) Slough and (b) Berkshire. (27882)
- 13 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support public libraries in Slough. (27883)
- 14 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, for what purposes the Charity Commission has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27835)

- 15 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what purposes the Teaching Regulation Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27828)
- 16 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number and proportion of practitioners in the (a) early years and (b) childcare sectors that have received training on SEND identification. (27890)
- 17 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with the companies involved with the Jackdaw and Rosebank fields proposals on the potential financial risks relating to the time taken for those proposals to be considered; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken for those to be considered on levels of future investment in the North Sea. (27871)
- 18 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed Grimsby to Walpole National Grid pylon project on house prices in affected areas in Lincolnshire. (27833)
- 19 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the press release entitled Reeves: I am going further and faster to kick start the economy, published on 28 January 2025, whether a new reservoir will be built in Hampshire. (27861)
- 20 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 28 October 2024 to Question 10820 on Trapping, what his timetable is for banning the use of snares. (27887)
- 21 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what purposes the Veterinary Medicines Directorate has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27834)
- 22 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 22359 on DEFRA: Unpaid Work, what Environment Agency summer internship opportunities for 2025 are open to (a) male, (b) white, (c) British and (d) working class people, other than industry placements, apprenticeships, training partnerships and scholarships. (27915)
- 23 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of degraded drainage infrastructure on trends in flooding levels in West Dorset constituency. (27950)
- 24 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of degraded drainage infrastructure on trends in flooding levels in rural areas. (27951)

- 25 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment has he made of the impact of social media use on children's well-being. (27902)
- 26 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the coverage is of 5G in Dorset; and what steps he is taking to improve 5G coverage in rural areas. (27863)
- 27 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the coverage is of superfast broadband in (a) Dorset and (b) North Dorset constituency; and what steps he is taking to improve superfast broadband coverage in hard-to-reach areas. (27864)
- 28 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when her Department plans to publish the Road Investment Strategy 3; and what funding is available via that scheme. (27862)
- 29 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many residential properties have been purchased in preparation for HS2 Phase 2b; and what proportion of these have been vacant for longer than six months in Tatton Constituency. (27848)
- 30 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the motor insurance sector on trends in the level of insurance prices for first-time drivers. (27903)
- 31 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of car insurance costs on the ability of young people to access employment. (27904)
- 32 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department has taken to support the electrification of the Salisbury to Exeter railway line. (27943)
- 33 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to take steps to upgrade the Salisbury to Exeter railway line from a single track with passing points to a double-track system. (27944)
- 34 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of journeys between Coventry and Leicester that are made by train. (27924)
- 35 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of improving transport connections between Coventry, Leicester and Nottingham on economic growth in the region. (27925)

- 36 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of building a rail connection between Coventry, Leicester and Nottingham on (a) Leicester East, (b) Leicestershire and (c) England. (27926)
- 37 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of building the Midlands Rail Hub on people in (a) Leicester East constituency and (b) Leicestershire. (27927)
- 38 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the (a) frequency and (b) capacity of rail services between Birmingham and Leicester. (27928)
- 39 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the number of qualifying benefits for the Winter Fuel Payment. (27911)
- 40 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the level of support provided by employers to their employees with ADHD. (27941)
- 41 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to support benefits claimants who are being investigated by her Department but no longer have access to required information because it has been deleted by their bank. (27894)
- 42 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy that all changes to financial support for (a) people who are unwell and (b) disabled people be preceded by a public consultation. (27896)
- 43 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has plans to announce any changes to the benefit system for financial year 2024-25. (27897)
- 44 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many funding applications the National Institute of Health and Care Research received for brain tumour research on (a) diagnosis and screening and (b) drugs and treatment therapies in each of the last ten years; and how many of those applications secured funding. (27888)
- 45 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the (a) adequacy of access to and (b) reliability of the supply of Sustanon in the UK. (27889)
- 46 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to improve (a) the provision of and (b) access to palliative care. (27884)

- 47 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to increase awareness of the symptoms of heart valve disease. (27885)
- 48 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of funding levels for research into the (a) detection and (b) treatment of heart valve disease. (27886)
- 49 **Helena Dollimore** (Hastings and Rye): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many doctors applied for core anaesthetic training in each of the last five years; and how many training places were available in the same period. (27906)
- 50 **Helena Dollimore** (Hastings and Rye): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many doctors applied for medical specialty training in each of the last five years; and how many training places were available in the same period. (27907)
- 51 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what purposes the Care Quality Commission has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27829)
- 52 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of fertility testing in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (27830)
- 53 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what purposes the Food Standards Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27831)
- 54 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department collects data on the number of people who (a) have been diagnosed with secondary breast cancer after finishing hormone therapy and (b) are living with secondary breast cancer. (27847)
- 55 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the level of support provided by the NHS to people with ADHD after they have left full-time education. (27905)
- 56 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide additional funding for local dental laboratories. (27893)
- 57 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Nigerian counterpart on the release of Leah Sharibu. (27931)

- 58 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had any discussions with his counterparts in Colombia regarding the ongoing conflict in the Catatumbo region. (27838)
- 59 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant of the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22594 on Western Sahara: Politics and Government, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the policies of the (a) US, (b) French and (c) Spanish governments on this matter. (27839)
- 60 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with opposition figures in Venezuela since the Presidential election in that country in July 2024. (27840)
- 61 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant of the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 23271 on Faroe Islands and Greenland: Politics and Government, what the Minister of State for Europe and North America discussed with his counterparts from Greenland in those meetings. (27841)
- 62 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure the safety of British citizens travelling in Central America. (27842)
- 63 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what was discussed between his Department and his Chilean counterparts during the delegation to Santiago and Punta Arenas in January 2025. (27843)
- 64 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of travel arrangements between British Overseas Territories and the Caribbean constituent countries of the Netherlands. (27844)
- 65 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help protect native wildlife on South Georgia in the context of the potential risk of a collision of the iceberg A23a with the island. (27845)
- 66 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential contribution of youth services to the prevention of violence against women and girls. (27909)
- 67 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on the potential merits of expanding the provisions of the Online Safety Act 2023 to help tackle violence against women and girls. (27910)

- 68 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has plans to allow police survivors who (a) remarry and (b) cohabit after losing a spouse to retain their full pension entitlement. (27962)
- 69 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Immigration system statistics data table entitled Asylum applications, initial decisions and resettlement detailed datasets, year ending September 2024, what information her Department holds on the location of the people who made implicit withdrawals between Q1 2020 and Q3 2024; and what estimate she has made of the number of these people who are still in the UK. (27935)
- 70 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's transparency data entitled Small boat arrivals: last 7 days, last updated 31 January 2025, if she will make it her policy to include data on the number of small boat arrival deportations. (27936)
- 71 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's planned timetable is for bringing forward legislative proposals to make disability hate crime an aggravated offence. (27898)
- 72 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure police training is updated so that victims of disability hate crime are appropriately supported. (27940)
- 73 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Leader of the House, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 23890 on Government Bills: Impact Assessments, whether her letter to Cabinet colleagues made reference to the publication of impact assessments before the First Reading of bills. (27916)
- 74 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Leader of the House, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to Question 24243 on Government Departments: Written Questions, if she will publish that letter. (27917)
- 75 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 17711 on Clyde Naval Base and RNAD Coulport, if he will publish the (a) name, (b) purpose, (c) expected in-service date and (d) forecast cost of planned infrastructure projects at HMNB Clyde that do not fall within the Clyde Infrastructure programme. (27939)
- 76 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help armed forces veterans access mental health support in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (27826)
- 77 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the impact of the provision of council services in rural areas on the cost of those services in (a) North Dorset constituency and (b) other rural areas. (27866)

- 78 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking any steps to (a) identify and (b) tackle fraudulent activity by (i) landlords and (ii) freeholders. (27868)
- 79 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions has she had with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on the inclusion of tests for (a) lead paint, and (b) sampling of (i) dust and (ii) for lead in its equipment checklist. (27849)
- 80 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on the inclusion of questions on (a) lead pipes and (b) paint in its vendor liaison checklist. (27850)
- 81 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on the potential merits of amending its single survey property inspection technical guidance to include lead risk. (27851)
- 82 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions has she had with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors RICS on the inclusion of lead hazards in communications to its members. (27852)
- 83 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions has she had with the Chief Medical Officer on the potential merits of the inclusion of lead testing in early years medical screening for children. (27853)
- 84 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many inquests were launched in Ceredigion in each of the past ten years. (27874)
- 85 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many inquests were launched in Pembrokeshire in each of the past ten years. (27875)
- 86 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, of the inquests launched in Ceredigion in each of the past ten years, how many were concluded within 6 months. (27876)
- 87 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, of the inquests launched in Pembrokeshire in each of the past ten years, how many were concluded within 6 months. (27877)
- 88 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average time taken was for an inquest to be concluded in Ceredigion in each of the last five years. (27878)

- 89 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average time taken was for an inquest to be concluded in Pembrokeshire in each of the last five years. (27879)
- 90 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions she has had with the Sentencing Council on the adequacy of the sentencing tariff for perpetrators of disability hate crime. (27899)
- 91 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of children under 18 that have received detention and training orders have had an identified SEND issue since 2023. (27891)
- 92 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on next steps in relation to the (a) Rosebank and (b) Jackdaw field projects. (27872)
- 93 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with Scottish (a) energy companies and (b) supply chain businesses on the potential impact of legal and regulatory uncertainty on future investment in Scotland's oil and gas sector. (27873)
- 94 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department is taking steps to help protect the interests of shareholders in investment trusts that are subject to hostile takeovers by overseas entities. (27945)
- 95 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what purposes the Valuation Office Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (27827)
- 96 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions on employment rates (a) nationally, (b) in Dorset and (c) in North Dorset constituency in the next 12 months. (27865)
- 97 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to ensure access to banking services in areas affected by bank closures. (27867)
- 98 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has had discussions with Lloyds Bank on the potential impact of the planned closure of its Dorchester branch on (a) local residents and (b) businesses. (27952)
- 99 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to ensure continued access to in person banking services in West Dorset constituency. (27953)

- 100 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the increase in employer National Insurance contributions on transport companies who provide services for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. (27955)
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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, if he will make it his policy to fly the Cross of St George from 10 Downing Street on Saint Crispin's Day in 2025. (27912)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 23475 on 10 Downing Street: Shops, which items were manufactured in China; if he will provide a description of each item; and what the retail price is of each items. (27913)
- 3N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department is taking steps to help support high street businesses to compete with online retailers in South Derbyshire constituency. (27934)
- 4N **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the guidance entitled The reading framework, published on 10 July 2021, what steps her Department plans to take to help ensure that schools develop a strong reading-for-pleasure culture. (27957)
- 5N **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department plans to take to encourage pupils to read at breakfast clubs in primary schools. (27958)
- 6N **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on adding the collection of school library data to the school census. (27959)
- 7N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the reasons for delays in processing education, health and care plans in South Derbyshire constituency; and whether her Department is taking steps to provide additional support to the local authority to improve compliance with statutory timeframes. (27930)
- 8N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help support people affected by flooding caused inadvertently by flood relief schemes. (27929)

- 9N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Office of Road and Rail on reducing decision making times on the introduction of new rail routes (a) to and from London, (b) between London and Wales and (c) between Shropshire and London. (27900)
- 10N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) average, (b) shortest and (c) longest wait was for determination of an application for a new rail line by a private operator for each year that records are available. (27901)
- 11N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve the provision of bus services in (a) Ashford constituency and (b) Kent. (27954)
- 12N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on steps to improve the mental health of HGV drivers. (27948)
- 13N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department holds information on the percentage of truck stops on the Strategic Road Network which have free toilet facilities. (27949)
- 14N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of recent trends in the level of fraud in the welfare system. (27880)
- 15N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to provide (a) funding and (b) advisory support to employers to help increase the (i) recruitment and (ii) retention of neurodivergent people. (27933)
- 16N **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much her Department spent on in-work benefits in the last 12 months. (27836)
- 17N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made with Cabinet colleagues on implementing the recommendations of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review 2020. [Transferred] (902577)
- 18N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what additional (a) funding and (b) other resources his Department plans to provide to primary care providers to support preventative healthcare in South Derbyshire constituency. (27932)

- 19N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 23476 on USA: Diplomatic Service, if he will instruct Lord Mandelson to recuse himself from discussions on matters relating to Global Counsel's (a) EU and (b) China (i) clients and (ii) operations. (27914)
- 20N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to provide an answer to Question 24486 on Republika Srpska and Serbia: Politics and Government, tabled on 16 January 2025. (27892)
- 21N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what progress he has made on the Mass Atrocity Prevention Hub. (27956)
- 22N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress she has made on delivering a mandatory short term let registration scheme. (27938)
- 23N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to tackle first cousin marriage. [Transferred] (902578)
- 24N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 7 January 2025 to Question 21413, Prisons: Procurement, what recent estimate she has made of the potential savings to the public purse of awarding prison maintenance contracts to the public sector. (27859)
- 25N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 13 December 2024 to Question 18292 on Income Tax: Tax Rates and Bands, what estimate she has made of additional tax revenue raised by freezing the (a) standard and (b) higher rate income tax thresholds (i) for each financial year and (ii) in total to 2029-30. (27837)
- 26N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) increasing employers' National Insurance contributions, (b) increasing minimum wage and (c) cutting the business rates relief for retail, hospitality, and leisure on the hospitality sector. (27942)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 6 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on a long-term funding settlement for women and girls' football facilities. [Transferred] (27579)
- 2N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2024 to Question 6209 on Lead: Contamination, whether he has had recent discussions with the Environment Agency on the Water and Abandoned Metal Mines programme. (27857)
- 3N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2024 to Question 13215 on Lead: Contamination, when the review of lead in food (a) commenced and (b) plans to report. (27858)
- 4N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the report entitled The cycling opportunity by Sustrans, published in September 2024, what recent discussions she has had with the Department for Infrastructure in Northern Ireland on the Cycle to Work Scheme. (27960)
- 5N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support children in countries impacted by climate change. (27860)
- 6N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Housing Ombudsman on testing for (a) lead contamination and (b) risk in housing. (27854)
- 7N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussion has she had with the Housing Ombudsman on the potential merits of a pilot testing scheme on for lead in UK housing stock. (27855)
- 8N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed deletion of the Gang Violence Matrix on (a) legal risks and (b) access to justice for affected people. (27937)
- 9N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will have discussions with (a) HMRC, (b) the Department for Infrastructure in Northern Ireland, (c) the Secretary of State for Transport, (d) Transport Scotland and (e) the Welsh Government on people excluded from the Cycle to Work Scheme. (27961)

- 10N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she hold discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential impact of lead exposure on trends in the level of gross domestic product. (27856)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 10 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of anti-epileptic medication. (27869)
- 2N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will respond to the recommendations on the use of sodium valproate in the Hughes report, published 7 February 2024. (27870)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 12 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many free toilet facilities there are on the road network managed by National Highways; and how many and what proportion of these are accessible for HGVs. (27946)
- 2N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department is taking steps to help increase the availability of toilet facilities for HGV drivers. (27947)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of GDPR regulations on people who experience bank (a) fraud , (b) error and (c) deletions. (27895)