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Questions tabled on Tuesday 4 February 2025

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- † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has plans to increase funding to the World Trade Organisation.
[Transferred] (28441)
- 2 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with the United States State Department on trade.
[Transferred] (28379)
- 3 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, which Department is responsible for ensuring the mandatory installation of post boxes.
[Transferred] (28323)
- 4 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking through Young Futures Hubs to help tackle violence against women and girls.
[Transferred] (28304)
- 5 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to prevent housing associations levying commercial rated energy costs onto residents for domestic usage.
[Transferred] (28270)
- 6 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has plans to increase funding to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
[Transferred] (28440)

- 7 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of a third runway at Heathrow on the UK's carbon budget. [Transferred] (28169)
- 8 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his timetable is for implementing fixed recoverable costs to clinical negligence claims. [Transferred] (28313)
- 9 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support is provided to people with mental health issues who are serving IPP sentences. [Transferred] (28312)
- 10 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has plans to increase funding to the IMF. [Transferred] (28437)
- 11 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made changes to the level of funding to local authorities for asylum seekers since July 2024. [Transferred] (28146)
- 12 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department plans to take to help tackle financial fraud. [Transferred] (28336)
- 13 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has plans to introduce union representation onto freeport boards. [Transferred] (28309)
- 14 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how the proposed lower multiplier for hospitality, leisure and retail from 2026-27 will interact with small business rate relief; and what estimate she has made of the impact of the lower multiplier on the cost of small business rate relief. [Transferred] (28055)
- 15 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an estimate of the number of people impacted by the Barclays IT outage in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and (b) Staffordshire. [Transferred] (28267)
- 16 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment with the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the potential merits of implementing a tapered clawback mechanism for agricultural property relief for farmers whose agricultural assets marginally exceed the £1 million threshold. [Transferred] (28190)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 6 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to respond to the Fourth Report of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee of Session 2023–24, Lobbying and Influence: post-legislative scrutiny of the Lobbying Act 2014 and related matters, published on 2 May 2024, HC 203. (28748)
- 2 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what purposes the Crown Commercial Service has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (28455)
- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the UK Statistics Authority plans to lay a new Official Statistics Order to designate the National Wealth Fund's statistical outputs as official statistics. (28568)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 18670 on DCMS: Official Visits and with reference to the guidance entitled Ministers' gifts (given and received), travel, hospitality received and meetings with external organisations and individuals, published on 2 April 2024, for what reason data from 1 July to 30 September 2024 was not published by the end of December 2024. (28575)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 18211 on Prime Minister: Aviation, whether this approach is different to that of the previous Prime Minister. (28576)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 21390 on Armed Forces: Equality and with reference to the written ministerial statement of 14 May 2024, HCWS464, on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Civil Service, whether his Department's review of the cost of equality, diversity and inclusion expenditure by civil service organisations in the 2022-23 financial year included the Armed Forces. (28577)
- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Cabinet Office's FOI disclosure referenced FOI2024/14571 of 4 December 2024, on which dates the Special Adviser People Board has met since the 5 July 2024; and which special advisers attended each meeting. (28578)
- 8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department has issued to Ministers on what costs for moving (a) in and (b) out of official residences can be paid for from the public purse. (28579)

- 9 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 23894 on Eurostat: Office for National Statistics and the associated correspondence of 17 January 2025 from the National Statistician, if he will make it his policy to (a) publish on gov.uk and (b) deposit in the Library of the House the agreement with Eurostat. (28580)
- 10 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department has issued to Ministers on declaring dual nationality to (a) their department and (b) the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards. (28584)
- 11 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23478 on Admiralty House, for what reason the Secretary of State for Defence occupied Admiralty House on a time-limited basis. (28585)
- 12 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions the (a) Cabinet Office and (b) 10 Downing Street had with the French Government on the renaming of HMS Agincourt. (28586)
- 13 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Written Statement of 17 January 2025 on Machinery of Government, HCWS368, whether appointments to the National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority will be included in the Public Bodies Order in Council; and whether he plans to classify the chair appointment as a significant appointment. (28658)
- 14 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an Injury on Duty Award Scheme for members of the emergency services. (28628)
- 15 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the hon. Member for Warrington North, representing the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing staff salary pay scales so parliamentary advisors can be paid at the same level as hon. Members. (28876)
- 16 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the National Procurement Policy Statement on the domestic bus manufacturing industry. (28728)
- 17 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to procure British manufactured vehicles for use by the Government Car Service. (28834)
- 18 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether flights made by (a) the Prime Minister and (b) other Ministers in the Royal Air Force's No. 32 Squadron are subject to Air Passenger Duty. (28652)

- 19N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he has made an assessment of the potential impact of additional trade barriers between the United States of America and Mexico on the UK economy. [Transferred] (28029)
- 20 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has conducted an impact assessment into Invest 2035. (28690)
- 21 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what publications are available for Invest 2035. (28691)
- 22 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many sub-postmasters in the Group Litigation Order Compensation Scheme have (a) not received any compensation payments and (b) have received above the minimum payment of £75,000. (28873)
- 23 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps the Government is taking to (a) investigate and (b) raise awareness of (i) unethical and (ii) potentially corrupt practices within the insurance industry. (28617)
- 24 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to promote the Business Growth Service with small business owners in Lincolnshire. (28453)
- 25 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans his Department has to support small-medium enterprises in Cornwall, in the context of the proposed rise in employers' National Insurance contributions. (28766)
- 26 **Mike Reader** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help support businesses to compete with direct-to-consumer online retailers that are based offshore. (28708)
- 27 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to provide additional incentives to help encourage people to establish small businesses. (28875)
- 28 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will have discussions with his US counterpart on plans to impose tariffs on Canada. (28731)
- 29 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to (a) protect and (b) improve access to leisure facilities in rural areas. (28594)
- 30 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of out-of-home advertising of fast food on children and young people. (28852)

- 31 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of the increase in employer National Insurance contributions on the cultural sector in the West Midlands. (28450)
- 32 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how (a) the Local News Commission and (b) other similar organisations will be able to contribute to the development of her planned local media strategy. (28637)
- 33 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an estimate of the number of charities that will pay increased employer National Insurance contributions in financial year (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 in South Cotswolds constituency. (28763)
- 34 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions she with BT on the potential impact of the withdrawal of BT's free (a) online and (b) physical directories on (i) the elderly and (ii) people in digital poverty. (28474)
- 35N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 26736 on Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Bidfood, what contracts (a) under the value of £12,000 and (b) tendered before 2015 and subsequently extended (i) the BFS Group Limited and (ii) subsidiary companies of BFS Group Limited holds with (A) her Department and (B) agencies of her Department. [R] (28706)
- 36 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve the availability of apprenticeships in rural areas. (28595)
- 37 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions she has had with Ofsted on the (a) availability and (b) quality of school library provision. (28716)
- 38 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of professional school librarians on pupils (a) learning and (b) outcomes. (28717)
- 39 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what purposes the Standards and Testing Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (28451)
- 40 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire have been identified as stuck schools. (28457)

- 41 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to provide (a) tuition fee, (b) financial and (c) other support to students from Northern Ireland studying at universities in Great Britain. (28638)
- 42 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to keep children and young people safe from violence (a) on the streets and (b) in schools. (28752)
- 43 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to improve education on food and nutrition in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools. (28848)
- 44 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that school meals are (a) balanced and (b) nutritional. (28850)
- 45 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to raise awareness of the impact of poor nutrition on children. (28851)
- 46 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to support more employers to provide technical apprenticeships. (28709)
- 47 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with (a) the Secretary of State for the Home Department and (b) higher education institutions in England on reducing the number of instances of sexual assault reported in those institutions. (28462)
- 48 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with higher education institutions to improve (a) training for staff on and (b) levels of awareness of safeguarding at those institutions. (28463)
- 49 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to prevent higher education institutions from targeted influence from hostile states. (28475)
- 50 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve meals in schools for SEN children. (28480)
- 51 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 26625 on Multi-sport Grassroots Facilities Programme, if she will publish the 521 projects that remain incomplete. (28619)

- 52 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that Skills England is accountable to Parliament. (28623)
- 53 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will issue guidance to home educator parents on the steps they will need to take to meet new requirements set out in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. (28772)
- 54 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions her Department has had with home educator parents on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. (28786)
- 55 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of a 0% interest rate for student loans for the study of specific courses. (28743)
- 56 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking with Cabinet colleagues to promote apprenticeships in the vocational skills required to deliver the Government's target of 1.5m homes during this Parliament. (28744)
- 57 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has plans to increase the grading of students that move to state schools from independent schools. (28827)
- 58 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to fund new schools in Bromsgrove constituency. (28835)
- 59 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve teacher retention in (a) Boston and Skegness constituency and (b) the UK. (28780)
- 60 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which schools that are awaiting refurbishment through the school rebuilding programme (a) have and (b) have not had those works brought forward due to the presence of RAAC. (28569)
- 61 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an estimate of the number of (a) universities and (b) higher education buildings where reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete is present. (28570)
- 62 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure an adequate provision of supply teachers in schools. (28736)
- 63 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of progress in meeting sustainable aviation fuel targets. (28676)

- 64 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of increasing levels of production of sustainable aviation fuel in Runcorn and Helsby constituency on the environment. (28678)
- 65 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies on renewable electricity generation of the Royal Society's report entitled Net zero aviation fuels: resource requirements and environmental impacts published on 28 February 2023. (28802)
- 66 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions his Department has had with the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme (BCSSS) on proposals to transfer the BCSSS investment reserve to members. (28634)
- 67 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to improve the resilience of the electricity grid to extreme weather conditions. (28639)
- 68 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent steps his Department has taken to help ensure that people can access support through the Warm Homes Plan in Gloucester. (28699)
- 69 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the cost of net zero targets for Fire and Rescue services. (28758)
- 70 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of co-locating solar and onshore wind farms access to battery energy storage systems. (28499)
- 71 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of GB Energy on the cost of energy bills. (28775)
- 72 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of a Tiered Energy Proposal for consumer energy bills. (28788)
- 73 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for what reason grant funding for Adlar Limited was paused. (28868)
- 74 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking with Ofgem to coordinate grant funding for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme. (28869)

- 75 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of involving Adlar Ltd in the rollout of the Government's Warm Homes Plan. (28871)
- 76 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish all relevant reports submitted to the Environment Agency in 2024 by the operator of the Peterborough Stanground Thistle Drive Pumping Station in compliance with their obligations under the The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016. (28483)
- 77 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies on food production of the report by the Royal Society entitled Net zero aviation fuels: resource requirements and environmental impacts, published on 28 February 2023. (28800)
- 78 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the amount of agricultural land required for bio-aviation fuels to meet (a) existing and (b) potential demand to allow for expansion of (i) Heathrow airport and (ii) other UK airports. (28801)
- 79 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) monitor and (b) stop lead contamination in the food supply chain. (28811)
- 80 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) monitor and (b) stop lead contamination in waterways. (28812)
- 81 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) assess and (b) help mitigate the risk of lead contamination in agricultural land in (i) England, (ii) East Anglia and (iii) South West Norfolk constituency. (28813)
- 82 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 5973 on Lead: Paint, whether his Department is taking steps to prepare new guidance. (28814)
- 83 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that water companies assess the levels of lead in domestic drinking water supplies. (28815)
- 84 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with water companies on the replacement of water pipes to households in which lead has been found in the water supply in (a) England, (b) East Anglia and (c) South West Norfolk constituency. (28816)

- 85 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of recent flooding on agricultural productivity; and whether he plans to provide funding to help farmers improve drainage management on their land. (28641)
- 86 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) increase recycling rates and (b) reduce littering of containers not included in the Deposit Return Scheme. (28626)
- 87 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking through the National Fly-Tipping Prevention Group to reduce instances of fly-tipping in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (28467)
- 88 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of combined sewerage systems in Devon on water quality. (28696)
- 89 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of water butts in reducing sewage overflow in Devon. (28697)
- 90 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of snares on animal welfare. (28735)
- 91 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of allowing the use of Look and Tell AI glasses for people with visual impairment. (28789)
- 92 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his planned timetable is for publishing the Active Debris Removal Programme. (28495)
- 93 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has allocated funding to the AI Opportunities Action Plan. (28505)
- 94 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether additional funding was allocated to his Department for the AI Opportunities Action Plan. (28506)
- 95 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the funding required for the AI Opportunities Action Plan. (28507)
- 96 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the budget of the AI Opportunities Unit is. (28508)

- 97 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the budget for UK Sovereign AI is. (28509)
- 98 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether trade unions were consulted on the AI Opportunities Action Plan. (28510)
- 99 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when Matt Clifford submitted the AI Opportunities Action Plan to his Department. (28511)
- 100 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the AI Opportunities Action Plan submitted by Matt Clifford was edited by his Department before publication. (28512)
- 101 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department requested changes to the AI Opportunities Action Plan. (28513)
- 102 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he made an impact assessment before publication of the AI Opportunities Action Plan. (28514)
- 103 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what meetings he has had with the AI industry since 5 July 2024. (28515)
- 104 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what meetings he has held with the creative industries since 5 July 2024. (28516)
- 105 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what funding was allocated to each Cyber Local project announced on 8 January 2025. (28517)
- 106 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the evidential basis is for the Category 1 threshold of 34 million average monthly active United Kingdom users in the Online Safety Act 2023. (28614)
- 107 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how his Department determined the category 2A threshold of seven million average monthly active UK users in the Online Safety Act 2023. (28615)
- 108 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how his Department determined the category 2B threshold of three million average monthly active UK users in the Online Safety Act 2023. (28616)
- 109 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help protect consumers from (a) deepfake technology, (b) AI-generated phishing scams and (c) other fraud enabled by artificial intelligence. (28732)

- 110N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, which Departments were involved in discussions with Astra-Zeneca on the expansion of the vaccine production plant at Speke Merseyside. [Transferred]
(27974)
- 111 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the proportion of flights (a) to and (b) from the UK that use sustainable fuel. (28677)
- 112 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to encourage the aviation industry to use more sustainable aviation fuel. (28679)
- 113 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the increase in (a) standing and (b) capacity charges on the commercial viability of EV charging infrastructure deployment. (28710)
- 114 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to extend the Plug-in Taxi Grant scheme beyond April 2025. (28740)
- 115 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she is taking steps with Greater Manchester Combined Authority to improve connectivity between Heywood and Middleton and other towns in Greater Manchester. (28672)
- 116 **Juliet Campbell** (Broxtowe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has for land safeguarded for HS2 in Nottinghamshire. (28621)
- 117 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to her predecessor's oral contribution of 18 November 2024, Official Report, column 49, when she plans to make a decision on concessionary bus travel for young people; and what criteria she plans to use. (28870)
- 118 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help support (a) skills development and (b) training in the maritime sector. (28454)
- 119 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to (a) help improve the safety of (i) horses and (ii) horse riders on roads and (b) increase driver awareness of horse safety. (28821)
- 120 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve bus services in remote rural areas. (28822)

- 121 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to tackle changes in the levels of haulage costs for transporting goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (28640)
- 122 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has to support funding for (a) small transport projects and (b) local infrastructure after the latest round of Levelling Up Funds is completed in March 2025. (28459)
- 123 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department consulted the Environment Agency on the flooding components of the Oxford Rail Station Phase 2 project. (28680)
- 124 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure equitable parking enforcement debt collection practices. (28651)
- 125 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the proposed expansion of Heathrow Airport will be privately funded. (28771)
- 126 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the time period between MOTs for privately registered passenger vehicles under ten years of age from one to two years. (28756)
- 127 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of building Westerly slip road access to the M42 from J1 of the M42. (28760)
- 128 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will take steps to reduce levels of congestion in Hagley resulting from recurring roadworks. (28841)
- 129 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with West Midlands Railway on restoring the number of services between North Worcestershire and Birmingham to six per hour. (28853)
- 130 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help ensure that people claiming benefits have all the information required to access their entitlement. (28675)
- 131 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the pension review will consider adequacy. (28824)
- 132 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what percentage of applicants that started a Pension Credit online application did not complete it or submit the form in the latest period for which figures are available. (28826)

- 133 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of households impacted by changes to the eligibility criteria for Winter Fuel Payments in Sutton Coldfield constituency. (28460)
- 134 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) comply with the McCloud remedy and (b) provide assurances to members of the Police Pensions Scheme. (28695)
- 135 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce child poverty in Stratford-on-Avon constituency. (28832)
- 136 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Minister for Social Security and Disability travelled to the Muslim Council of Britain's leadership dinner on 25 January 2025 by Ministerial car; whether the invitation was (a) received and (b) accepted through his Ministerial office; whether he has made a declaration of hospitality; and whether Government business was discussed at the event by the Minister. (28705)
- 137 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the financial compensation available to those that have been exposed to asbestos in the workplace. (28479)
- 138 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with financial services sector stakeholders on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill. (28602)
- 139 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of pilot schemes for third party data sharing powers as set out in the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill. (28603)
- 140 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help to improve training in the use of automated external defibrillators in rural areas. (28593)
- 141 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential benefits developing a national strategy to place defibrillators in socio-economically deprived communities. (28711)
- 142 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of patients have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in (a) England, (b) Cambridgeshire and (c) Peterborough Integrated Care Board. (28490)

- 143 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the cost to the public purse for the treatment of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in accordance with the NICE Quality Standard QS204 in each of the last five years. (28491)
- 144 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many mPox vaccines were given in England in the 2023-24 financial year; and how many have been given to date in the 2024-25 financial year. (28768)
- 145 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made with NHS England of the efficacy of booster vaccinations for mPox. (28769)
- 146 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the level of vaccine uptake is by (a) ethnicity, (b) region and (c) socio-economic group. (28773)
- 147 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Mpox vaccines were delivered in each month since January 2024. (28774)
- 148 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of integrating Mpox vaccines into routine sexual health services for higher risk groups. (28776)
- 149 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding his Department is providing to support the implementation of ongoing and holistic post-release support for prison leavers with severe mental health issues. (28497)
- 150 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will establish a standard process for the implementation of AI applications in the NHS. (28836)
- 151 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to monitor quality control of new AI products used in the NHS to ensure (a) value for money and (b) return on investment. (28837)
- 152 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to ensure that NHS trusts have access to similar AI technologies by having approved models in line with the provision of medical equipment. (28838)
- 153 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of levels of workforce requirements needed for AI adoption and innovation in (a) radiology and (b) clinical oncology. (28840)

- 154 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the (a) 10 Year Health Plan and (b) Long-Term Workforce Plan will link to the AI Opportunities Plan. (28842)
- 155 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of AI integration in health on productivity in (a) radiology and (b) oncology. (28843)
- 156 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding will be made available to NHS trusts to integrate AI technology. (28844)
- 157 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure public engagement with AI implementation in the NHS. (28845)
- 158 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to allocate funding for (a) secure data environments for data validation and (b) other infrastructure required for AI implementation in the NHS. (28847)
- 159 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of NHS dentists in Torbay constituency. (28665)
- 160 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what purposes the Human Tissue Authority has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (28452)
- 161 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of shortening the diagnostic pathway for ovarian cancer. (28803)
- 162 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to take steps to tackle regional variations in the early diagnosis of ovarian cancer. (28804)
- 163 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure (a) training and (b) support is in place to help GPs diagnose ovarian cancer. (28805)
- 164 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase testing for lead poisoning in (a) adults and (b) children. (28806)
- 165 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of children reported to have had lead poisoning in each year since 2016. (28807)

- 166 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the National Screening Committee review into lead poisoning will be complete. (28808)
- 167 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to bring forward legislative proposals to increase access to bereavement leave. (28809)
- 168 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to promote awareness of ovarian cancer month. (28810)
- 169 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to help improve ambulance waiting times in Gloucester. (28698)
- 170 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve access to treatment for people with functional neurological disorder. (28700)
- 171 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support adult social care providers in Gloucester. (28701)
- 172 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to improve access to NHS dentistry in Gloucester. (28702)
- 173 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he will take steps to implement a National Cardiovascular Disease Plan. (28703)
- 174 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of funding levels for NHS dentists in the West Midlands. (28461)
- 175 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve women's access to healthcare services. (28642)
- 176 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of excluding measures of grading in brain tumour diagnosis on his targets for cancer diagnosis set out in the NHS Long Term Plan. (28573)
- 177 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help to care for the estimated 47,000 people affected by polio in the UK. (28649)

- 178 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to include vasa praevia screening as part of antenatal care within the NHS. (28751)
- 179 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to publish the five-point prevention plan. (28666)
- 180 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Health Mission Delivery Board last met. (28667)
- 181 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Health Mission Delivery Board will next meet. (28668)
- 182 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on the five-point prevention plan. (28669)
- 183 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to end the use of corridor care in the NHS. (28796)
- 184 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to end exploitative employment practices by social care employers. (28797)
- 185 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for its policies of exploitative employment practices by social care employers. (28798)
- 186 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of publishing year-round data on the number of patients being treated in temporary care environments. (28859)
- 187 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average cost per patient for (a) in centre and (b) home therapies dialysis treatment was in each of the last three years. (28481)
- 188 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the NHS is of (a) surgery to transplant a kidney and (b) medication for a year for a kidney transplant recipient. (28482)
- 189 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of developing a national strategy to place defibrillators in high need areas. (28494)
- 190 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the inclusion of bed bugs within the remit of Environmental Health England. (28829)

- 191 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of reducing academic barriers to entry to the nursing profession. (28749)
- 192 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to increase the provision of radiographers in the NHS. (28849)
- 193N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the required domestic capacity for vaccine production in the event of a pandemic. [Transferred] (27976)
- 194 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the removal of the dementia diagnosis rate target on the adequacy of dementia care. (28718)
- 195 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of early diagnosis rates on the quality of life of dementia patients. (28719)
- 196 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of early diagnosis rates on the quality of care for dementia patients. (28720)
- 197 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of early diagnosis rates on the quality of life choices for dementia patients. (28721)
- 198 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the NHS on the dementia diagnosis target rate. (28722)
- 199 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's guidance entitled 2025/26 priorities and operational planning guidance, published on 30 January 2025, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the removal of the dementia diagnosis target rate on people with dementia. (28723)
- 200 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's guidance entitled 2025/26 priorities and operational planning guidance, published on 30 January 2025, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the removal of the dementia diagnosis target rate on access to care for non-diagnosis dementia patients. (28724)

- 201 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's guidance entitled 2025/26 priorities and operational planning guidance, published on 30 January 2025, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the removal of the dementia diagnosis target rate on (a) support and (b) treatment for non-diagnosis dementia patients. (28725)
- 202 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's guidance entitled 2025/26 priorities and operational planning guidance, published on 30 January 2025, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the removal of the dementia diagnosis target rate on the number of patients at risk of going into urgent care. (28726)
- 203 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's guidance entitled 2025/26 priorities and operational planning guidance, published on 30 January 2025, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the removal of the dementia diagnosis target rate on the NHS. (28727)
- 204 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that dementia care receives long term investment. (28729)
- 205 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's guidance entitled 2025/26 priorities and operational planning guidance, published on 30 January 2025, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the removal of the dementia diagnosis target rate on local health service accountability. (28730)
- 206 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to improve access to the NHS for transgender adults. (28737)
- 207 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on the decision to ban UNRWA operations. (28863)
- 208 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Israel's decision to ban UNWRA on the humanitarian situation in (a) Gaza and (b) the West Bank. (28864)
- 209 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with (a) his counterpart in Israel and (b) the United Nations on reports of potential links between Hamas and UNRWA. (28527)
- 210 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has had discussions with the UN on reports that Hamas hostages have been held in UNRWA facilities. (28528)

- 211 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help prevent Russian interference in UK democratic processes. [R] (28792)
- 212 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2025 to Question 25237 on Development Aid, when the Official Development Assistance Board first met; how frequently the Board plans to meet; how the meetings will be reported; and what are the terms of reference for the Board. (28500)
- 213 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23329 on Red Sea: British Nationals Abroad, what steps is he taking to provide consular support to British nationals in that region. (28501)
- 214 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23329 on Red Sea: British Nationals Abroad, what discussions he has had with (a) the Secretary of State for Defence and (b) other Cabinet colleagues on the potential implications of unexploded ordinance in countries bordering the Red Sea on the safety of British nationals in that region. (28502)
- 215 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23329 on Red Sea: British Nationals Abroad, what engagement he has had with the families of victims of recent fatalities in the Red Sea. (28547)
- 216 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 13 January 2025 to Question 22620 on Development Aid: Review, which stakeholders were consulted for the review. (28548)
- 217 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 28 January 2025 to Question 24872 on Nutrition for Growth Summit, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of making an (a) financial and (b) policy announcement from the UK at the Nutrition for Growth summit. (28555)
- 218 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Development of 23 January 2025 on International Day of Education, Official Report, column 433WH, on what date was the funding for (a) Education Cannot Wait and (b) Global Partnership for Education announced; and in which financial year was the spending commitment transacted. (28556)

- 219 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Development of 23 January 2025 on International Day of Education, Official Report, column 433WH, what steps he is taking to ensure at least 50% of Government funding is reaching women and girls in Afghanistan; and what steps he is taking to measure this. (28557)
- 220 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Development of 23 January 2025 on International Day of Education, Official Report, column 434WH, whether he plans to consult hon. Members on the findings of the development review. (28558)
- 221 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Development of 23 January 2025 on International Day of Education, Official Report, column 434WH, what (a) consideration and (b) priority has been given to UK global education funding in the development review. (28559)
- 222 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Development of 23 January 2025 on International Day of Education, Official Report, column 431WH, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on support for women and girls' education in Myanmar. (28560)
- 223 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans he has to leverage (a) education and (b) research expertise to achieve his Department's development objectives. (28561)
- 224 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross. (28563)
- 225 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions (a) he and (b) officials in his Department have had with (i) the International Committee of the Red Cross and (ii) Chancellor of the Exchequer on the International Committee of the Red Cross's next funding period. (28564)
- 226 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the British Council on the UK soft power and diplomacy. (28565)

- 227 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to remove (a) help and (b) assistance from (i) internal and (ii) external communications and guidance with respect to UK Official Development Assistance. (28566)
- 228 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve the cyber security of government digital infrastructure. (28464)
- 229 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many government cyber security roles were vacant on 4 February 2025; and what steps he is taking to recruit more people into cyber security roles. (28465)
- 230 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Canadian counterparts on recent tariffs applied to that country by the US. (28733)
- 231 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with Greater Manchester Police to tackle the (a) prevalence and (b) impact of anti-social behaviour the city-region. (28671)
- 232 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of funding for police training programmes. (28632)
- 233 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the number of police officers in Suffolk in each financial year this Parliament. (28554)
- 234 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police officers there have been Suffolk in each financial year since 2019. (28692)
- 235 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle illegal immigration into the UK via the Republic of Ireland. (28645)
- 236 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people identified as illegal migrants are being housed in Northern Ireland; and what funding they have received in the last five years. (28646)
- 237 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will implement a South-East Allowance for fire and rescue services. (28753)

- 238 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to ensure fire and rescue services are adequately resourced to meet population growth in Essex. (28754)
- 239 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will ensure fire and rescue service personnel receive training on (a) electric vehicle fires and (b) lithium-ion battery incidents. (28755)
- 240 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how her Department assesses references from British nationals during the visitor visa application process. (28791)
- 241 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to promote cross-Departmental work to invest in communities following violent disorder in summer 2024. (28650)
- 242 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 14 January to Question 22097 on Drugs: Organised Crime, what steps she is taking to tackle cuckooing. (28670)
- 243 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle the illegal (a) sale, (b) distribution and (c) use of protonitazene. (28468)
- 244 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to work with relevant authorities to tackle the illegal (a) sale, (b) distribution and (c) use of fentanyl in England. (28496)
- 245 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the level of funding provided to Gloucestershire Constabulary for the 2024-25 financial year on the effectiveness of frontline policing in Gloucestershire; and if she will take steps to increase that level of funding. (28765)
- 246 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to not build new asylum accommodation in Bromsgrove constituency. (28713)
- 247 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of capping annual net-migration into the United Kingdom. (28715)
- 248 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of deporting foreign nationals resident in the UK that engage in activities contrary to British values. (28825)

- 249 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether a review has been undertaken of the Metropolitan Police's involvement in the case of Ali Kololo. (28777)
- 250 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, whether the Commission has tested for lead levels on the parliamentary estate. (28820)
- 251 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking with the maritime trade unions to improve the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of merchant seafarers employed by the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. (28601)
- 252 **Juliet Campbell** (Broxtowe): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the establishment of the Armed Forces Commissioner on service personnel in Broxtowe constituency. (28633)
- 253 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of his Department's expenditure was with SMEs in (a) 2022-23, (b) 2023-24 and (c) 2024-25 financial years. (28540)
- 254 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that his Department pays contracted defence companies on time. (28541)
- 255 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help improve the efficiency of procurement supply chains. (28542)
- 256 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken for his Department to process invoices for contracted work by SMEs in the defence sector. (28543)
- 257 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his policy is on maintaining a military presence in the Kingdom of Brunei. (28544)
- 258 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on the relationship between the Kingdom of Brunei and China. (28545)
- 259 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the new US Administration on NATO defence spending levels. (28546)
- 260 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the total financial remuneration for Non-Executive Directors in (a) his Department, (b) Defence Equipment & Support, (c) the Atomic Weapons Establishment and (d) all other connected agencies for financial year 2024-25. (28549)

- 261 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to expand the Defence Attaché network. (28550)
- 262 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Defence Attaché network for engaging with overseas partners. (28551)
- 263 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of Capita's performance in armed forces recruitment since March 2022. (28572)
- 264 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps with his international counterparts to help ensure that (a) an assessment is made of the condition of and (b) steps are taken to protect the (i) Commonwealth War Graves and (ii) Deir el Belah War Cemeteries in Gaza. (28574)
- 265 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to make the process of tendering for his Department's contracts is more accessible to SMEs. (28746)
- 266 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has had discussions with the TV Licensing Agency on (a) discounts and (b) exemptions from the TV licence for armed forces personnel in service accommodation. (28785)
- 267 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Royal Navy's land-attack missile capability. (28466)
- 268 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of recent reports of missile tests in North Korea. (28476)
- 269 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many military pensions are unclaimed; and what steps his Department is taking to increase the claimant rate of those pensions. (28750)
- 270 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to increase the transparency of charges levied on residents of new estates where freehold estate management fees apply. (28484)
- 271 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to give local planning authorities further powers to prevent high concentrations of (a) short-term and (b) holiday-let accommodation. (28828)

- 272 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to help ensure that grants for affordable housing schemes do not sit as debt on housing association balance sheets. (28596)
- 273 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she will issue guidance to planning authorities on the cumulative impact of carbon emissions from infrastructure projects on the Government's carbon reduction targets. (28620)
- 274 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, CP 1218, published on 16 December 2024, what steps she is taking to ensure local identity is respected in local government reorganisation. (28522)
- 275 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, CP 1218, published on 16 December 2024, what guidance she has issued on deciding between alternative local government reorganisation proposals for one area. (28523)
- 276 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, CP 1218, published on 16 December 2024, what plans she has to introduce legislative proposals for a ministerial directive to allow the creation of Strategic Authorities. (28524)
- 277 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with Hertsmere Borough Council on local government reorganisation. (28525)
- 278 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with Hertfordshire County Council on local government reorganisation. (28526)
- 279 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps to help remove lead paint in older homes. (28817)
- 280 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps to remove toxic lead pipes in housing in (a) England, (b) East Anglia and (c) South West Norfolk constituency. (28818)
- 281 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to improve services in rural isolated communities. (28819)

- 282 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to improve fire safety in (a) new and (b) existing high-rise buildings in Essex. (28757)
- 283 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 23915 on Islamophobia, what her planned timetable is for providing further detail on the Government's approach to tackling Islamophobia. (28839)
- 284 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will hold discussions with the devolved Administrations on the adequacy of (a) funding and (b) devolved powers for the provision of public services. (28874)
- 285 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to increase the number of available sites for biodiversity net gain credits in south west Devon. (28855)
- 286 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she is taking steps to reduce the time taken for planning applications to commence for developments for which biodiversity net gain credits are required. (28856)
- 287 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of adding more brackets on the Council Tax band system for the highest value homes. (28823)
- 288 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on employment in the construction industry. (28604)
- 289 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contribution on the plan to build 1.5 million houses in this Parliament. (28605)
- 290 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of mandatory design codes for local planning authorities. (28738)
- 291 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the press article entitled Mind the gap: supporting prison leavers with mental illness from the University of Manchester, published on 27 March 2024, what steps he is taking to ensure that prison leavers with severe mental health issues receive the necessary support with (a) housing, (b) access to services, and (c) community reintegration (28498)

- 292 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure legal aid is accessible to people using the family courts in the North West. (28673)
- 293 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make it her policy to allow release of Child Trust Funds to family members where those funds are inaccessible to disabled children unable to manage their finances. (28782)
- 294 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 23432 on Prisons: Fires, how many cell fire alarms in the identified prisons were found to be (i) working and (ii) not working. (28622)
- 295 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to help support children who have a parent in prison. (28734)
- 296 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent discussions his Department has had with the Police Service of Northern Ireland on (a) staffing levels, (b) recruitment challenges and (c) plans to address workforce shortages. (28643)
- 297 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether his Department plans to take steps to commission a public inquiry into the Kingsmill shooting of 5 January 1976. (28644)
- 298 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what plans he has to engage with the President of the United States to promote (a) trade, (b) investment and (c) cultural links with Northern Ireland. (28648)
- 299 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his oral response to the hon. Member for North Cornwall during Prime Minister's Questions on 16 October 2024, if he will meet with hon. Members representing Cornish constituencies. (28793)
- 300 **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure the timely release of funds by banks to executors of wills. [Transferred] (28231)
- 301 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the total net fiscal impact of no longer paying fees associated with EU membership on overall UK public expenditure. (28552)
- 302 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the total net fiscal impact of no longer paying fees associated with EU membership on overall UK public expenditure in each remaining financial year this Parliament. (28553)
- 303 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what purposes the UK Debt Management Office has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (28448)

- 304 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what purposes the Government Internal Audit Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (28456)
- 305 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue she expects to raise from changes to Agricultural Property Relief in Northern Ireland; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of those changes on farming families in Northern Ireland. (28647)
- 306 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the proposed rise in employers' National Insurance contributions on small businesses. (28764)
- 307 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support Essex County Fire and Rescue Service's capital investment in its (a) estate, (b) fleet and (c) equipment. (28759)
- 308 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of (a) continuing existing government grants for the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and (b) uplifting such grants by inflation. (28761)
- 309 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to provide funding for infrastructure for fire and rescue services to help mitigate risks in relation to contaminants. (28762)
- 310 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of rises in employer National Insurance contributions on victims of domestic and sexual violence. (28478)
- 311 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she is taking steps with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to enable banking hubs to offer postal services. (28854)
- 312 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue the Crown Estate will generate from the partnership with GB Energy. (28779)
- 313 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department made of job losses when calculating the contribution to the public purse of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions. (28606)
- 314 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has produced modelling on the potential behavioural impact of increases to employers' National Insurance. (28607)

- 315 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has provided funding from the public purse to offset the impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on public sector arms-length bodies. (28608)
- 316 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether funding has been provided from the public purse to offset the impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on the East-West Rail Company. (28609)
- 317 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the impact of her policies on employers' National Insurance contributions on economic growth. (28610)
- 318 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the marginal propensity to consume of (a) all pensioners, (b) pensioners under the threshold for Pension Credit and (c) pensioners over the threshold for Pension Credit. (28611)
- 319 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of Winter Fuel Payments that were spent through (a) direct and (b) indirect taxation in 2023-24. (28612)
- 320 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments on consumer spending. (28613)
- 321 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she discussed bank branch closures with the Chief Executive Officer of Lloyds during their meeting on 28 January 2025. (28664)
- 322 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to change the historic vehicle tax exemption threshold to 30 years. (28704)
- 323 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of increasing the Married Couple's Allowance. (28742)
- 324 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of business rate reform to incentivise retail business investment in (a) Bromsgrove constituency and (b) across the United Kingdom. (28747)
- 325 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to increase the Income Tax Personal Allowance. (28831)
- 326 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to ensure airlines do not discriminate against elderly people who are not able to digitally check-in. (28741)

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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse final report, published in October 2022, which Department has lead responsibility for implementing the recommendations of that report. (28486)
- 2N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much and what proportion of its budget the UK Integrated Security Fund has allocated for (a) conflict (i) prevention and (ii) resolution and (b) peacebuilding in the (A) 2024-25 and (B) 2025-26 financial years. (28520)
- 3N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the annual budget is for the UK Integrated Security Fund in the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial years. (28521)
- 4N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will list (a) each (i) scheme and (ii) programme for the Civil Service Fast Stream and (b) how many people were recruited to the civil service through each in 2024. (28581)
- 5N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23481 on Government Departments: Directors, what steps his Department is taking to avoid conflicts of interest in relation to consultant lobbyists serving as a non-executive director of a Department. (28582)
- 6N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2025 to Question 24650 on Special Advisers: Pay, what changes were made to special adviser pay policy since October 2024. (28583)
- 7N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, on what date the Incorporated Companies in the UK statistical release for October to December 2024 will be published. (28624)
- 8N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 26598 on Rules of Origin, whether he has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the economic impact on the UK of joining the Pan-Euro-Mediterranean Convention on Rules of Origin. (28625)
- 9N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to reduce decision times for qualified teacher status applications. (28693)

- 10N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what reason designated sixth form colleges are not receiving the same funding for staff pay awards as sixth form college academies. (28784)
- 11N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential (a) administrative and (b) psychological impact of children not being on school registers on home schooling families of neurodivergent children. (28872)
- 12N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of items of correspondence from Parliamentarians received by (a) her Department, (b) herself and (c) her ministerial team have not received a substantive response in each month since August 2024. (28589)
- 13N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking through Young Futures Hubs to help tackle violence against women and girls. [Transferred] (28302)
- 14N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's consultation entitled School accountability reform - school profiles, improvement and intervention, page 18, published on 3 February 2025, what estimate she has made of the number of schools which will require a (a) structural intervention and (b) targeted RISE intervention in the next three years. (28587)
- 15N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to replicate the changes announced for the Mineworkers Pension Scheme to the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme. (28867)
- 16N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to respond to the letter dated 19 December 2024 from the hon. Member for Arundel and South Downs. (28694)
- 17N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of designating Wylfa as a preferred site for a new nuclear energy generation project. (28629)
- 18N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the suitability of Wylfa to be designated as a preferred site for a new nuclear energy generation project. (28630)
- 19N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions he has with the Welsh Government on developing a new nuclear site at Wylfa. (28631)
- 20N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, on how many occasions the Drax power station has claimed that 100% of the wood it burnt is from sustainable sources since 2012. (28656)

- 21N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether Natural England plans to reintroduce beavers into the wild in 2025. (28739)
- 22N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that (a) environmental and (b) animal welfare standards are maintained in planning reforms. (28799)
- 23N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress he has made on the review of the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority funding formula; and if he will set a timeline for completion. (28655)
- 24N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what outcomes there were through Innovate UK's Launchpad initiative in Northern Ireland in 2024. (28458)
- 25N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an assessment of the (a) resilience and (b) reliability of cloud services, in the context of its plans to designate cloud services as Critical National Infrastructure. (28485)
- 26N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of items of correspondence from Parliamentarians received by (a) her Department, (b) herself and (c) her ministerial team have not received a substantive response in each month since August 2024. (28592)
- 27N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve accessibility at railway stations in Runnymede and Weybridge constituency. (28597)
- 28N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the cost of a standard-class annual rail season ticket from (a) Longbridge, (b) Northfield and (c) Kings Norton stations to Birmingham New Street in 2010. (28794)
- 29N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on the potential merits of devolving powers related to the administration of the social security system to Wales. (28767)
- 30N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when she will provide an update on the (a) strategy and (b) expected publication date of the work of the Ministerial Child Poverty Task Force including on (i) child poverty and (ii) review of the two-child benefit cap. (28504)

- 31N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of items of correspondence from Parliamentarians received by (a) her Department, (b) herself and (c) her ministerial team have not received a substantive response in each month since August 2024. (28591)
- 32N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of holding a public consultation before implementing the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill. (28627)
- 33N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reinstating the restriction on international medical graduates in the first round of selection for NHS speciality training programmes. (28598)
- 34N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the proportion of UK medical graduates in NHS speciality training places. (28599)
- 35N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) he and (b) his Department has had discussions with County Durham and Darlington Foundation NHS Trust on delays to death certification. (28687)
- 36N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average time taken was to certify a death in (a) hospital and (b) the community in the period since changes were made to the death certification process in September 2024. (28688)
- 37N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death Regulations 2024 in the context of reports of delays to funeral services. (28689)
- 38N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when does he plans to publish allocations of the Public Health Grant for 2025-26. (28533)
- 39N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of items of correspondence from Parliamentarians received by (a) his Department, (b) himself and (c) his ministerial team have not received a substantive response in each month since August 2024. [R] (28588)
- 40N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with (a) NHS specialists, (b) support groups and (c) all other stakeholders on increasing available support for children with avoidant restrictive food intake disorder (ARFID). (28661)

- 41N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with NHS England on the provision of clear care pathways for children with avoidant restrictive food intake disorder. (28662)
- 42N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with NHS England on (a) neurodivergence and (b) avoidant restrictive food intake disorder. (28663)
- 43N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people are seeking support for avoidant restrictive food intake disorder in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, d) the North East (e) England. (28674)
- 44N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 27349 on Vaccination, what steps his Department is taking to ensure contemporaneous vaccine delivery across all regions. (28712)
- 45N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's press release GP reforms to cut red tape and bring back family doctor, published on 20 December 2024, whether GPs will be able to determine how to spend the additional funding to best meet local needs. (28714)
- 46N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the availability of hospital beds for teenagers and young adults undergoing cancer treatment. (28635)
- 47N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has plans to increase the funding available for research into children cancers. (28636)
- 48N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the nuclear weapon capabilities of the People's Republic of China in (a) 2015 and (b) 2025. (28790)
- 49N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 25988 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, how much and what proportion of spend to date on the Chagos Islands negotiations will be borne by the (a) his Department and (b) the Ministry of Defence. (28535)
- 50N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January to Question 25988 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, how much has been spent on the Chagos Islands negotiations by his Department. (28536)

- 51N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will support legislative proposals to establish a legal right to consular assistance for British nationals. (28446)
- 52N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the Consular Assistance (Journalists) Bill. (28447)
- 53N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): 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 reports of alleged settler violence in the village of Umm al-Khair in the southern West Bank. (28659)
- 54N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his international counterparts on taking steps to protect places of worship in Palestine. (28660)
- 55N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the projected financial commitments within the revised agreement with Mauritius on the Chagos Islands including adjustments for (a) inflation and (b) exchange rate fluctuations. (28469)
- 56N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he made an assessment of the potential merits of conducting a national security impact assessment on the negotiated agreement with Mauritius on the Chagos Islands. (28470)
- 57N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February to Question 25990 on Cabinet Office: British Indian Ocean Territory, if he will make it his policy to publish costs of the Prime Minister's Envoy before the conclusion of the agreement. (28471)
- 58N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy that the proposed leaseback for Diego Garcia is renewable. (28472)
- 59N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take diplomatic steps to support (a) civil society and (b) independent media in Georgia. (28518)
- 60N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much and what proportion of his Department's budget he has allocated for (a) civilian peacebuilding and (b) conflict (i) prevention and (ii) resolution in the (A) 2024-25 and (B) 2025-26 financial years. (28519)

- 61N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help support the expansion of the UN's operational presence in (a) South Darfur and (b) other conflict-affected areas in Sudan. (28707)
- 62N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of restrictions on (a) education, (b) work and (c) public life placed on women and girls by the Taliban in Afghanistan; and what steps he is taking with his international counterparts to help tackle violations of women's rights and freedom of religion or belief in Afghanistan. (28618)
- 63N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what information his Department holds on how much and what proportion of the annual budgets of the BBC (a) World Service and (b) Monitoring Service are funded by FCDO; and what discussions he has had with the BBC on preventing cuts in those services. (28444)
- 64N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help facilitate the safe passage of humanitarian aid from (a) UK and (b) international NGOs and partners to the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. (28562)
- 65N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the legal case in Argentina implicating former Colombian President Álvaro Uribe Vélez for human rights violations; and whether he plans to make representations to his Argentinian counterpart on the (a) protection of (i) lawyers and (ii) victims involved in and (b) eventual outcome of the case. (28534)
- 66N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on what date the new US Administration began formal consideration of the proposed treaty with Mauritius. (28492)
- 67N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has received from his Mauritian counterpart since 15 January 2025. (28493)
- 68N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in Pakistan on ensuring the safety of Ahmadiyya Muslims, in the context of the destruction of the UN mosque in Daska, Pakistan. (28770)

- 69N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): 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, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of Lord Mandelson's previous interests in relation to China. (28503)
- 70N **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has used powers under section 44 of the Police Act 1996 to require Chief Constables to provide information on the time taken by firearms licensing departments to process (a) grants and (b) renewals for (i) shotguns and (ii) section 1 firearms. (28449)
- 71N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of items of correspondence from Parliamentarians received by (a) her Department, (b) herself and (c) her ministerial team have not received a substantive response in each month since August 2024. (28590)
- 72N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will instruct the Southport public inquiry to make an assessment of the adequacy of public communications by the Government in the aftermath of those murders. (28529)
- 73N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has plans to proscribe drug cartels as terrorist organisations. (28530)
- 74N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will accelerate deportations of (a) foreign national offenders and (b) illegal immigrants. (28531)
- 75N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will use sanctions including visa penalties on countries that do not cooperate with the removal of their nationals. (28532)
- 76N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many fee waiver requests for child citizenship applications have been (a) submitted, (b) accepted and (c) rejected in the last 12 months. (28681)
- 77N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what revenue has the Exchequer received from child citizenship applications since the fee waiver was introduced. (28682)
- 78N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has plans to increase the fees associated with applications for child citizenship. (28683)
- 79N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has commissioned an impact assessment on proposals to increase fees associated with adult citizenship applications. (28684)

- 80N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help tackle speeding by motor vehicles in rural areas of Hertfordshire. (28795)
- 81N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress he has made on replenishing stocks of all types of Aster missile in use by the Royal Navy. (28537)
- 82N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had recent discussions with his French counterpart on the acquisition of additional Aster missiles for use by the Royal Navy. (28538)
- 83N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 November to Question 11947 on Armed Forces: Private Education, whether the decision to not offer any exemptions from the VAT policy for service families included an assessment of the exemption of US personnel whose children attend British independent schools. (28539)
- 84N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the expected Minimal Deployability Capability is for the E-7 Wedgetail. (28473)
- 85N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department has made on granting retrospective pension arrangements to Gurkha veterans who served in the armed forces. (28865)
- 86N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many UK personnel have been trained on jet aircraft in (a) the UK and (b) overseas in each of the last five years; and in which countries overseas training has taken place. [R] (28857)
- 87N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what was the total cost to the public purse of training personnel on jet aircraft in (a) the UK and (b) overseas in each of the last five years; and what proportion of the total training budget each represents. [R] (28858)
- 88N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual cost is to maintain the Hawk T1 fleet under the existing fleet maintenance contract. [R] (28860)
- 89N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 23535 on Hawk Aircraft, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the high fatigue index in the remaining Hawk T1 fleet on the total number of available UK-based training hours for personnel. [R] (28861)

- 90N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 23535 on Hawk Aircraft, what plans his Department has for the replacement of the Hawk T1 by 2030; and whether it is his policy to maintain a sovereign jet training capability in this process. [R] (28862)
- 91N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of increasing permitted development rights. (28567)
- 92N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent progress she has made on developing a future funding framework to replace the Shared Prosperity Fund. (28571)
- 93N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of prison officer salary levels on staff retention rates. (28487)
- 94N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of prison officer salaries given the levels of (a) risk and (b) stress of this role. (28488)
- 95N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent estimate she has made of the level of pay rise required by prison officers for salaries to be at the same real-terms levels as they were in 2010. (28489)
- 96N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing sentences for knife crime perpetrators. (28781)
- 97N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what is the average wait time for callers to HMRC helplines; what action is being taken to reduce wait times on HMRC helplines; and if she will make it her policy implement a freephone service when wait times are high. (28686)
- 98N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she made an assessment of the potential merits of including within the terms of reference for the Independent Review of the Loan Charge consideration of the (a) mis-selling by scheme promoters, (b) advice on legality given by accountants, (c) impact of retrospective pursuit on mental health and welfare and (d) measures for protection against recurrence in future; and if she will take steps to revise the terms of reference to include those matters. (28445)
- 99N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether land farmed under the Environmental Land Management Scheme will be exempt from new inheritance tax rules for farms. (28653)

100N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether woodlands qualify for inheritance tax relief. (28654)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- 1 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): What progress Sir Stephen Lovegrove has made on his report on the AUKUS programme. (902642)
- 2 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): What his plans are for the disposal of HMS Albion and HMS Bulwark. (902643)
- 3 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): In which financial year he plans to spend 2.5% of GDP on defence. (902644)
- 4 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): What steps he is taking to protect undersea infrastructure. (902645)
- 5 **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): If he will have discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of removing taxation from death in service payments. (902646)
- 6 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): Whether he has had discussions with officials in the US Administration on its commitment to NATO. (902647)
- 7 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): What his planned timetable is for the annual provision of £3 billion of military support to Ukraine. (902648)
- 8 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): What steps he is taking to support cadet forces. (902649)
- 9 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): What steps he is taking to help increase recruitment to the armed forces. (902650)
- 10 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): How many Afghans who worked directly for British forces have been relocated to the UK under the Afghan Resettlement Programme. (902651)
- 11 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): If he will have discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of removing taxation from death in service payments. (902652)
- 12 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): What steps he is taking to support minority groups in the armed forces. (902653)
- 13 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): In which financial year he plans to spend 2.5% of GDP on defence. (902654)
- 14 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): What his planned timetable is for awarding the New Medium Helicopter contract. (902655)

- 15 **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): What progress his Department has made on achieving a 30% inflow of women into the armed forces by 2030. (902656)
- 16 **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): Whether he plans to appoint a Veterans' Commissioner for England. (902657)
- 17 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): What steps he is taking to provide military support to Ukraine. (902658)
- 18 **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): What steps he is taking to support jobs in the defence sector. (902659)
- 19 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): What steps he is taking to protect undersea infrastructure. (902660)
- 20 **Katie White** (Leeds North West): What steps his Department plans to take to increase the recruitment of neurodiverse graduates into the armed forces. (902661)
- 21 **Peter Swallow** (Bracknell): What steps he is taking to help increase recruitment to the armed forces. (902662)
- 22 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): What steps his Department is taking to help protect female members of the armed forces from sexual harassment. (902663)
- 23 **Kevin Bonavia** (Stevenage): What recent discussions he has had with NATO allies on strengthening European security. (902664)
- 24 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): What steps he is taking to protect critical undersea infrastructure. (902665)
- 25 **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): What steps he is taking to help increase recruitment to the armed forces. (902666)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- T1 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902667)
- T2 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): (902668)
- T3 **Baggy Shanker** (Derby South): (902669)
- T4 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): (902670)
- T5 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): (902671)
- T6 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): (902672)
- T7 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): (902673)

T8	Dave Doogan (Angus and Perthshire Glens):	(902674)
T9	Clive Jones (Wokingham):	(902675)
T10	Sam Rushworth (Bishop Auckland):	(902676)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 11 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure enrichment activities for students in (a) school and (b) further education colleges are incorporated in the recommendations of the Curriculum Assessment Review. (28600)
- 2N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of Heathrow Airport (a) expansion and (b) increased flight traffic on reducing emissions to meet net-zero targets. (28778)
- 3N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Israeli legislation on UNRWA on UK government funding. (28745)
- 4N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to secure a UK-EU defence and security agreement. (28833)
- 5N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing water reed to be used as an alternative to thatching straw for protected thatched roofs. (28866)
- 6N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions she has had with local authorities on the adequacy of the support they received for holding local elections in May 2025. (28830)
- 7N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that National Planning Policy reforms protect (a) nature and (b) wildlife. (28783)
- 8N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions her Department has had with transport companies providing services for children with SEND on changes to employer National Insurance contributions. (28787)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 12 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle domestic abuse. (28685)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 24 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that (a) people enrolling on a second undergraduate degree course, (b) people enrolling on a five-year degree course and (c) other returning learners receive adequate support via the additional entitlement within the new Lifelong Learning Entitlement scheme. (28846)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to make (a) blood, (b) plasma, (c) platelet, (d) organ, (e) stem cell and (f) tissue donation a mandatory part of the curriculum for primary and secondary school children. (28657)