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Questions tabled on Wednesday 5 February 2025

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 6 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to improve the cyber security of government digital infrastructure. [Transferred] (28464)
- 2 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (28465)
- 3 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to bring forward legislative proposals to increase access to bereavement leave. [Transferred] (28809)
- 4N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the requirement in the Economic and Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 to publish full lists of shareholders on (a) survivors of domestic abuse who own shares in private residential property management companies as a by-product of owning their own home and (b) shareholders in private residential property management companies who cannot afford the cost of applying to have their details redacted. [Transferred] (28173)
- 5 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, 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. [Transferred] (28619)

- 6 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help support children who have a parent in prison. [Transferred] (28734)
- 7 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve services in rural isolated communities. [Transferred] (28819)
- 8 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of available sites for biodiversity net gain credits in south west Devon. [Transferred] (28855)
- 9 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to reduce the time taken for planning applications to commence for developments for which biodiversity net gain credits are required. [Transferred] (28856)
- 10 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he 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. [Transferred] (28474)
- 11 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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. [Transferred] (28609)
- 12 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (28612)
- 13 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments on consumer spending. [Transferred] (28613)
- 14 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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. [Transferred] (28498)
- 15 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of out-of-home advertising of fast food on children and young people. [Transferred] (28852)

- 16N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on reducing tool theft. [Transferred] (28161)
- 17N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the impact of tool theft on (a) tradespeople and (b) small businesses. [Transferred] (28162)
- 18 **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. [Transferred] (28876)
- 19 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (28617)
- 20 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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 she plans to classify the chair appointment as a significant appointment. [Transferred] (28658)
- 21 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (28874)

Questions for Answer on Monday 10 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Solicitor General, if she will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29137)
- 2 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to establish a cross-government working group on food. (29408)
- 3N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024, to Question 13759 on Business: Meetings, if he will take steps to publish supplementary guidance to the Ministerial Code on how Ministers should record meetings with business representatives who have paid money to the political party to which they belong to facilitate a meeting. (29004)

- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to page 176 of the National Risk Register 2025 and page 180 of the National Risk Register 2023, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the (a) repeal of the Trade Union Act 2016 and (b) Employment Rights Bill on the risk metrics for the National Risk Register 2025 edition. (29005)
- 5N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants in his Department have been disciplined for (a) plagiarism and (b) making false statements on a CV when applying for a job in the latest 12 month period for which figures are available. (29018)
- 6N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2024 to Question 6093 on Civil Servants: Recruitment, what is the process by which a Minister can request a department (a) appoint and (b) consider appointing a specific individual to the Civil Service without open and fair competition. (29019)
- 7N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November to Question 6094 on Cabinet Office: Civil Servants, for what reason does the Government not publish details of appointments below SCS2 grade. (29020)
- 8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 21401 on Public Bodies: Finance, if he will list specific hyperlinks for where this information is published on gov.uk. (29021)
- 9 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 8434 on Prime Minister: Aviation, which (a) company and (b) commercial facility the Government uses to carbon offset its (i) domestic and (ii) international flights for Ministerial air travel. (29022)
- 10 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 August 2024 to Question 1667 on Prime Minister: Special Advisers, whether special advisers who (a) are part of a trade union and (b) not part of a trade union are permitted to go on strike. (29023)
- 11 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled The Approvals Process for the Creation of New Arm's-Length Bodies, published on 15 March 2018, which of the three tests in Chapter 2 the Industrial Strategy Council meets. (29024)
- 12 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 21056 on DWP: Political Impartiality, whether his Department holds information on a disciplinary investigation into party political campaigning by officials in the Department for Work and Pensions during the Rochdale by-election in February and March 2024. (29025)

- 13 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 October 2024 to Question 8126 on Trade Union Officials: Facilities Agreements, for what reason the public sector trade union facility time data was not published before the end of 2024; and when that data will be published. (29026)
- 14 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the recent Employment Tribunal settlement between Mrs Eleanor Frances versus the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology. (29027)
- 15 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question HL3924 on Brexit, what steps he is taking in response to each of those active infringement proceedings. (29028)
- 16 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 22993 on Cabinet Office: Directors, for what reason the declaration of political activity was not published with the announcement of the appointment. (29030)
- 17 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which Department is responsible for policy on tackling antisemitism; and what role the Home Office plays on that issue. (28995)
- 18 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 23666 on Cabinet Office: Media, which Ministers received that training. (29166)
- 19 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29138)
- 20 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost of helicopter travel by the Prime Minister is since 4 July 2024. (29217)
- 21 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants across Government are compressed hours workers on a four day week. (29134)
- 22 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of mandating the flying of the Union Flag on all (a) schools and (b) public buildings. (29136)
- 23 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much (a) her Department and (b) each of its Arm's Length Bodies has spent on external public relations since 5 July 2024; and which firms that funding went to. (29169)

- 24 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what assessment the Church Commissioners have made of the potential impact of the Law Commission's consultation on burial and cremation, published on 3 October 2024, on the finances of local authorities taking over the maintenance of closed churchyards. (28992)
- 25 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed Project Spire on (a) church parishes and (b) the maintenance of historic church buildings. (29047)
- 26 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made representations with the Post Office to (a) proceed with moving all directly managed branches to a fully franchised model and (b) expedite the shift of directly managed branches that have previously been earmarked to be moved to a fully franchised model since 5 July 2024. (29016)
- 27 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to implement sector sponsorship for immigrant social care workers. (29156)
- 28 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, for what purposes the Insolvency Service has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (28884)
- 29 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department plans to take to help small businesses with rent increases. (29365)
- 30 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29139)
- 31 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a strategic industry register to document key industries and companies of national significance. (29293)
- 32N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2025 to Question 25524 on UK International Consumer Centre, if he will place a copy of the agreement referenced in the Commons Library. (29383)
- 33 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what information will be collected by the proposed registration scheme for short-term lets. (29177)
- 34 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of commissioning a review into event booking fees. (29167)

- 35N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has funded the BBC Media Action charity in each of the last five years. (28900)
- 36 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if he will visit Shepperton Studios. (29362)
- 37N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make a comparative assessment of the potential impact of (a) external lottery managers, (b) bookmakers and (c) other gambling providers on the (i) forms and (ii) levels of gambling harms. (29052)
- 38 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29140)
- 39 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the implementation of the Broadcasting Code by Ofcom on reducing the sexualisation of children through broadcast advertising. (28905)
- 40 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to consider evidence related to advertising when strengthening protections against gambling harms. (28991)
- 41 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make a comparative assessment of the price of (a) non-alcoholic drinks and (b) alcoholic ones. (29252)
- 42 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to widen access to higher education by underrepresented groups. (29385)
- 43 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the maintenance loans system for meeting students' cost of living needs. (29178)
- 44 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing a unique ID for every child to (a) facilitate data sharing between public bodies and (b) identify children not in school or any form of education. (29211)
- 45 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make (a) schools and (b) education providers statutory safeguarding partners. (29216)
- 46 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the level of support provided to Ukrainian refugees in applying to UK universities. (29279)

- 47 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to create a pathway for Ukrainian refugees to apply to UK universities. (29281)
- 48 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the report entitled Talking about School Transition, published by the University of Manchester in April 2020. (29158)
- 49 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will update the School Food Standards and introduce compliance monitoring to (a) reflect the latest evidence based dietary guidelines on sugar and fibre (b) remove the requirement to offer meat and a dessert at every meal (c) introduce a requirement for meals to include at least two portions of vegetables and (d) include support for water only in schools. (29404)
- 50N **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential equality impact of changes to the Disabled Students Allowance on (a) the provision of assistive technology support packages and products, and (b) the removal of the needs assessments from the eligibility criteria. (29295)
- 51 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average waiting time was for a needs assessments for Disabled Students Allowance applications from the date of application to the date of (a) the assessment being carried out and (b) entitlement letters being issued in the latest period for which data is available. (29297)
- 52 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of students in receipt of Disabled Students' Allowance spelling and grammar assistive technology packages were required to undertake a needs assessment in each year since 2015. (29298)
- 53 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many assistive technology products funded via the Disabled Students Allowance for spelling and grammar support require a needs assessment before being approved. (29299)
- 54 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many students in receipt of Disabled Students Allowance have been provided with spelling and grammar assistive technology packages (a) as of 5 February 2025 and (b) in each year since 2015. (29300)
- 55 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many assistive technology products for spelling and grammar support are funded under the Disabled Students Allowance; and what the total cost to the public purse is of each product. (29301)

- 56 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of funds spent by (a) schools and (b) trusts on legal advice in relation to complaints. (28913)
- 57 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of members of the public directly contacting the Teaching Regulation Agency. (28914)
- 58 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of complaints to Ofsted on schools. (28915)
- 59 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of teachers without qualified teacher status will be exempted from requiring that status due to exemptions for maintained schools being extended to academy schools under the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. (28916)
- 60 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data her Department holds on the (a) proportion of, (b) extent of and (c) reasons for schools deviating from the National Curriculum. (28917)
- 61 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether schools receiving support from regional improvement for standards and excellence teams will have improvement progress measured by (a) those teams, (b) other teams in her Department and (c) Ofsted in a way that could (i) trigger and (ii) otherwise affect a decision to make a structural intervention. (28918)
- 62 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to extend to the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support fund. (29204)
- 63 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to take steps to support the provision of sixth form education in Spelthorne constituency. (29368)
- 64 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29141)
- 65 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to provide (a) schools and (b) parents with guidance to protect young people from harmful content on social media platforms. (29401)
- 66 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to include online safety education into the national curriculum in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools. (29402)

- 67 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of children who have moved from independent to state schools as a result of applying VAT to independent schools in Surrey. (29207)
- 68 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of children who have moved from independent to state schools as a result of applying VAT to independent schools in Hampshire. (29208)
- 69 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of smartphone usage in school on recent trends in youth mental health. (29183)
- 70 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has plans to increase funding for SEND provision in Bromsgrove constituency. (29238)
- 71 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what support her Department is providing to (a) Egglescliffe School and (b) all schools damaged by Storm Éowyn. (29108)
- 72 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of the most recent long-term migration figures were accounted for by international students. (29254)
- 73 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of potential impact of the time taken for education, health and care plan applications to be processed on children in Devon. (29258)
- 74 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that training of individuals qualified to install heat pumps is accelerated. (29179)
- 75 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what progress his Department made on extending consumer energy protections to tenants on heat networks. (29180)
- 76N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change draft rules on the attribution of emissions reductions from bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) to the country of origin on UK subsidies for BECCS. (28878)
- 77N **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many former British Coal employees were recipients of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme in Stafford constituency. (29352)

- 78 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of installing solar panels on the roofs of (a) car parks, (b) warehouses and (c) council-owned buildings in Norfolk. (29195)
- 79 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to reduce emissions from transport refrigeration units. (29196)
- 80N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many and what proportion of items of correspondence from Parliamentarians received by (a) his Department, (b) him and (c) his Ministers in each month since August 2024 have not yet received a substantive response. (28953)
- 81 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29142)
- 82 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to engage with the public on the construction of new electricity network infrastructure. (29395)
- 83 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure engagement with (a) the public and (b) relevant stakeholders on the environmental impact of pylon projects before Development Consent Orders are granted to private energy companies. (29396)
- 84 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on enabling oil fuelled heating homes in Northern Ireland to transition to gas. (28929)
- 85 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 28 October 2024, HCWS168, on Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024, what requirements there will be for the floating offshore wind infrastructure to be manufactured in the United Kingdom. (29086)
- 86 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his planned timetable is for the delivery of the £300 reduction to household energy bills. (29087)
- 87 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 30 August 2024 to Question 1331 on Energy Performance Certificates Housing, whether this will include banning the (a) sale and (b) purchase of privately occupied dwellings which do not meet minimum energy performance certificate requirements. (29088)

- 88 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of (a) disruption to and (b) interference with interconnectors on the UK's energy (i) security and (ii) resilience. (29155)
- 89 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an estimate of the proportion of grid decarboinsation that will be achieved via reduced energy usage before 2030. (29055)
- 90 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of increasing the UK carbon price to £147/tCO₂ by 2030 on (a) energy-intensive manufacturing industries and (b) chemical industries. (29112)
- 91 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has received recent representations from (a) energy-intensive manufacturing and (b) chemical industries on carbon pricing. (29113)
- 92 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department plans to align carbon pricing under the UK Emissions Trading Scheme with the EU Emissions Trading Scheme. (29114)
- 93 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department is preparing for the UK to enter the EU Emissions Trading Scheme. (29115)
- 94 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the specific growth regions for clean power are, broken down by (a) nuclear, (b) wind, and (c) solar. (29116)
- 95 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to increase domestic inventories of uranium. (29117)
- 96 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to increase domestic inventories of plutonium. (29118)
- 97 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much uranium was imported annually since 2010, by country of origin. (29119)
- 98 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much plutonium was imported annually since 2010, by country of origin. (29120)
- 99 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure the protection of birds of prey in the Forest of Dean. (29212)

- 100 **Juliet Campbell** (Broxtowe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what flood prevention and relief measures have been considered for Nottinghamshire. (29003)
- 101 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the horticulture sector. (29405)
- 102 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce mandatory reporting by food and beverage companies on nutrition, health and sustainability metrics. (29407)
- 103 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce a new Food Bill for England in this Parliament. (29409)
- 104 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of neonicotinoids in spot pet treatments on natural habitats. (29354)
- 105 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the people on the potential impact of the use of neonicotinoids in spot pet treatments on the environment. (29355)
- 106 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure there is adequate competition in the domestic veterinary care insurance sector. (29250)
- 107 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to tackle toxic lead pipes in housing in (a) England, (b) East Anglia and (c) South West Norfolk. (29205)
- 108 **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 environment regulations are upheld on intensive livestock farms in (a) East Anglia and (b) South West Norfolk constituency. (29210)
- 109 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29143)
- 110N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support community farms. (29013)
- 111N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to Question 24518 on Farming Recovery Fund, tabled on 16 January 2025 by the hon. Member for North Shropshire. (29014)

- 112 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22329 on Noise: Pollution Control, what guidance his Department has issued on noise complaints about established use, including long-standing (a) chiming clocks and (b) church bells. (29077)
- 113 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23346 on Property Development: Air Pollution, for what reason a Regulatory Impact Assessment is not required for that guidance. (29078)
- 114 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23346 on Property Development: Air Pollution, how many new developments and dwellings currently undertake air quality assessments; and when such are assessments required. (29080)
- 115 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how local authorities are charged for the costs of residual waste disposal through (a) incineration and (b) landfill. (29081)
- 116 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 January 2025 to Question 19349 on Nature Conservation: EU law, what amendments to assimilated EU law are being considered. (29082)
- 117 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 7 January 2025 to Question 21148 on Air Pollution, which local authorities his Department is discussing Clean Air Zones with. (29083)
- 118 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce levels of microplastics in the environment, in the context of the potential impact of microplastics on levels of prevalence of heart attacks and strokes. (29324)
- 119 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support wild bird populations in the UK. (29263)
- 120 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle the persecution of birds of prey. (29264)
- 121 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help protect blue carbon habitats. (29265)
- 122 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help restore peatlands. (29266)

- 123 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take legislative steps to prohibit the retail sales of horticultural peat. (29267)
- 124 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to support the development of non-passenger carrying drones. (29311)
- 125 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps the Government is taking to support the development of Electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing vehicles. (29314)
- 126 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps the Government is taking to support the development of Electric/hydrogen Regional Air Mobility. (29315)
- 127 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, for what purposes the Intellectual Property Office has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (28886)
- 128 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the safety of young people on social media. (29331)
- 129 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to improve 5G access in (a) England, (b) East Anglia and (c) South West Norfolk constituency. (29197)
- 130 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to improve mobile phone access in (a) England, (b) East Anglia and (c) South West Norfolk constituency. (29198)
- 131 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department has taken to ensure Project Gigabit improves broadband speeds in South West Norfolk constituency. (29199)
- 132 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29144)
- 133 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what budget has been allocated to the construction of the supercomputing facility included in the AI Opportunities Action Plan. (28940)
- 134 **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many in-year awards have been given to officials in his Department since 5 July 2024. (28941)

- 135 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department plans to strengthen age verification methods on social media platforms to protect children from having access to harmful content. (29400)
- 136 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with ARIA on the impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor since July 2024. (29357)
- 137 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Arts and Humanities Research Council on the potential impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor since July 2024. (29358)
- 138 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Economic and Social Research Council on the potential impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor since July 2024. (29359)
- 139 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council on the potential impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor since July 2024. (29360)
- 140 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council on the potential impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor since July 2024. (29361)
- 141 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to encourage investment in artificial intelligence in (a) the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District in Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency and (b) other areas. (29329)
- 142 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his Department's research and development budget was in the (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25 financial year. (29133)
- 143 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate his Department has made of the number of people who will use a digital veteran card. (29135)
- 144 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department is taking steps to support the use of non-passenger-carrying drones to convey freight. (29312)

- 145 **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 plug-in taxi grant on levels of uptake of purpose-built ultra-low emission taxis. (29327)
- 146N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what comparative assessment she has made of trends in the level of investment in (a) operational trials and (b) infrastructure development for zero-emission aviation by (i) the UK and (ii) other countries. (29041)
- 147N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to facilitate the commercialisation of hydrogen-powered aircraft for passengers; and whether she is allocating additional resources for that process. (29042)
- 148 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to review the safety measures and responsibilities of local authorities on water crossings. (29384)
- 149 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 26600 on Parking: Databases, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) retaining the National Parking Platform in the public sector and (b) allowing it to recoup its operating costs by charging fees to car park operators. (29015)
- 150 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what purposes the Vehicle Certification Agency has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (28885)
- 151 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Transport for London on including Spelthorne within the Oyster Zone. (29253)
- 152 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29145)
- 153 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of revenue lost to train companies from fare avoidance in 2024. (29270)
- 154 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the powers of train conductors to tackle avoidable disruptive behaviour on trains. (29276)
- 155 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will conduct a feasibility study into the restoration of the Wealden railway line from Lewes to Uckfield; whether an impact assessment has been conducted since 2008 on restoring that line; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of restoring that line on (a) rail connectivity and (b) net zero targets. (29348)

- 156 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of raising the maximum age threshold of driving volunteer minibuses to 80. (29304)
- 157 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the maximum authorised mass permitted for volunteer minibus drivers to over 3.5 tonnes. (29305)
- 158 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reason there is a surcharge on vehicle tax payments on periods shorter than a year. (29031)
- 159 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the additional unit cost of processing vehicle tax payments on periods shorter than one year. (29032)
- 160 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of (a) debt levels and (b) regulated asset base gearing by UK airports. (28932)
- 161 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the amount spent by her Department on rail enhancements in each year of control period (a) five, (b) six and (c) seven. (28933)
- 162 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when Network Rail plans to announce the preferred bidder for Project Reach. (28934)
- 163 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the value for money of Network Rail's signalling framework contracts. (28935)
- 164 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of Network Rail's increased in national insurance contributions. (28936)
- 165 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many officials in her Department are employed to oversee the work of (a) Shadow GBR (b) HS2 Ltd and (c) train operating companies. (28937)
- 166 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of electric vehicle purchases in the last 12 months. (28924)
- 167 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many assaults on transport staff there have been in the last 12 months. (28930)
- 168 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department has made an estimate of the cost to the East-West Railway Company Limited of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions. (29190)

- 169 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025 to Question 22408 on East West Rail Line: Construction, if she will make an estimate of costs for financial year 2025-26. (29191)
- 170 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the East West Railway Company Limited consultation document Connecting people, building communities, published in November 2024, and pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2025 to Question 22408 on East West Rail Line: Construction, whether the estimate provided in that Answer is based on (a) the Existing stations option or (b) the Consolidated stations option for Connection Stage 3 on the Marston Vale Line. (29192)
- 171N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 24061 on Rolling Stock, if she will (a) provide a timeline for the (i) development and (ii) publication of the Rolling Stock Strategy and (b) make available opportunities for stakeholders to contribute their input. (29345)
- 172 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 24061 on Rolling Stock, whether the Rolling Stock Strategy will include branch lines. (29346)
- 173 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 24061 on Rolling Stock, whether new builds will ensure sufficient capacity is procured in the future for the Henley Branch Line to cover moments of peak demand. (29347)
- 174N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 24061 on Rolling Stock, if she will ensure that the Rolling Stock Strategy procures adequate capacity on the Chiltern Rail route between Haddenham and Thame Parkway. (29350)
- 175 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of restoring the hourly electric train service between Crewe and Birmingham. (29291)
- 176 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish the (a) schedule for e-scooter trials and (b) data obtained from those trials. (29058)
- 177 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many accidents involving the police have involved e-bikes in the last five years. (29059)
- 178 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many e-bike riders were held responsible in an accident involving an e-bike in each of the last five years. (29060)

- 179 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of requiring e-bike owners to (a) have a driving license, (b) have vehicle insurance, (c) pay road tax and (d) take an annual MOT. (29061)
- 180 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish the cost of restarting phase 5 of the Dawlish rail resilience project design team. (29243)
- 181 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) male and (b) female pensioners in Edinburgh South West will receive the 2025 increase in the state pension. (29316)
- 182 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the cost of increasing the State Pension for people in Edinburgh South West constituency in 2025. (29317)
- 183 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many households in Edinburgh South West constituency claimed the Winter Fuel Payment in (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25; and how many of those were new claimants in each of those years. (29321)
- 184 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to help improve the (a) affordability and (b) accessibility of parental leave. (29370)
- 185 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the value was of Pension Credit overpayments that were written off as resulting from official error in each of the last three years. (28921)
- 186N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the disregarded capital limit on pension credit was in each of the last 15 years; and if she will increase the disregarded capital limit in line with inflation since the last increase. (29070)
- 187 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to take steps to help reduce the skills gap in rural areas. (29200)
- 188 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on steps to help create skilled jobs in South West Norfolk constituency. (29201)
- 189 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to increase access to work capability assessments in South West Norfolk. (29203)

- 190N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of (a) Paying Parents and (b) Receiving Parents using the Child Maintenance Service disclosed domestic abuse in 2023-24. (29053)
- 191N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of child maintenance service cases are being dealt with by the specialist domestic abuse caseworker team. (29054)
- 192 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29146)
- 193 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of claimants who are unfit for work in the Universal Credit (a) limited capability for work and work related activity and (b) (i) income-related and (ii) contributory Employment and Support Allowance group who would not be able to move into work if their additional disability component was removed. (28879)
- 194 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to increase Local Housing Allowance rates in line with inflation. (29103)
- 195 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment has been made of the adequacy of the uptake of Universal Credit in under 21s in the last 12 months. (28927)
- 196N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 24303 on Pensioners: Winter Fuel Payment, if she will make an estimate of the number of those pensioners who are on the basic state pension. (29296)
- 197N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that the Child Maintenance Service takes action against people who are in arrears. (29342)
- 198N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that the Child Maintenance Service takes action against people committing fraud by hiding assets in order to avoid paying child maintenance. (29343)
- 199 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of eligible pensioners who were not claiming Pension Credit in Bromsgrove constituency on 31 January 2025. (29374)
- 200 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department's policy on assessing Personal Independence Payments claims remotely has changed since 7 July 2024. (28984)

- 201 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she is taking steps to increase the number of Personal Independence Payments assessments that are conducted face-to-face. (28985)
- 202 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the recommendations of the independent report entitled Our Future Homes: Housing that promotes wellbeing and community for an ageing population, published on 26 November 2024. (28986)
- 203 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the recommendations of the independent report entitled Our Future Homes: Housing that promotes wellbeing and community for an ageing population, published on 26 November 2024. (28987)
- 204 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the white mail artificial intelligence programme used by her Department. (28988)
- 205 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what artificial intelligence technologies are used by her Department; and for what purpose each technology is used. (28989)
- 206 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on multi-year funding settlements for integrated care boards. (29283)
- 207 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to Automated External Defibrillators in residential areas. (29123)
- 208 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): 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. (29209)
- 209 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of community pharmacists. (29182)
- 210 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the Pharmacy First service. (29184)
- 211 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to consult on extending the list of conditions patients can be treated for under the Pharmacy First scheme. (29185)

- 212N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of future trends in the level of prostate cancer rates up to May 2028. (28892)
- 213 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to improve access to mental health services. (29233)
- 214 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support community pharmacies. (29234)
- 215N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 20 of his Department's Opening Statement to Module 4 of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry, published 15 January 2025, what estimate his Department has made of the number of (a) deaths, (b) infections and (c) hospitalisations that were prevented by the covid-19 vaccination programme since September 2021. (28889)
- 216N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department has indemnified AstraZeneca in relation to covid-19 vaccine damage claims. (28890)
- 217 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 24011 on Coronavirus: Disease Control, when he plans to update the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual and Health Technical Memoranda guidelines to ensure (a) recognition of the role of airborne transmission of SARS-Cov-2 and (b) appropriate guidance on (i) the use of FFP3 masks, (ii) improved standards of ventilation and air filter devices in (A) clinical and (B) non-clinical healthcare settings and (iii) other measures to limit airborne transmission of (1) Covid-19 and (2) other respiratory viruses; and if he will take steps to ensure the distribution of those guidelines to all employers and providers of healthcare workers. (29249)
- 218 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the accessibility of dental care during the maternity exemption period. (29294)
- 219N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress has been made on the negotiations with Biomarine on the provision of Brineura as a treatment for Batten disease. (29367)
- 220 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has plans to introduce legislation on advertising restrictions for foods that are high in (a) fat, (b) sugar and (c) salt. (29380)
- 221 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to issue guidance to industry on steps to reduce (a) sugar and (b) salt in baby and toddler foods. (29381)

- 222 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to expand the Government Buying Standards across the wider public sector. (29382)
- 223 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of uto-enroling eligible families to the Healthy Start scheme. (29406)
- 224 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 23858 on NHS Business Services Authority: Workplace Pensions, what steps his Department has taken to help tackle the backlog. [R] (29036)
- 225 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what purposes the Health Research Authority has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (28883)
- 226 **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 the amount of bereavement leave. (29215)
- 227 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Health and Security Agency is taking to prevent population exposure to lead. (29309)
- 228 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 26821 on Children and Young People Cancer Taskforce, whether the taskforce plans to engage with (a) families with lived experience of childhood cancer, (b) children's cancer charities and (c) other representative groups. (28909)
- 229 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the terms of reference will be for the Children and Young People's Cancer Taskforce. (28910)
- 230 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he expects the Children and Young People's Cancer Taskforce to report. (28911)
- 231 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29147)
- 232 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of care available for people with paranoid schizophrenia. (29390)

- 233 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): 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 NHS England's report entitled Independent mental health homicide report into the treatment of Valdo Calocane, published on 5 February 2025. (29391)
- 234 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the patient detention provisions in the Mental Health Act 1983. (29392)
- 235 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to assist Basildon Hospital in improving their maternity services. (29403)
- 236N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the prevalence in the use of off-framework agency staff by NHS providers; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of using these staff on NHS finances. (29010)
- 237N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many nursing shifts went unfilled at acute NHS trusts in each month since January 2020. (29011)
- 238N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 26911 on Dental Services: Contracts, how many NHS dental providers have had to return their contracts in each month since January 2020. (29012)
- 239 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department spent on maternity negligence compensation in (a) 2024, (b) 2023, (c) 2022, (d) 2021 and (e) 2020. (29218)
- 240 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the annual budget is for maternity negligence compensation. (29219)
- 241 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many General Practice contracts have been returned since 4 July 2024. (29220)
- 242 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what percentage of General Practice contracts have been retendered with a higher remuneration package since 4 July 2024. (29223)
- 243 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the planned date of completion is for all hospitals within Wave 1 of the New Hospital Programme. (29227)

- 244 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the risk of using hospital buildings containing RAAC beyond their maximum lifespan. (29229)
- 245 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the potential impact of changes to (a) the minimum wage and (b) employer's National Insurance contributions at the Autumn Budget 2024 on NHS wage costs. (29232)
- 246 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the health mission delivery board on the prevention of ill health. (29006)
- 247 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Health Mission Delivery Board has appointed external experts. (29007)
- 248 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of measures in place to prevent violence against NHS staff. (29280)
- 249 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to allocate additional funding towards the Government's myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue delivery plan. (29110)
- 250 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a centre of excellence for care and research for infection-associated chronic conditions. (29111)
- 251 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the number of people waiting for medical training between foundation level and speciality training. (29287)
- 252 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with NHS England to review the (a) volume and (b) type of antidepressants prescribed on the NHS and their (i) side effects, (ii) long-term effectiveness and (iii) addictiveness. (28906)
- 253 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the steps taken to improve the provision of care in the period in the period since the publication of the Independent review into the death of Clive Treacey, published in December 2021. (29277)
- 254 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the gap in healthy life expectancy between regions in England. (29337)

- 255 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing mandatory healthiness targets for large supermarket retailers. (29338)
- 256 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the transition between children social care and adult social care on patients. (29325)
- 257 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to improve (a) awareness of and (b) access to formula milk for infants. (29330)
- 258 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the proportion of mothers who (a) breastfeed, (b) use formula and (c) use both for infants in the first six weeks of life. (29335)
- 259 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support is available for mothers experiencing poor mental health post-partum related to breastfeeding. (29336)
- 260 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of fizzy drinks on type 2 diabetes. (28908)
- 261 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of recent trends in the number of people prescribed pain medication in the last 12 months. (28925)
- 262 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what comparative assessment he has made of the level of uptake of the flu vaccine in (a) 2024 and (b) the last five years for which data is available. (28928)
- 263 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has received representations from health professionals have they received on shrinking the default size of the pint glass in licensed premises. (29089)
- 264N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) companies and (b) subsidiaries trading under (i) E-Harley Healthcare Services Ltd and (ii) Harley Street Health Online Ltd been subject to rulings by the Care Quality Commission. (28895)
- 265N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) Newington Road Surgery limited, (b) Lockwood Surgery prime health ltd, (c) Fieldhead health limited, (d) Mid Dorset primary healthcare limited, (e) Fieldhead property ltd, (f) Fieldhead medical services ltd, (g) Lockwood property ltd, (h)

Gamaq Lockwood limited, (i) Gamaq Nook limited, (j) Viaduct care network limited, (k) Greenwood PCN limited and (l) Blue PCN limited have been subject to rulings by the Care Quality Commission. (28912)

- 266 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with internet service providers and with national and international partners on steps taken to prevent unlicensed medicines from entering the UK. (28938)
- 267 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential causes of the increase in the number of over-65s being hospitalised in November and December (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (29231)
- 268 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many staff are employed in (a) clinical, (b) executive and (c) managerial positions across the NHS; and whether he has made an estimate of the number of surplus (i) managerial and (ii) executive roles. (29160)
- 269 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve NHS maternity services (a) nationally and (b) in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. (29271)
- 270 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of maternity services in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. (29272)
- 271N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to retain the 66.7% national dementia diagnosis rate target for the 2025-26 financial year. (29310)
- 272 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support cardiology units in south Devon. (29240)
- 273 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much has been spent on consultancy for the new hospitals programme. (29241)
- 274 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of medicine shortages on people with (a) epilepsy and (b) Parkinson's disease. (29256)
- 275 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a mutual recognition agreement with the European Medicines Agency; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of such an agreement on access to (a) medicines and (b) medical devices. (29257)

- 276 **Steve Yemm** (Mansfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence for reducing waiting times for medicines assessed through the cost-comparison approach. (29288)
- 277 **Steve Yemm** (Mansfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the length of appraisals conducted by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) under its cost-comparison appraisal process; and whether he has plans for NICE to align the timing of the outcomes of such appraisals with that of granting of marketing authorisations by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency. (29289)
- 278 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his US counterpart on the US President's proposals on the transfer of Palestinians from Gaza. (29268)
- 279 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of comments by President Trump on Gaza on the (a) Camp David Accords and (b) Wadi Araba Treaty. (29269)
- 280 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made representations to the government of Pakistan on the case of Akash Karamat. (28919)
- 281 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he has made an assessment of the potential impact of statements on Gaza by President Trump on 4 February 2025 on the temporary Gaza ceasefire deal. (29340)
- 282N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to participate in the UN study on the effects of nuclear war. (28881)
- 283N **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will summon the United States Ambassador to discuss President Trump's proposals on Gaza. (29251)
- 284 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to oppose any (a) forcible displacement and (b) ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from Gaza. (29275)
- 285 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made recent representations to his US counterparts on the case for an end to the economic blockade of Cuba. (29170)

- 286 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made recent representations to his US counterpart on removing Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list. (29171)
- 287 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): 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 President Trump's remarks on the future of Gaza and the Palestinian people made on 4 February 2024. (29174)
- 288N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many UK aid programmes have been (a) paused and (b) otherwise affected by the USAID funding pause. (29161)
- 289N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterparts in other donor countries on responding to the decision to pause USAID funding. (29162)
- 290N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help mitigate the potential impact of USAID's funding pause on the UK's international development programmes. (29163)
- 291 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his speech entitled The Locarno Speech by the Foreign Secretary: January 2025, published on 9 January 2025; for what reasons were part of the speech redacted; and whether the Government issues guidance on party political speeches in Government buildings. (29029)
- 292 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29148)
- 293 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for UK foreign policy of potential irregularities in the recent elections in Belarus. (28964)
- 294 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of sanctions relating to (a) finance, (b) trade, (c) aircraft, (d) shipping and (e) immigration on Belarus. (28965)
- 295 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to his Belarusian counterpart on the release of political prisoners. (28966)

- 296 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of recent attempts by Russia to destabilise democracies in the Eastern Caucasian region; and what steps he is taking to support that region to counter those attempts. (28967)
- 297 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans he has to provide funds to (a) Gavi and (b) the International Finance Facility for Immunisation for 2026-2037; and what the annual contribution was to those organisations between 2011 and 2015. (28968)
- 298 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with (a) the United States, (b) France and (c) the European Commission on financial commitments to Gavi's next strategic period; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of making a comparable commitment. (28969)
- 299 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what progress he has made on the review of funding for Gavi under the spending review; and whether he has made a decision on future contributions. (28970)
- 300 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to ensure a sustained ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. (28971)
- 301 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with international partners on the enforcement of ceasefire agreements in Gaza. (28972)
- 302 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what performance indicators his Department uses to assess the impact of the UK Soft Power Council. (28973)
- 303 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will provide an official readout of the recent meeting of the UK Soft Power Council. (28974)
- 304 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the criteria were for appointing members of the Soft Power Council; and whether those members will provide declarations of interests for publication. (28975)
- 305 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what documents he plans to publish on the work of the Soft Power Council. (28976)

- 306 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to strengthen partnerships with African countries to help build resilience against terrorism. (28977)
- 307 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of UK-funded counter-terrorism initiatives in Africa on trends in the level of terrorism in those countries. (28978)
- 308 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department plans to review the classification of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham as a terrorist organisation. (28979)
- 309 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he plans to take with his (a) US and (b) EU counterparts to provide additional support to Ukraine. (28980)
- 310 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to raise international awareness of (a) noma and (b) the impact of noma on children in low-income countries. (28981)
- 311 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support global health initiatives for the (a) prevention, (b) early detection and (c) treatment of noma. (28982)
- 312 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of (a) prevalence and (b) mortality rates of noma (i) worldwide and (ii) in the UK. (28983)
- 313 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 January 2025 to Question 21168 on Amazonia: Rainforests, if he will provide a breakdown of the funding to the Andes-Amazon Biodiverse Landscape Fund. (28943)
- 314N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the suspension of USAID programmes on his Department's international development programmes. (28907)
- 315 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of comments made by US President Trump about Gaza on the current schedule for the release of hostages under the Gaza ceasefire. (29356)

- 316 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2025 to Question 26628 on USA: World Health Organisation, whether he plans to increase the monetary value of the UK contribution to the World Health Organisation as a consequence of the departure of the United States. (29313)
- 317 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of a visa scheme for Palestinians. (29239)
- 318 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): 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 reports of freedom of religion or belief violations in India. (28922)
- 319 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 23888 on Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Flags, which flags other than the Union and Ukraine flags have been flown by his Department since 5 July 2024; and what was the estimated cost was of flying those flags. (29073)
- 320 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions the Government had with the Chinese Government in 2020 on the works to the Chinese Consulate in Belfast in breach of planning controls in a conservation area; and what subsequent assessment has been made of the implications of the Chinese Government ignoring planning restrictions in relation to the proposed new Chinese Embassy in London. (29075)
- 321 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with the Chinese Government on the granting of planning permission for the proposed new Chinese Embassy in London; and on what dates these discussions took place. (29076)
- 322 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether financial payments made as part of the proposed agreement between the UK and Mauritius agreement on the British Indian Ocean Territory would be subject to an inflationary escalator. (29154)
- 323 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for what reasons the Government started negotiations with Mauritius on the future sovereignty of the Chagos Islands. (29378)
- 324 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of negotiating a reciprocal agreement with his Spanish counterpart to allow British citizens with properties in Spain to spend up to six months in Spain each year. (29048)

- 325 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made recent representations to his (a) French and (b) Spanish counterpart on long-stay visas for UK citizens who need to spend more than 90 days within a given 180-day period in those countries. (29051)
- 326 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to introduce medal recognition for emergency services personnel injured in the line of duty. (29008)
- 327 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure national standards in the training of fire service personnel. (29349)
- 328 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the West Midlands fire authority plan to bring back familiarisation visits. (29351)
- 329 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to improve morale in the fire service. (29353)
- 330 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of abolishing the notion of reasonable chastisement. (29165)
- 331N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (28486)
- 332 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of existing knife crime prevention programmes. (29074)
- 333 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to publish further information on proposed Young Future Hubs. (29085)
- 334 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help reduce knife crime in Sutton. (29099)
- 335 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of knife bans on the level of knife-related incidents. (29107)
- 336 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of potential merits of (a) enforcement and (b) early intervention in the prevention of knife crime. (29109)

- 337 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for the Modern Slavery Act 2015 of the employer sponsorship model. (29157)
- 338 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to update the Cautioning and Relationship Abuse training for domestic abuse offenders with diagnosed mental health conditions. (29344)
- 339 **Warinder Juss** (Wolverhampton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a geographical based income threshold for family visas. (29292)
- 340N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of exempting people that have British National Overseas status and hold a UK passport from the Electronic Travel Authorisation requirement. (29009)
- 341 **Katie Lam** (Weald of Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department holds (a) demographic and (b) ethnicity data on the investigation of sex crimes. (29371)
- 342N **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels in Scotland are being used to accommodate asylum seekers. (29057)
- 343N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has commissioned the use of hotel accommodation in the London Borough of Havering for the purpose of housing asylum seekers since 10 October 2024. (29105)
- 344N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made any revision to the process of notifying hon. Members before asylum hotels are established within their constituency. (29106)
- 345 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29150)
- 346 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding local councils have spent on housing asylum seekers in (a) Essex and (b) South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency since 2022. (29388)
- 347 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what services are available for asylum seekers on entry into the UK. (29389)

- 348 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average cost is of accommodating asylum seekers by Essex local authority. (29397)
- 349 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of hotels required as temporary accommodation for asylum seekers in England on 31 December 2025. (29398)
- 350 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of reintroducing blasphemy laws in England and Wales. (29399)
- 351 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mandatory DBS checks for tradespeople. (29302)
- 352 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to bring forward the necessary statutory instruments to bring section (a) one, (b) two and (c) three of the Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Act 2023 into force. (29386)
- 353 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of reported assaults on NHS staff have resulted in prosecution in the last 12 months. (29282)
- 354N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the Italian Government decision to use naval ships to transport migrants to Albania. (28942)
- 355 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the written statement of 30 January 2025, HCWS407, on Police Funding Settlement 2025-26, what estimate he has made of the (a) increase in council tax receipts in monetary terms, (b) absolute level and the (c) increase in the average Band D council tax police precept on which the increase in funding is assumed. (29090)
- 356 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 24505 on Asylum: housing, in what types of accommodation asylum seekers will now be housed. (29091)
- 357 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 24505 on Asylum: housing, what the estimated spending is on accommodation for asylum seekers in 2025. (29092)

- 358 **Patrick Spencer** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how her Department calculates the number of police officers required per 100,000 of the population in (a) Suffolk, (b) Kent, (c) Norfolk and (d) England. (29303)
- 359 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department plans to take to monitor individuals on the Prevent programme. (29364)
- 360 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with relevant stakeholders on the potential merits of extending the duration of visas for Ukrainians with three-year visas that are approaching expiry. (29326)
- 361 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers have been granted the right to remain in Bromsgrove constituency since July 2024. (29373)
- 362 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her oral contribution of 2 September 2024 in response to the question from the hon. Member for Crewe and Nantwich, Official Report, column 70, on what evidential basis she said that two-tier policing does not occur in England and Wales. (29062)
- 363 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department holds (a) written and (b) statistical evidence on how police forces treat different identity groups based on (i) ethnicity, (ii) nationality, (iii) gender and (iv) sexuality. (29063)
- 364 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the revenues from increased firearms licensing fees will be hypothecated to improve the firearms licensing service. (29066)
- 365 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to improve the firearms licensing service. (29067)
- 366 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what service level agreements exist for firearms licensing. (29068)
- 367 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many firearms licence (a) applications and (b) renewals were completed in (i) the UK, (ii) the East of England and (iii) West Suffolk constituency in each year since 2015. (29069)
- 368 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce the number of cases under investigation by police for over one year. (29242)

- 369 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of immigrants were international students in the latest period for which data is available; and what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of including international students in those figures. (29255)
- 370 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many homes his Department owns in Edinburgh South West constituency; and how many of those (a) have Ministry of Defence tenants, (b) have private tenants and (c) are vacant. (29323)
- 371 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has received representations from relevant stakeholders on the potential impact of the (a) STEM curriculum and (b) attainment differences between (i) England, (ii) Scotland, (iii) Wales and (iv) Northern Ireland on recent rates of completed recruitment into the armed services. (29124)
- 372 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what representations his Department has received in relation to the potential impact of uncompensated devolved (a) taxes and (b) other charges between (i) England, (ii) Scotland, (iii) Wales, (iv) Northern Ireland and (v) other devolved authorities on recent rates of completed recruitment into the armed services. (29125)
- 373 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what representations his Department has received in relation to the potential impact of travel costs on (a) rates of completed recruitment into the armed services in the last 12 months and (b) rates of completed recruitment into the armed services among different social groups. (29126)
- 374 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Infrastructure and Projects Authority Annual Report on Major Projects 2023-24, published on 16 January 2025, what progress has been made with the Core Production Capability programme since 31 March 2024. (29127)
- 375 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Infrastructure and Projects Authority Annual Report on Major Projects 2023-24, published on 16 January 2025, what progress has been made with the Collective Training Transformation Programme since 31 March 2024. (29128)
- 376 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Infrastructure and Projects Authority Annual Report on Major Projects 2023-24, published on 16 January 2025, what progress has been made with the MODnet Evolve programme since 31 March 2024. (29129)

- 377 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Infrastructure and Projects Authority Annual Report on Major Projects 2023-24, published on 16 January 2025, what progress has been made with the Next Generation (fixed) Communication Network programme since 31 March 2024. (29130)
- 378N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the presence of UK troops as part of the NATO's Exercise Steadfast Dart 25 in Eastern Europe on the risk of escalating tensions in that region. (28882)
- 379N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of items of correspondence from Parliamentarians received by (a) his Department, (b) him and (c) his Ministers in each month since August 2024 have not yet received a substantive response. (28960)
- 380N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent steps he has taken to facilitate the (a) recovery and (b) disclosure of medical records held in (i) the Merlin database and (ii) other Departmental archives of service personnel present at UK atomic bomb tests. (28877)
- 381 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29151)
- 382 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the proposed treaty with Mauritius on the sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory would require (a) amendment and (b) supplementation to the exchange of notes between the UK and US in 1966. (29230)
- 383 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what was the most recent date on which Israeli officials entered the Department's buildings on Whitehall. (29341)
- 384 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what contracts his Department plans to provide to businesses in each of the devolved regions. (28931)
- 385 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of armed forces personnel are serving in military bands; and what funding his Department has made available to military bands. (29168)
- 386 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help local authorities scrutinise the work of property developers. (29366)

- 387 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress her Department has made on setting out a timeline for the commencement of the repeal of the Vagrancy Act 1824. (29175)
- 388 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2024 to Question 15319 on Holiday Accommodation: Registration, what additional powers her Department plans to give to local authorities to respond to pressures of short-term lets. (29176)
- 389 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to tackle Islamophobia. (29189)
- 390 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to increase voter registration for elections. (29202)
- 391 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the ongoing consultation entitled Jointly owned properties, if she will (a) review the interpretation of joint ownership within the Building Safety Act 2022 and (b) amend that Act to ensure equitable treatment of leaseholders. (29132)
- 392 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he is taking steps to (a) revise the National Planning Policy Framework and (b) redefine affordable housing. (29172)
- 393 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to invest in the Affordable Homes Programme after 2026. (29173)
- 394N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the Barnett consequential for Northern Ireland will be in relation to the Local Government Finance Settlement. (29045)
- 395N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much financial support the Government has provided for local government in Northern Ireland to support with the impact of changes to employer National Insurance Contributions. (29046)
- 396 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to reconvene the cross-Government working group on tackling anti-Semitism. (28993)

- 397N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the latest date is to postpone local elections due to take place on 1 May 2025. (28994)
- 398N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to answer Question 16192 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Corporate Hospitality and Official Gifts, published on 26 November 2024. (28996)
- 399 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the written statement of 5 February 2025, HCWS418, on English Devolution and Local Government, what additional funding will be provided to councils in the Devolution Priority Programme; and whether these councils will be required to have a mayoral combined authority. (28997)
- 400 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has plans to postpone district council elections in 2026. (28998)
- 401 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the written statement of 5 February 2025 on English Devolution and Local Government, HCWS418, whether (a) district and (b) county council by-elections will be cancelled in areas with unitary restructuring. (28999)
- 402 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the written statement of 5 February 2025 on English Devolution and Local Government, HCWS418, what her planned timetable is for the (a) establishment of shadow unitary authorities, (b) the go-live date for the new unitary authorities and (c) the legal date for the closure of the previous district and county councils in areas where the May 2025 local elections have been cancelled. (29000)
- 403 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the written statement on English Devolution and Local Government of 5 February 2025, HCWS418, whether there will be (a) mayoral combined authority elections and (b) unitary elections in areas with elections being cancelled in May 2025 in (i) May 2026 and (ii) May 2027. (29001)
- 404N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of items of correspondence from Parliamentarians received by (a) her Department, (b) her and (c) her Ministers in each month since August 2024 have not yet received a substantive response. (28947)

- 405 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29152)
- 406 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of not having an official definition of Islamophobia on the effectiveness of the policing of non-crime hate incidents. (29387)
- 407N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to establish a formal shared decision-making arrangement between the Mayor of London and local authorities. (29100)
- 408N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to give local authorities in London a formal decision-making role in any future Integrated Settlement applied to the Greater London Authority. (29101)
- 409 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to lift the 2011 cap on the amount of Local Housing Allowance that can be reclaimed by local authorities to cover the cost of temporary accommodation. (29104)
- 410N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help tackle mould in (a) council and (b) housing association properties in Hertfordshire. (29318)
- 411 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate her Department has made of the level of population growth in Bromsgrove constituency in the next five years. (29159)
- 412 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential contribution of the greenbelt to adjacent urban communities to health and recreational opportunities. (29375)
- 413 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, by what date her Department plans to commence structural reform in Worcestershire. (29376)
- 414 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to respond to the independent report entitled Our Future Homes: Housing that promotes wellbeing and community for an ageing population, published on 26 November 2024. (28990)

- 415 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help mitigate the potential impact of spray foam insulation previously deemed fit for purpose but later surveyed as inadequate. (29262)
- 416 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions her Department has had with stakeholders on insourcing court language interpretation services. (29181)
- 417N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of items of correspondence from Parliamentarians received by (a) her Department, (b) her and (c) her Ministers in each month since August 2024 have not yet received a substantive response. (28961)
- 418 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29153)
- 419 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of monitoring measures used to prevent people with (a) mental illness and (b) a history of violence and aggression from committing violent crimes. (29393)
- 420 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of violent offenders had (a) paranoid schizophrenia and (b) other mental health illnesses when convicted in each of the last five years. (29394)
- 421 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when she expects the inquiry into valdo calocane to commence. (29037)
- 422 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners are serving life sentences of detention for crimes committed when they were under the age of 18. (29038)
- 423 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the number of people convicted for offences related to puppy farming in the last 12 months. (28926)
- 424 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 25772 on Prison Service: Recruitment, whether prisons are obligated to (a) advertise positions for British nationals before foreign nationals and (b) hire British residents before overseas residents. (29064)
- 425 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers recruited since 5 July 2024 are (a) British nationals and (b) foreign nationals, broken down by country of origin. (29065)

- 426 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has had discussions with the managers at HMP Channing woods on the maintenance of the prison estate. (29259)
- 427 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the report entitled Imprisonment for Public Protection Interim Member Guidance, published by The Parole Board in October 2024, if she will take steps to support prisoners serving IPP sentences to move towards release. (29260)
- 428 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to meet the health needs of elderly prisoners. (29261)
- 429 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on small businesses sourcing material. (28923)
- 430 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will appoint a Minister for Coastal Communities. (29245)
- 431 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the estimated timeline for the creation of jobs by GB Energy on the renewable energy industry in Scotland. (28939)
- 432 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with (a) the Scottish Government and (b) energy transmission companies on the impact of proposed electricity pylons on rural communities in Scotland. (28945)
- 433 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of new electricity transmission infrastructure on the (a) economy and (b) environment of rural Scotland. (28946)
- 434 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on (a) underground and (b) subsea cabling for energy transmission in rural Scotland. (28948)
- 435 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has received representations from local authorities in Scotland on the proposed expansion of electricity transmission infrastructure in rural areas. (28949)
- 436 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether his Department plans to take steps to ensure that energy transmission projects in Scotland prioritise community engagement. (28950)

- 437 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing Government support for mitigating the (a) visual and (b) environmental impact of new energy transmission infrastructure in Scotland. (28951)
- 438 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, if he will have discussions with with (a) National Grid and (b) Scottish transmission operators on technological solutions to reduce the need for overhead pylons in Scotland's rural landscapes. (28952)
- 439 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, if he will make representations to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to ensure that all future energy transmission infrastructure projects in Scotland align with best practices for (a) environmental protection and (b) rural development. (28954)
- 440 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Defence on the future of military bases in Scotland. (28955)
- 441 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what assessment he has made of the contribution of Scottish-based defence industries to the UK's national security. (28956)
- 442 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he is taking to support defence-related job creation in Scotland. (28957)
- 443 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Defence on the role of Scottish shipyards in fulfilling future Royal Navy procurement contracts. (28958)
- 444 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what assessment he has made of the impact of the UK defence sector on Scotland's economy. (28959)
- 445 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what the value of Scottish exports is to (a) England, (b) Wales and (c) Northern Ireland. (29079)
- 446 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of Northern Irish-Scottish connectivity by (a) road, (b) sea, (c) air and (d) rail. (29084)
- 447 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, when he (a) last met with and (b) plans to next meet with the Chief Constable of Police Scotland. (29093)

- 448 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, when he (a) last met with and (b) plans to next meet with the Chief Officer of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. (29094)
- 449 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, when he (a) last met and b) plans to next meet with the Chief Executive of the Scottish Ambulance Service. (29095)
- 450 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, when he (a) last met and (b) plans to next meet with the Chief Executive of the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency. (29096)
- 451 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with HMRC on instructions given to debt collection agencies in the event of (a) an unresolved dispute or (b) error on a taxpayer's account. (29363)
- 452 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to ensure that (a) self-employed people and (b) employees are not subject to higher taxation on both their earnings and state pension. (29131)
- 453N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (28539)
- 454 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether UK Government Investments has made a request to Post Office Limited to (a) proceed with moving all directly managed branches to a fully franchised model and (b) expedite the shift of directly managed branches that have previously been earmarked to be moved to a fully franchised model since 5 July 2024. (29017)
- 455N **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many farms impacted by changes to (a) Agricultural Property Relief and (b) Business Property Relief she expects to have previously claimed solely for Business Property Relief. (29306)
- 456N **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assumptions on marital status were used in forecasts of farms impacted by changes to (a) Agricultural Property Relief and (b) Business Property Relief. (29307)
- 457N **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assumptions on the timing of intergenerational farm transfers were used in forecasts of farms affected by changes to (a) Agricultural Property Relief and (b) Business Property Relief. (29308)

- 458N **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what criteria on (a) total acreage, (b) agricultural land usage, (c) livestock numbers and (d) Rural Payments Agency claim data were used to define an agricultural holding for impact assessments of changes to (i) Agricultural Property Relief and (ii) Business Property Relief. (29332)
- 459 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to (a) Agricultural Property Relief and (b) Business Property Relief on (i) food security, (ii) agricultural investment and (iii) the viability of family-run farms. (29333)
- 460 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) changes to (i) Agricultural Property Relief and (ii) Business Property Relief and (b) interest rates on (A) family farm succession planning and (B) food security. (29334)
- 461 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of the eligibility criteria for Rateable Charity Relief for charity organisations using (a) tidal mooring and (b) harbour spaces. (29273)
- 462 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending business rate relief to include angling boats as small businesses. (29274)
- 463N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of items of correspondence from Parliamentarians received by (a) her Department, (b) her and (c) her Ministers in each month since August 2024 have not yet received a substantive response. (28944)
- 464 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish the total cost to the public purse for the provision of diversity, equality and inclusion courses for staff in her Department in 2024. (29149)
- 465 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of sole employer self-employed people that may face increased national insurance payments in the next 12 months. (29237)
- 466N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of % December 2024 to Question 16739 on Employment, what proportion of the increase in employment level is due to net immigration. (28963)
- 467N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the inclusion of measures of deprivation as part of funding reform for local government. (29102)

- 468 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason Ray McCann was appointed Chair of the Independent Review of the Loan Charge. (29236)
- 469 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government plans to provide the independent review of the loan charge with data on recent trends in the level of suicides from people subject to the loan charge. (29244)
- 470 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to the winter fuel payment on recent trends in the level of economic growth. (29186)
- 471 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of recent increases in the cost of Electronic Travel Authorisations on future trends in economic growth over the next five years. (29187)
- 472 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 29 January 2025 on Question 25795 on Agriculture and Business: Inheritance Tax, how many of the 2,000 estates will contain woodlands. (29188)
- 473 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on trends in the level of employment in the hospitality sector in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (29193)
- 474 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on recent trends in economic growth. (29194)
- 475 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had discussions with Santander on (a) its banking presence on high streets and (b) the impact of that on (i) consumers and (ii) businesses. (29322)
- 476 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of increasing the personal savings allowance for basic rate taxpayers. (29328)
- 477 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has of the potential impact of expanding Heathrow Airport on Scottish exports. (29379)
- 478 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what timescales her Department uses to assess public investment in energy infrastructure in (a) oil and gas, (b) wind, (c) solar, (d) hydropower and (e) nuclear. (29044)
- 479 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of the UN's proposed global tax convention. (28901)

- 480 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Fairness Foundation and King's College's report Identifying and mitigating the risks of wealth inequality in the UK, published on 26 January 2025, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of the findings of that report. (29097)
- 481 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the recommendations outlined in the Fairness Foundation's report entitled Wealth Gap Risk Register, published on 15 October 2024. (29098)
- 482 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if her Department will take steps to establish a funding scheme to support disabled candidates for elections in England. (29278)
- 483 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the (a) resources and (b) legal powers available to the Equality and Human Rights Commission in the context of the introduction of mandatory ethnicity and disability pay gap reporting requirements for large companies. (29284)
- 484 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if her Department will take steps to promote positive male role models. (28904)

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- 1N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many flights using Government (a) owned and (b) chartered helicopters the Prime Minister has taken. (29043)
- 2N **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the impact of the sale of local authority leisure facilities on public access to sports and recreation services. (29214)
- 3N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of adding the Six Nations rugby union championship to the category A list of events not permitted to be broadcast solely on paid television services. (29369)
- 4N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff her Department plans to recruit into the Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellent teams; and by what date the team will be fully operational. (29071)

- 5N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to his Department's consultation entitled School Accountability Reform – school profiles, improvement and intervention, published on 3 February 2025, whether schools due to receive structural intervention in early 2025 will still do so. (29072)
- 6N **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the progress of Project Gigabit; how many premises have been connected; and what the status of the outstanding procurements is. (29213)
- 7N **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government has allocated to media literacy initiatives since 4 July 2024; and what recent assessment he has made of the impact of those initiatives on media literacy. (29226)
- 8N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Active Travel England funding allocation formula on (a) rural and (b) semi-rural areas; and whether she plans to review the use of per capita weighting. (29056)
- 9N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her 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. [Transferred] (28778)
- 10N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2025 to Question 23852 on Surgery: Reform, which straight-to-test pathways are being considered for Community Diagnostic Centres. (29033)
- 11N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many times he has met with the leadership of the NHS Business Service Authority since 4 July 2024. [R] (29034)
- 12N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will conduct a review into the performance of the NHS Business Services Authority. [R] (29035)
- 13N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the planned completion date is for the rebuild of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital as part of Wave 1 of the New Hospital Programme. (29225)
- 14N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the maximum remaining lifespan is of each RAAC building left on the estate of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. (29228)

- 15N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will consider the merits of implementing safety recommendation R/2025/055 in the report by the Health Service Safety Investigations Body entitled Mental health inpatient settings: Creating conditions for the delivery of safe and therapeutic care to adults, published on 30 January 2025. (28891)
- 16N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what research his Department has undertaken on the consequences of nuclear war since the signature of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in 1968. (28880)
- 17N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has engaged legal counsel from Matrix Chambers on the UK's sovereignty over the Chagos Islands. (28894)
- 18N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much his Department has incurred in legal costs on the Chagos Islands since 5 July 2024. (28896)
- 19N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has withdrawn the veto on the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice on disputes with countries that (a) are and (b) have been Commonwealth members. (28898)
- 20N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people who are not wanted for arrest have been placed on police facial recognition watchlists. (28887)
- 21N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of police forces using facial recognition technology to identify individuals not sought in connection to ongoing criminal investigations. (28888)
- 22N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what factors contributed to the Protector drone system's downgrade to a red rating in the IPA Annual Report 2023-24; what steps are being taken to mitigate significant cost increases and delays; and what the revised timeline is for the system's full operational capability. (28897)
- 23N **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) workforce and (b) other costs are to maintain the (i) 4th Light Brigade Combat Team, (ii) 20th Armoured Brigade Combat Team, (iii) 102 Operational Sustainment Brigade and (iv) 1st Deep Reconnaissance Strike Brigade Combat Team at (A) routine levels of readiness and (B) full strength. (29319)

- 24N **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average annual workforce and activity cost is of the (a) Regular Army Infantry Battalion, (b) Army Reserve Infantry Battalion, (c) Royal Armoured Corps Regular Army Regiment and (d) Royal Armoured Corps Army Reserves Regiment. (29320)
- 25N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has prepared draft legislation to amend the Building Safety Act 2022. (29039)
- 26N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to publish the Government's response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 Report; and if she will implement the recommendation in paragraph 113.40 of that report. (28899)
- 27N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made a value for money assessment of the Chagos Island deal. (28893)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

- 1 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): What steps he has taken to improve access to patient care for people with Parkinson's disease in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (902677)
- 2 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): What steps his Department is taking to improve access to mental health services. (902678)
- 3 **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): What discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on the UK's leadership on global health and immunisation. (902679)
- 4 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): If he will take steps to repair Hinchingsbrooke Hospital before buildings containing RAAC reach the end of their lifespan in 2030. (902680)
- 5 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): What progress his Department is making in reducing waiting times for elective care. (902681)
- 6 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): What steps his Department is taking to support hospices. (902682)
- 7 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): What steps his Department is taking to support hospices. (902683)
- 8 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): What steps he is taking to reduce inequalities in healthcare. (902684)
- 9 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): Whether he has had discussions with NHS England on including vasa praevia screening as part of antenatal care. (902685)

- 10 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): If he will provide funding for the repair of Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport. (902686)
- 11 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): What steps his Department is taking with Cabinet colleagues to increase access to assessments for Special Educational Needs. (902687)
- 12 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): What steps his Department is taking to help reach the national dementia diagnosis rate target. (902688)
- 13 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): What plans he has for the future of healthcare in Whitehill and Bordon. (902689)
- 14 **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): What steps he is taking to help tackle career progression inequalities in nursing. (902690)
- 15 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): What steps he is taking to help devolved Administrations reduce waiting lists. (902691)
- 16 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): What steps he is taking to ensure the long-term future of Crawley Urgent Treatment Centre. (902692)
- 17 **Catherine Atkinson** (Derby North): What assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of access to NHS dental services. (902693)
- 18 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): What assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of access to medical cannabis on the NHS. (902694)
- 19 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): What steps his Department is taking to reduce barriers to treatment and care between UK nations. (902695)
- 20 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): What steps he is taking to increase the provision of mental health services in rural areas. (902696)
- 21 **Harpreet Uppal** (Huddersfield): What assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of long-term funding for hospices. (902697)
- 22 **Daniel Francis** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): What steps he is taking to shift care from hospitals into the community. (902698)
- 23 **Sally Jameson** (Doncaster Central): What assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of access to NHS dental services. (902699)
- 24 **John Glen** (Salisbury): What steps he is taking to tackle ADHD medication shortages. (902700)
- 25 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): What assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of access to NHS dental services. (902701)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

- T1 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): If he will make a statement on his

	departmental responsibilities.	(902702)
T2	Joe Morris (Hexham):	(902703)
T3	Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West):	(902704)
T4	Mr Gagan Mohindra (South West Hertfordshire):	(902705)
T5	Jim Shannon (Strangford):	(902706)
T6	John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk):	(902707)
T7	Sir John Whittingdale (Maldon):	(902708)
T8	Matthew Patrick (Wirral West):	(902709)
T9	Lee Pitcher (Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme):	(902710)
T10	Vikki Slade (Mid Dorset and North Poole):	(902711)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 12 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what his planned timeline is for the review of the implementation of unpaid carer's leave. (28920)
- 2N **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, 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 yet received a substantive response in each month since August 2024 . (29247)
- 3N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential economic impact of linking the UK and EU emissions trading schemes; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of linking UK and EU emissions trading schemes on (a) electricity prices, (b) energy bills, (c) carbon prices and (d) the economic climate for UK industrial investment. (29377)
- 4N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to fund operational trials of zero-emission aircraft. (29040)
- 5N **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the number of fraudulent claims there were for the Personal Independence Payment in each (a) nation and (b) region in each of the last five years. (29372)

- 6N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the State Pension reflects increases in the cost of living. (29339)
- 7N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what comparative assessment his Department has made of blood cancer outcomes in (a) the UK and (b) international comparator countries for the four most common cancers. (29221)
- 8N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will review the medicines and treatment appraisal system to assess its readiness for evaluating cell and gene-based blood cancer treatments. (29222)
- 9N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to ensure that the NHS has the (a) ability and (b) resource to roll out (i) CAR-T therapies and (ii) other Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products for blood cancer. (29224)
- 10N **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to provide more training places in (a) core anaesthetics and (b) across all medical specialties. (29285)
- 11N **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will hold discussions with NHS England on the potential merits of making 70 extra higher anaesthetic training places available every year. (29286)
- 12N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding her Department has provided to the Lobular Moonshot Project. (29290)
- 13N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): 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 comments made by US President Trump on 4 February 2025 in relation to the future of Gaza. (29121)
- 14N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): 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 comments made by President Trump on 4 February 2025 on Palestinians in Gaza. (29122)
- 15N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): 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 recent student and pensioner protests in Serbia. (29002)

- 16N **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, 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 yet received a substantive response in each month since August 2024. (29246)
- 17N **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle domestic abuse. [Transferred] (28685)
- 18N **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she plans to take to resolve the issue where Child Trust Funds are inaccessible to disabled children who have been assessed as lacking the mental capacity to manage their own finances. (29206)
- 19N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to exempt GPs who provide more than 90% of their services to the NHS from the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions. (29049)
- 20N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to allow GP practices to claim Employment Allowance. (29050)
- 21N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has conducted a value for money assessment of the proposed agreement with Mauritius on the Chagos Islands. (28962)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 13 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on (a) how much each mesh centre received in specialised commissioning funding and (b) how many removals took place in each month since this service began. (28902)
- 2N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate he has made of the average waiting times for mesh centres; and what steps he is taking to reduce this. (28903)
- 3N **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed national planning reforms for farmers on (a) the environment and (b) animal welfare. [Transferred] (28358)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 24 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of safeguarding leads in schools being violence against women and girls accredited. (29235)
- 2N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average waiting time for driving tests is in Worsley and Eccles constituency. (29248)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to orchestral tax relief for International work on the orchestral sector's ability to deliver loss-making activities in the UK. (29164)