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Questions tabled on Thursday 6 February 2025

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Questions for Answer on Monday 10 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department has issued on the disclosure of past earnings for members of the Cabinet appointed from the House of Lords. (29420)
- 2 Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the guidance entitled Public Sector Equality Duty: guidance for public authorities, published on 18 December 2023, and pursuant to the letter from the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State for Business and Trade to economic regulators referenced in the Answer of 24 January 2024 to Question 24447 on Economic Growth: Regulation, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that regulators do not try to impose the public sector equality duty on private companies. (29543)
- 3 Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 9833 on Cabinet Office: Ministers' Private Offices, in whose Ministerial offices are the five new standing mirrors located; and what the cost was of the coasters. (29544)
- 4 Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent progress his Department has made on negotiating a free-trade agreement with the US. (29677)
- 5 David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what regulatory mechanisms are in place to help consumers verify the legitimacy of communications from (a) banks, (b) energy providers and (c) telecommunications companies to help prevent scams. (29816)

- 6 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, 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. [Transferred] (29017)
- 7 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how his Department intends to define the subsectors within Advanced Manufacturing in the forthcoming Industrial Strategy. (29436)
- 8 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he (a) is taking with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to encourage (i) growth and (ii) investment in food and drink manufacturing and (b) plans to take to support food and drink manufacturing through the forthcoming Industrial Strategy. (29453)
- 9 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of his Department's support for advanced manufacturing within the industrial strategy on food and drink manufacturers. (29454)
- 10 **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 the amount of bereavement leave. [Transferred] (29215)
- 11 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to amend the chemical classification assessments for (a) lithium carbonate, (b) lithium hydroxide, and (c) lithium chloride products. (29830)
- 12 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of re-allocating a proportion of the National Wealth Fund for a new mineral exploration fund. (29831)
- 13 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending Paid Parental Bereavement Pay and Leave to those who experience a miscarriage before 24 weeks. (29440)
- 14 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 18963 on Nightclub: closures, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the increases in (a) business rates from the reduction in rate relief and (b) National Insurance contributions for employers on the economic viability of nightclubs. (29623)

- 15 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 19680 on High Streets Task Force, what discussions his Department had with retailers on the impact of the reduction in retail, hospitality and leisure business rate relief from April 2025. (29624)
- 16 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what his Department's policy is on the continued use of imperial measures in retail and hospitality settings. (29625)
- 17 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on recent trends in economic growth. [Transferred] (29194)
- 18 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help promote retail entrepreneurship in Bromsgrove constituency. (29674)
- 19 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to secure a trade deal with the United States. (29767)
- 20 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of negotiating a free trade agreement with the United States. (29768)
- 21 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate his Department has made of the number of small businesses in Bromsgrove constituency (a) in July 2024 and (b) as of 6 February 2025. (29864)
- 22 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the Federation of Master Builders report entitled Licence to build: A pathway to licensing UK construction, published on 2 July 2018. (29506)
- 23 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating an ombudsman for home owner property extensions. (29507)
- 24 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has met with the Licence UK Construction Task Force set up by the Federation of Master Builders. (29509)
- 25 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to monitor companies responsibilities and duties to the environment. (29780)

- 26 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to monitor companies responsibilities and duties to their employees. (29782)
- 27 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to (a) protect the creative industries and (b) ensure copyright legislation remains strong in response to proliferated use of AI. (29697)
- 28 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Football Governance Bill on football clubs in the Premier League. (29682)
- 29 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will publish an impact assessment of the introduction of the new cap of £25,000 to the Listed Places of Worship Scheme. (29530)
- 30 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans she has to implement funding for the Listed Places of Worship Scheme beyond 2026. (29531)
- 31 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with ticket vendors on the potential impact of the use of apps for purchasing tickets for events on (a) all digitally-excluded people, (b) people with disabilities and (c) people without access to smartphones. (29627)
- 32 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to manage the potential impact of AI on (a) illustrators and (b) creatives. (29423)
- 33 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many large technology firms she has met since her appointment; and how many times she has met (a) small companies and (b) groups representing small challenger technology firms. (29559)
- 34 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans she has to help protect small music venues. (29707)
- 35 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what information her Department holds on departmental plans to fly flags other than the Union flag in 2025. (29620)
- 36 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what her policy is on (a) contested heritage and (b) retain and explain. (29621)

- 37 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the Government plans to reduce the legal age to (a) buy Lottery tickets and (b) gamble. (29622)
- 38 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support local museums. (29769)
- 39 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recent trends in the level of funding for the Listed Places of Worship Scheme on the VAT rebate threshold for large church restoration projects. (29771)
- 40 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will take steps with voluntary organisations to help increase the number of adult volunteers in (a) uniformed youth activity groups and (b) Scouts. (29794)
- 41 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she plans to take to tackle loneliness in rural communities. (29789)
- 42 **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the availability of speech and language interventions in early years settings. (29628)
- 43 **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help children with SEND to access breakfast clubs. (29629)
- 44 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to publish further information on proposed Young Future Hubs. [Transferred] (29085)
- 45 **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the provision of apprenticeships in AI. (29670)
- 46 **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the Growth and Skills Levy enables people to retrain in (a) technology and (b) digital skills. (29671)
- 47 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to launch a consultation on (a) reducing the availability of Disabled Students Allowance assistive technology packages and products and (b) removing the needs assessment element of applications for Disabled Students Allowance. (29665)
- 48 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to take steps to help reduce the skills gap in rural areas. [Transferred] (29200)

- 49 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve education in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools on media literacy to increase awareness amongst young people of social media harms. (29756)
- 50 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to commission research on the potential correlation between trends in children's media literacy levels and their susceptibility to social media harms. (29758)
- 51 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to encourage students with low literacy rates to develop a love of reading. (29850)
- 52 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed increase in employers National Insurance contributions on private suppliers providing local authority-funded home-to-school transport to children with special educational needs. (29856)
- 53 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish a strategy to improve the retention of teaching staff in schools. (29425)
- 54 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to expand AI apprenticeships. (29583)
- 55 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions she has had with Skills England on the use of the growth and skills levy to support people to reskill in the technical and digital fields. (29584)
- 56 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support intermediate and advanced apprenticeships. (29641)
- 57 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility to people who are digitally excluded of the consultation on Franchising in higher education. (29638)
- 58 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many state school teachers were employed in Bromsgrove constituency on (a) 5 July 2024 and (b) 6 February 2025. (29673)
- 59 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of cooperation between state and independent schools on state schools. (29762)
- 60 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to increase youth services provision in Bromsgrove constituency. (29793)

- 61 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the average price of school uniform in (a) primary schools and (b) secondary schools, broken down by regions of England. (29502)
- 62 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of Education Support's report entitled Teacher Wellbeing Index 2024, published in November 2024. (29516)
- 63 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to implement a staff retention strategy in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools. (29517)
- 64 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve teacher (a) recruitment and (b) retention in Twickenham constituency. (29518)
- 65 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the retention of teachers when they become parents. (29519)
- 66 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many primary school music teachers left the teaching profession in the period between (a) 2010 and 2015, (b) 2015 and 2020 and (c) 2020 and 2024. (29520)
- 67 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many secondary school music teachers left the teaching profession in the period between (a) 2010 and 2015, (b) 2015 and 2020 and (c) 2020 and 2024. (29521)
- 68 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the potential impact of the covid pandemic on levels of teacher (a) recruitment and (b) retention between 2020 and 2024. (29522)
- 69 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which teacher recruitment and retention schemes that have received notice that funding will be (a) reduced and (b) ended since 30 October 2024. (29523)
- 70 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teacher vacancies were recorded by primary schools in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023 and (f) 2024. (29524)
- 71 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teacher vacancies were recorded by secondary schools in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023 and (f) 2024. (29525)
- 72 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the number of trees from (a) primary and (b) old growth forests burnt by the Drax power station since 2012. (29700)

- 73 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that net zero policies are affordable for rural households. (29678)
- 74 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) effectiveness and (b) potential implications for his policies of the level of independence of National Energy System Operator. (29819)
- 75 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much investment his Department plans to allocate to (a) training centres, (b) training courses, and (c) training advisors in the nuclear industry. (29479)
- 76 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Energy Skills Passport will encourage oil and gas workers to find opportunities in the nuclear industry. (29480)
- 77 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much public investment has been committed to the development of a High Temperature Gas Reactor with the Japanese Government. (29481)
- 78 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the future needs of research and development for advanced modular reactors. (29482)
- 79 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the National Nuclear Laboratory's (a) research and development budget and (b) international relationships. (29483)
- 80 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how the remit of Great British Nuclear will interact with Great British Energy. (29484)
- 81 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to engage with the public on the nuclear energy industry. (29485)
- 82 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to engage with the public on the renewable energy industry. (29486)
- 83 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many people have successfully obtained employment using the Energy Skills Passport. (29488)

- 84 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions his Department has had with employers on the levels of (a) recognition and (b) uptake of the Energy Skills Passport in the recruitment process. (29489)
- 85 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many Energy Skills Passports have been issued in each UK region since its introduction. (29490)
- 86 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for what reason his Department withdrew legal support for the Rosebank and Jackdaw oil and gas projects. (29510)
- 87 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of withdrawing legal support for the Rosebank and Jackdaw projects on the UK's energy security and domestic production capacity. (29511)
- 88 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions his Department had with industry stakeholders before withdrawing legal support for the Rosebank and Jackdaw projects. (29512)
- 89 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure investor confidence in the UK oil and gas sector following the withdrawal of legal support for the Rosebank and Jackdaw projects. (29513)
- 90 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department made of the potential (a) legal and (b) financial impacts of withdrawing legal support for the Rosebank and Jackdaw oil and gas projects before taking that decision. (29514)
- 91 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it is his policy to stop issuing development consents for all new oil and gas fields. (29560)
- 92 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the cost to the public purse was of legal services used by the Government in relation to potential Rosebank oil and gas field development since 4 July 2024; and whether further legal costs have been accounted for in his Department's (a) current and (b) future budgets. (29658)
- 93 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of using renewable liquid fuels as an alternative to mains gas for households unable to connect to the grid. (29761)

- 94 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Written Statement of 24 January 2025 on Plutonium Disposition Strategy, HCWS388, if he will publish the basis for the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's recommendation to immobilise the UK plutonium stockpile. (29470)
- 95 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Written Statement of 6 February 2025 on Consenting and Regulation of Nuclear Energy, HCWS419, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using the UK's plutonium stockpile to support the delivery of the Government's policies on nuclear power. (29471)
- 96 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 25798 on Listed Buildings: Energy, if he will request data on listed buildings from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to enable an assessment to be made. (29571)
- 97 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential contribution of Chinese manufacturing in delivering the Government's Clean Power 2030 goal. (29770)
- 98 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has plans to expand the Government Buying Standards across the wider public sector. [Transferred] (29382)
- 99 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to establish a cross-government working group on food. [Transferred] (29408)
- 100 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance his Department has issued on the circumstances in which heather burning can be used to manage (a) moorland and (b) peatland. (29795)
- 101 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to reinstate dredging to increase river capacity. (29705)
- 102 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure local authorities have adequate resources to process the anticipated increase in claims following the 2031 cut-off date for recording historic rights of way. (29839)
- 103 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what reason the Flood Recovery Framework was not activated following the flooding on 1 January 2025 in Stockport. (29568)

- 104 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many consultations his Department (a) initiated and (b) completed in the last Parliament between (i) 13 February 2020 and 6 September 2022, (ii) 6 September 2022 and 25 October 2022, (iii) 25 October 2022 and 13 November 2023 and (iv) 13 November 2023 and 4 July 2024. (29579)
- 105 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility to people who are digitally excluded of the consultation on Land use in England. (29637)
- 106 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether funds given to the proposed national Nature Restoration Fund will be allocated to the county where the development they are offsetting takes place. (29578)
- 107 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to reduce the risk of flooding in Bromsgrove constituency. (29766)
- 108 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the proportion of farmland that will be used to produce alternative aviation fuels in (a) 2030, (b) 2040 and (c) 2050. (29478)
- 109 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support nature-friendly farming. (29774)
- 110 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help the UK meet its commitments on climate change adaptation. (29775)
- 111 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help the UK meet its 2030 nature recovery target commitments. (29776)
- 112 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle the decline of wild bird populations. (29778)
- 113 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what information his Department holds on the number of households that will have high-speed broadband installed in (a) the UK, (b) Leicestershire and (c) Mid Leicestershire constituency in each of the next five years. (29683)
- 114 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that smaller platforms are adequately regulated to protect children from online harms. (29712)

- 115 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that workforce skills adapt to the role of AI in the economy. (29714)
- 116 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help SMEs adopt digital technology. (29717)
- 117 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department taking to promote the sustainable development of AI capacity. (29718)
- 118 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions (a) he and (b) other Ministers in his Department have had with AstraZeneca on vaccine production at Speke. [R] (29741)
- 119 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the oral contribution by the hon. Member for Havant of 3 February 2025, Official Report, column 552, for what reason the letter from AstraZeneca of 9 July 2025 to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology received a delayed response. [R] (29742)
- 120 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to incentivise R&D investment in the United Kingdom. [R] (29744)
- 121 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Data Protection and Telecoms in response to the hon. member for Harpenden and Berkhamsted during the urgent question on AstraZeneca of 3 February 2025, Official Report, column 554, if he will publish the requested letter. [R] (29747)
- 122 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment the Department has made of (a) the adequacy of the availability of land and property for new 5G infrastructure and (b) its impact on the UK telecoms market. (29842)
- 123 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Medical Research Council on the impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on projects they (a) fund and (b) sponsor. (29586)
- 124 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Natural Environment Research Council on the impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on projects they (a) fund and (b) sponsor. (29587)

- 125 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Geospatial Commission on the impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor since July 2024. (29588)
- 126 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Science and Technology Facilities Council on the impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor since July 2024. (29589)
- 127 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with Innovate UK on the impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor since July 2024. (29590)
- 128 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with Research England on the potential impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor since July 2024. (29591)
- 129 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the UKRI on the potential impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor since July 2024. (29592)
- 130 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with universities on the potential impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor; stratified by individual university since July 2024. (29593)
- 131 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with businesses on the potential impact of the rise of employer national insurance contributions on projects they fund or sponsor, by individual business since July 2024. (29594)
- 132 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions the Government has had with Generative AI technology companies to tackle risks to children. (29595)
- 133 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the NSPCC report entitled Viewing Generative AI and Children's Safety in the Round, published in January 2025. (29596)
- 134 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of recent trends in the level of public support for ending animal experiments in medical research. (29610)

- 135 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much public money has been allocated for the development and maintenance of the AI tools (a) Scout, (b) Connect, and (c) Humphrey; and from which departmental budgets these funds have been drawn. (29465)
- 136 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of open source AI on the economy. (29466)
- 137 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of using procurement to support open source software development in the UK. (29467)
- 138 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to his Answer of 21 November to Question UIN 14700 on Broadband: advertising, whether he plans to include guidance in his forthcoming Statement of Strategic Priorities. (29733)
- 139 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking with the broadband industry to support the take-up of full fibre networks. (29735)
- 140 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential contribution of Cranfield to his plans to double the size of the economy of the Oxford to Cambridge Growth Corridor. (29576)
- 141 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of increases to employers' National Insurance on employment in the Oxford to Cambridge Growth Corridor. (29577)
- 142 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential for harm by small websites not included in the Online Harm Bill. (29730)
- 143 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the potential impact of the increase in the bus fare cap on the number of bus journeys taken in (a) the UK, (b) Leicestershire and (c) Mid Leicestershire constituency. (29681)
- 144 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the impact of increasing the bus fare cap on people living in Mid Leicestershire. (29745)

- 145 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support the maintenance of roads in the Forest of Dean constituency. (29722)
- 146 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of roads in (a) Forest of Dean constituency and (b) Gloucestershire. (29738)
- 147 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of the proposed West London orbital rail link on connectivity between West London Boroughs. (29442)
- 148 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the impact of improving cross-borough public transport links in London on (a) the economy, (b) air quality, and (c) social mobility in London. (29443)
- 149 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions (a) she and (b) officials in her Department have had with the Mayor of London on proposals for the West London Orbital railway. (29444)
- 150 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to increase railway capacity. (29728)
- 151 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of installing a passenger lift at Marks Tey Station. (29533)
- 152 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps the Government is taking to help the Welsh Government ensure the Global Centre of Rail Excellence facility in South Wales is being supported to project completion. (29751)
- 153 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions her Department has had with the Welsh Government to ensure that the opportunity of the Global Centre of Rail Excellence is maximised as part of its Industrial Strategy. (29752)
- 154 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking with the rail industry to ensure it can access a greater share of competitive research and development funding through UKRI and Horizon Europe. (29753)
- 155 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to use rail industry procurement to support the Global Centre of Rail Excellence opportunity. (29754)

- 156 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what role the Global Centre of Rail Excellence will have in supporting offline testing of new trains. (29759)
- 157 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps she has taken to help end discrimination against disabled people when travelling abroad. (29811)
- 158 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to increase regulation of private car park companies. (29870)
- 159 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her Department's timetable is for the consideration of potential RIS4 pipeline schemes. (29642)
- 160 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding was allocated to (a) the A19 North of Newcastle junctions scheme and (b) improvements to (i) Moor Farm and (ii) Seaton Burn during the allocation of RIS3 pipelines schemes before July 2024. (29643)
- 161 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what road accident data her Department holds for Moor Farm Roundabout for each of the last five years. (29644)
- 162 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing permanent weight limits of (a) 38.4 tonnes for four-axle rigid Volumetric Concrete Mixers (VCMs) and (b) 44 tonnes for five-axle rigid VCMs, in the context of the expiration of the derogation agreement in 2028. (29805)
- 163 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to reduce emissions from transport refrigeration units. [Transferred] (29196)
- 164 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of updating her Department's guidance for local transport authorities to require them to have an alternative dispute resolution when franchising services. (29835)
- 165 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of existing regulations for community transport provision. (29836)
- 166 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of existing regulations for demand responsive transport. (29837)

- 167 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2025 to Question 25028 on Buses: Sales, for what reason an end-of-sale date is not set for coaches. (29838)
- 168 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many driver shortages have been reported by each rail company in the most recent period for which data is available. (29841)
- 169 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how the proposed statutory powers of Metro Mayors for rail services will operate under Great British Railways. (29843)
- 170 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2024 to Question 18740 on Driving Tests, whether the DVSA has developed a training schedule for organisations requiring delegated examiners in 2025. (29844)
- 171 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the new government-backed train ticket website will include a search facility to help people affected by train delays find actual past (a) departure and (b) arrival times to support their claims under the Delay Repay scheme. (29845)
- 172 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of increasing the allocation of the transport budget in England for walking and cycling initiatives. (29846)
- 173 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a regional transport strategy to improve connectivity between towns. (29501)
- 174 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to encourage train operating companies to improve on-train connectivity for (a) voice and (b) data services. (29426)
- 175 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she plans to publish the Road Safety Strategy; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing graduated driving licences for young people in that strategy. (29704)
- 176 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to revise the Airports National Policy Statement, published on 5 June 2018, in the context of the proposed Heathrow Airport expansion. (29617)
- 177 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to provide support for the proposed Liverpool to Manchester railway improvement project. (29618)

- 178 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of bus services in Bromsgrove constituency. (29760)
- 179 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of building a westerly relief road around Bromsgrove. (29792)
- 180 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many reports of benefit fraud were made to her Department in 2024; and how many and what proportion of these resulted in benefits being revoked. (29494)
- 181 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people not in education, employment or training there in (a) the UK, (b) Leicestershire and (c) Mid Leicestershire constituency. (29679)
- 182 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number and proportion of migrants who arrived in the UK in the last five years who are not in education, employment or training in (a) the UK, (b) Leicestershire and (c) Mid Leicestershire constituency. (29680)
- 183 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the (a) number of migrants who have arrived in the UK in the last five years in receipt of benefits in Mid Leicestershire constituency and (b) the total value of those benefits in the latest period for which data is available. (29686)
- 184 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have applied for a Skills Passport; and how many of those applications have been approved. (29487)
- 185 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, which employment sectors have the highest number of Skills Passport users securing jobs. (29491)
- 186 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the value of the Bereavement Support payment. (29656)
- 187 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to uprate Bereavement Support Payments annually in line with inflation. (29657)
- 188 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support claimants of disability allowance who (a) have difficulties with oral communication, (b) have deafness, (c) have learning difficulties and (d) do not own a telephone. (29709)

- 189 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle (a) discrepancies between contribution amounts on pension statements and payslips, (b) lack of online access to manage pensions and (c) other common issues with workplace pensions. (29803)
- 190 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will take steps to establish a funding scheme to support disabled candidates for elections in England. [Transferred] (29278)
- 191 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (29025)
- 192 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (29104)
- 193 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (29186)
- 194 **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the financial support available through University Credit for students in full-time higher education with dependents. (29654)
- 195 **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Education on financial support available for mature students with caring responsibilities. (29655)
- 196 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to tackle (a) age discrimination and (b) ageism in the workplace. (29784)
- 197 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to protect older people from (a) violence, (b) abuse and (c) neglect. (29785)
- 198 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she plans to take to support (a) the right to work and (b) financial security for older people. (29787)
- 199 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she plans to take to promote and support the active participation of older people in society. (29788)

- 200 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure equal access to diagnosis of prostate cancer. (29694)
- 201 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to address the shortages in Pancreatic enzyme replacement medication. (29695)
- 202 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a mandatory and formal way for recording if and when patients have had an assessment for section 117 aftercare. (29715)
- 203 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information he holds on the number of hospitals in Leicestershire that have not followed the appropriate discharge procedure for parents in the last five years. (29820)
- 204 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the National Prostate Cancer Audit's report entitled NPCA State of the Nation Report 2024, published in January 2025, if he will take steps to tackle inequalities in accessing NICE-recommended treatments following advanced prostate cancer diagnosis for (a) black men and (b) men from areas of socio-economic deprivation. (29427)
- 205 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle health inequalities in prostate cancer. (29428)
- 206 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to extend independent prescribing responsibilities to Occupational Therapists under the Medicines and Medical Devices Act (2021) where it is safe to do so. (29736)
- 207 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason British medical graduates are not prioritized over international medical graduates for foundation year placements. (29696)
- 208 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the NHS 10-year-plan will include measures on (a) midwifery and (b) neo-natal care. (29807)
- 209 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help NHS Trusts improve neo-natal care. (29808)
- 210 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support parents who have suffered from baby loss. (29809)

- 211 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the standard of care available in the NHS for those suffering with liver conditions in (a) England and (b) Beckenham and Penge constituency. (29810)
- 212 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of NHS support for people with (a) cirrhosis, (b) genetic conditions and (c) other liver conditions in (i) Beckenham and Penge constituency and (ii) the rest of England. (29812)
- 213 **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to NHS services for disabled people. (29630)
- 214 **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle health inequalities for disabled people. (29631)
- 215 **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, whether additional resources have been allocated to help tackle the backlog in remedial pension savings statements required to be issued by the NHS Business Services Authority. [R] (29546)
- 216 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support people with leukaemia in (a) City of Durham constituency and (b) the North East. (29476)
- 217 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the merger of Basildon, Broomfield and Southend Hospital Trusts into the Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust. (29438)
- 218 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much and what proportion of the capital expenditure promised to Basildon, Broomfield and Southend hospitals as part of their merger into Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust has been (a) allocated, (b) paid and (c) spent by that Trust. (29439)
- 219 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 12 November 2024 to Question 13158 on Sodium Valproate and Surgical Mesh Implants: Compensation, what further progress his Department has made in responding to the Hughes Report. (29537)
- 220 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide a redress scheme for those harmed by Sodium Valproate and surgical mesh implants. (29538)

- 221 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to monitor the long-term health and well-being of those born with cleft lips and palates. (29539)
- 222 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department provides to the Cleft Registry and Audit Network. (29540)
- 223 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care what discussions he has had with NICE on the potential impact of its approval of medicines for use in the NHS on (a) economic productivity, (b) health outcomes and (c) reducing the burden of disease on (i) patients and (ii) caregivers. (29534)
- 224 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence has targets for the time it takes to complete evaluations of new medicines. (29535)
- 225 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the age range of the Children and Young People with Cancer Taskforce is. (29432)
- 226 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Children and Young People with Cancer Taskforce will recognise that cancer is different in (a) young people and (b) children. (29433)
- 227 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Children and Young People with Cancer Taskforce will recognise that teenagers and young adults with cancer have different needs to children. (29434)
- 228 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plans to launch the call for evidence for the National Cancer Plan. [R] (29702)
- 229 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, who he plans to consult on the National Cancer Plan. [R] (29703)
- 230 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the National Institute for Health and Care Research will be involved in the formulation of the National Cancer Plan. [R] (29706)
- 231 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he expects NHS trusts to reach the 62-day cancer waiting time standard. [R] (29708)
- 232 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many radiotherapy machines in the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and West Berkshire integrated care board area are beyond the recommended 10-year lifespan. [R] (29710)

- 233 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much of the £70 million investment for replacing older radiotherapy machines will go to (a) the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West ICB and (b) the Berkshire West sub-ICB. [R] (29713)
- 234 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the Terms of Reference for the Children and Young People's Cancer Taskforce. [R] (29716)
- 235 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has plans to extend funding for the Targeted Enhanced Recruitment Scheme for financial year 2025-26. [R] (29832)
- 236 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of GPs recruited through the Targeted Enhanced Recruitment Scheme in (a) 2024 and (b) 2023 (i) in total and (ii) per integrated care board. [R] (29833)
- 237 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme. [R] (29834)
- 238 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of reviewing the policies on issuing Penalty Charge Notices for patient transport service vehicles. (29840)
- 239 **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 adequacy of monitoring measures used to prevent people with (a) mental illness and (b) a history of violence and aggression from committing violent crimes. [Transferred] (29393)
- 240 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding his Department had allocated to the National Cancer Plan. (29602)
- 241 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support community interest companies that are mental health providers. (29445)
- 242 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of community interest companies that are no longer able to offer free mental health support due to financial constraints on the NHS. (29446)
- 243 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the age range will be of people considered by the Children and Young People with Cancer Taskforce. (29823)

- 244 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 26149 on General Practitioners, if he will list the 200 GP surgeries being funded. (29563)
- 245 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 26149 on General Practitioners, what discussions his Department has had with the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board on GP provision. (29566)
- 246 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 26149, if his Department will give direction to integrated care boards to provide new GP surgeries where GP to patient ratios are not keeping track with population growth. (29567)
- 247 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 26149, what steps his Department is taking to monitor the performance of ICBs in addressing gaps in service. (29569)
- 248 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what changes have there been in the number of GPs working between 5 July 2024 and 31 January 2025 in Bromsgrove constituency. (29858)
- 249 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to meet the health needs of elderly prisoners. [Transferred] (29261)
- 250 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of national purchasing of NHS England equipment. (29725)
- 251 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what is the total sum of the financial settlement for the transfer of sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. (29495)
- 252 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his planned timetable is for the transferring of sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. (29497)
- 253 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which groups of Chagossians he has met with; and when he met them. (29498)
- 254 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much and what proportion of his Department's budget he plans to allocate to mine action in the 2025-26 financial year. (29581)

- 255 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his speech entitled The Kew Lecture: Foreign Secretary's speech on the climate crisis, given on 17 September 2024, whether he has made any changes to staffing organisation in his Department to reflect the new priorities set out in that speech; and how many staff in his Department are working primarily on global ocean protection. (29871)
- 256 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that the protections outlined in the Consular Assistance (Journalists) Bill are extended to all British nationals facing arbitrary detention overseas. (29719)
- 257 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department (a) monitors and (b) reviews the granting of visa applications to British citizens by the Government of India. (29664)
- 258 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): 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 detention of Mahvash Sabet by Iranian authorities. (29847)
- 259 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): 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 persecution of Bahá'ís in (a) Iran and (b) the Middle East. (29848)
- 260 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve freedom of religion for Bahá'ís globally. (29849)
- 261 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will ensure that (a) warrants requested by the International Criminal Court are prepared promptly and (b) he is aware of potential visits by individuals subject to International Criminal Court scrutiny. (29720)
- 262 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the expected timeframe is between an ICC arrest warrant being issued and an arrest being made in the UK; and whether any preparatory legal or operational steps can be taken in advance of an individual's arrival in the UK to ensure immediate enforcement upon entry. (29721)
- 263 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will recognise Palestine as a state. (29635)
- 264 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to ensure a lasting ceasefire. (29636)

- 265 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the development of a UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons. (29441)
- 266 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his US counterpart on President Trump's proposals for the US to (a) takeover and (b) own Gaza. (29667)
- 267 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to help protect the rights of residents in Gaza. (29801)
- 268 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued to (a) the police, (b) local authorities and (c) other authorities on removing covers from illicitly-covered licence plates in public spaces to help enforce existing legislation and regulations; and whether she has received representations on the risk of criminal damage complaints if authorities remove coverings. (29549)
- 269 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of mandatory training for (a) psychiatrists, (b) psychiatric nurses and (c) social workers on legal obligations under section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983. (29711)
- 270 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of reforming spousal visa regulations to (a) reduce the 10-year duration, (b) remove renewals and (c) prevent penalisation due to a partner's benefit claims. (29723)
- 271 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's report entitled Animals in Science Regulation Unit: Annual report 2023, published on 17 December 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the level of cases of failing to provide adequate (a) food and (b) water to animals. (29814)
- 272 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Animals in Science Regulation Unit annual report 2023, published on 17 December 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of case in which seven birds were caught in bags, accidentally not released and found dead four days later; and what steps she plans to take to help prevent such instances in future. (29815)

- 273 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the report by the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration entitled An inspection of Asylum Casework June-October 2023, whether her Department has taken steps to introduce a published service standard for deciding asylum claims. (29851)
- 274 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the report from the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration entitled An inspection of asylum casework June-October 2023, published on 29 February 2024, whether she has taken steps to (a) identify vulnerable claimants in the asylum work in progress queue and (b) prioritise their claims. (29852)
- 275 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to Official Tribunals Statistics quarterly: July to September 2024, what analysis has been done of the reasons for the increase in asylum appeal cases in the category of Asylum/Protection/Revocation of Protection. (29857)
- 276 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing criminal sanctions for the irresponsible (a) sale and (b) use of catapults. (29817)
- 277 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing new and specific criminal offences relating to the irresponsible sale and use of catapults used to (a) injure people, (b) maim or kill animals and (c) damage property. (29860)
- 278 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, to ask the Secretary of State for Home Affairs, what discussions she has had with fire and rescue services on the (a) adequacy of the Settlement Funding Assessment for 2024-25 and (b) potential impact of the size of the workforce of those services on their ability to meet demand. (29790)
- 279 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs's review into Synthetic cathinones published on 3 February 2025. (29826)
- 280 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the 154,904 animals involved in non-compliance incidents in British laboratories in 2023. (29598)
- 281 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to increase the number of inspectors in the Animals in Science Regulation Unit. (29599)
- 282 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the number of animals involved in non-compliance cases in British laboratories. (29600)

- 283 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to increase the number of premises audited by the Animals in Science Regulation Unit. (29601)
- 284 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the duration of project licences granted under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986. (29603)
- 285 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Animals in Science Regulation Unit annual report 2023 published in December 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the 553 animals who experienced adverse welfare outcomes due to non-compliance in laboratories in 2023. (29615)
- 286 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the Animals in Science Regulation Unit on animal harm caused by incidents of non-compliance in UK laboratories. (29616)
- 287 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Justice on the potential merits of introducing mandatory minimum sentences for individuals in breach of protective orders. (29492)
- 288 **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 is the expected cost to the public purse of accommodation for asylum seekers in 2025. (29605)
- 289 **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 people were housed in asylum accommodation in the last 12 months. (29606)
- 290 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's news story entitled, Survivors of sexual abuse to be empowered in closed case reviews, published on 16 January 2025, if she will publish the full terms of reference for the review; and whether Baroness Casey of Blackstock (a) will be remunerated and (b) has made a declaration of interest. (29607)
- 291 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23517 on Crime: Westminster Bridge, what role HM Government plays in relation to policing within Whitehall's Government Secure Zone area. (29608)
- 292 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has had recent discussions with the Metropolitan Police on the application for a new Chinese Embassy. (29609)

- 293 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Oral Statement of 16 January 2025 on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Official Report, how many civil servants have been assigned to support Baroness Casey's audit; and what staff resources her Department has made available to support inquiries into grooming gangs. (29611)
- 294 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether private healthcare has been provided to asylum seekers in the last 12 months. (29612)
- 295 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will list each individual awarded contract to strategic suppliers for the provision of asylum accommodation and support services including the value of each contract. (29613)
- 296 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the answer of 22 October 2024, to Question 8751, on Fire and Rescue Services: Police, for what reason her Department won't repeal Section 37 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004. (29614)
- 297 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle crime that crosses police force boundaries. (29764)
- 298 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to tackle (a) violence, (b) abuse and (c) neglect against young people. (29786)
- 299 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take to tackle youth homelessness in Devon. (29791)
- 300 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects Gravehawk to reach minimum deployable capability. (29461)
- 301 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he intends to procure Gravehawk for the armed forces. (29462)
- 302 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated cost to the public purse is of delivering Gravehawk. (29463)
- 303 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of the total cost for delivering Gravehawk will be covered by (a) his Department and (b) the Danish Ministry of Defence. (29526)
- 304 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects the Snapper maritime system to reach minimum deployable capability. (29527)

- 305 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects the Wasp maritime system to reach minimum deployable capability. (29528)
- 306 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has a formal target date for the deployment of Project COOKSON. (29529)
- 307 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions she has had with survivors and families of victims of the Grenfell Tower fire on the future of the tower. (29504)
- 308 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she last met with families and survivors of the Grenfell Tower fire; and whether she consulted those groups before making a decision on the future of the tower. (29505)
- 309 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy that local authority areas which have had elections postponed in May 2025 will have elections in May 2026. (29499)
- 310 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish the conversations and negotiations which she had in order to determine which elections were to be postponed. (29500)
- 311 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to improve the capacity of local authorities to rebuild public buildings affected by arson. (29739)
- 312 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the number and proportion of people who live in social housing in Mid Leicestershire constituency who were born in the UK. (29684)
- 313 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many new homes have been built in (a) the UK, (b) Leicestershire and (c) Mid Leicestershire constituency since 5 July 2024. (29685)
- 314 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what reason thank you payments to sponsors hosting refugees from Ukraine for more than 12 months will reduce from £500 to £350 from 1 April 2025; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of this reduction on (a) the ability of sponsors to continue hosting more than one refugee and (b) local authority budgets. (29804)
- 315 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many council houses were built in the West Midlands between 2010 and 2024. (29553)

- 316 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to ensure that town and parish councils are in place prior to the abolition of district and borough councils. (29699)
- 317 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that her target for new home building is not impacted by local government reorganisation. (29701)
- 318 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact her proposed abolition of district and borough councils on housing targets. (29737)
- 319 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how the prospective unitary authorities will prioritise housing provision. (29740)
- 320 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, what checks and balances there will be on directly-elected Mayors when strategic authorities are implemented. (29743)
- 321 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing assemblies akin to the London Assembly for each Strategic Authority. (29746)
- 322 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that there is sufficient local representation in the new unitary authorities. (29748)
- 323 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the compatibility of recent parliamentary constituency boundary changes with proposed local government reorganisation. (29749)
- 324 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to integrate the proposals outlined in the English Devolution White Paper with important strategic transport infrastructure such as Gatwick Airport. (29757)
- 325 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to ensure there will be no devolution islands following the reorganisation of local government. (29773)

- 326 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's joint publication Fire risk appraisal of external wall construction and cladding of existing blocks of flats - Code of practice, published in January 2022, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the Code of Practice. (29548)
- 327 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the core spending power allocation was to Northumberland County Council in (a) 2010-11, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2023-24 and (e) 2025-26. (29645)
- 328 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the core spending power allocation was to North Tyneside Council in (a) 2010-11, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2023-24 and (e) 2025-26. (29646)
- 329 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish the Core Spending Power allocation to Newcastle City Council for the years (a) 2010-11, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2023-24 and (e) 2025-26. (29647)
- 330 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the classification of (a) non-statutory and (b) statutory services provided by councils, in the context of the closure of (i) public toilets and (ii) other non-statutory services following council bankruptcies. (29806)
- 331 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress her Department has made on each reform set out in her Department's Written Ministerial Statement on Leasehold and Commonhold Reform, of 21 November 2024, HCWS244. (29459)
- 332 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Devolution Priority Programme on levels of (a) voter engagement and (b) democratic participation in future elections. (29689)
- 333 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that local councils remain accountable to residents under the Devolution Priority Programme. (29690)
- 334 **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 adequacy of the system of elected mayors in managing of local issues across large geographical areas. (29691)

- 335 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with Thurrock Council on the services it provides for asylum seekers. (29692)
- 336 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the services provided to irregular migrants by (a) Thurrock Council and (b) Basildon Council in the last two years. (29693)
- 337 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22329 on Noise: Pollution Control, what guidance her Department has issued on noise complaints about established use, including long-standing (a) chiming clocks and (b) church bells. [Transferred] (29077)
- 338 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of land lost through adverse possession on local flood resilience. (29573)
- 339 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Chief Land Registrar on ensuring that adverse possession claims are not granted for land designated as public open space or held for flood management purposes; and whether her Department plans to issue guidance to local councils on this matter. (29574)
- 340 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility to people who are digitally excluded of the consultation on Funding arrangements for the Homelessness Prevention Grant from 2026-27 onwards. (29640)
- 341 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to ensure major housing developments include mobile network infrastructure. (29726)
- 342 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to review the treatment of digital and mobile infrastructure within the National Planning Policy Framework. (29727)
- 343 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to review the National Planning Policy Framework in relation to provisions for new 5G and 4G infrastructure. (29729)

- 344 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that the National Planning Policy Framework adequately reflects the socio-economic benefits of mobile infrastructure. (29731)
- 345 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions her Department has had with Vodafone on the inclusion of mobile connectivity and 5G technologies within the definition of digital infrastructure in the National Planning Policy Framework. (29732)
- 346 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with hon. Members from Worcestershire on local government reform. (29763)
- 347 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of access to greenbelt countryside in north Worcestershire on the health of residents in local communities. (29765)
- 348 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring builders to (a) have relevant qualifications and (b) demonstrate a certain competence level to undertake specific work. (29508)
- 349 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps to address funding shortfalls faced by local government in Devon, in the context of the local government reorganisation. (29796)
- 350 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with local authorities on a standardised parking app. (29802)
- 351 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of the UK leaving the European Court of Human Rights. (29675)
- 352 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many migrants residing in Mid Leicestershire constituency have committed crimes in each of the last five years. (29676)
- 353 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many foreign nationals have been convicted of a crime in Mid Leicestershire constituency in the last five years. (29818)

- 354 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of child custody disputes resulted in custody being awarded to the father in the latest year for which figures are available. (29532)
- 355 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the total cost to the public purse of accessing court transcripts for each of the last five years. (29429)
- 356 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average cost of an (a) court and (b) tribunal hearing transcript is. (29430)
- 357 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has plans to increase the use of artificial intelligence in the HM Courts and Tribunals Service. (29431)
- 358 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Q3 of the oral evidence given by the Lady Chief Justice of England to the Justice Select Committee on 26 November 2024, HC 421, what estimate she has made of the total cost of sitting the extra 6,500 court sitting days to reach the maximum 113,000 days available. (29435)
- 359 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2025 to Question 26915 on Crown Court: Trials, when she plans to publish the data for each court since June 2024. (29551)
- 360 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2025 to Question 26918 on Prisons: Construction, how many existing cells had additional beds installed to increase capacity between (a) May 1997 and May 2010 and (b) May 2010 and July 2024; how many prison places were removed in prisons that closed in the same period; and where those closed prisons were. (29554)
- 361 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2025 to Question 26918 on Prisons: Construction, what estimate he has made of the total operating capacity of prisons following the end of (a) the £2.3 billion for prison builds over the next two years, (b) 2031 and (c) 10-year Prison Capacity Strategy. (29555)
- 362 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average time was between application to the Employment Tribunal and hearing in each of the last three years. (29777)
- 363 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the parole board report on IPP prison sentences. (29724)

- 364 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to support businesses in Mid Leicestershire constituency with changes to employer National Insurance contributions. (29813)
- 365 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the accessibility of HMRC online services for older people with limited forms of ID. (29799)
- 366 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of reducing the business rate multiplier by 20p for all hereditaments in England used for retail, hospitality and leisure with a rateable value of (a) under £51,000 and (b) £51,000 to £499,999 on business rate income (i) including and (ii) excluding the (A) existing and (B) planned Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Rates Relief scheme in the (1) 2023-24, (2) 2024-25 and (3) 2025-26 financial year. (29414)
- 367 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the potential impact of new UK oil and gas extraction on (a) GDP and (b) tax receipts in each of the next five years. (29659)
- 368 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has budgeted for any (a) investment tax credit and (b) ringfenced expenditure supplement to be paid to (i) Equinor and (ii) Ithaca in connection to Rosebank oil field development after February 2025. (29660)
- 369 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether (a) Equinor and (b) Ithaca have received (i) investment tax credit and (ii) ringfence expenditure supplement in connection to Rosebank oil field development in the period leading up to January 2025. (29661)
- 370 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to update Overseas Scale Rates in the upcoming Spring Forecast. (29477)
- 371 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the Dasgupta Review, published on 2 February 2021. (29415)
- 372N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the Barnett consequential for Northern Ireland will be in relation to the Local Government Finance Settlement. [Transferred] (29045)
- 373 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason there is a surcharge on vehicle tax payments on periods shorter than a year. [Transferred] (29031)

- 374 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the additional unit cost of processing vehicle tax payments on periods shorter than one year. [Transferred] (29032)
- 375 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of restructuring Thames Water as a Community Interest Company. (29734)
- 376 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility to people who are digitally excluded of the consultation on Multinational Top-up Tax and Domestic Top-up Tax: Supplementary draft guidance. (29639)
- 377 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of paragraph 59 of the Impact Assessment for the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order (Amendment) 2025, dated 13 January 2025. (29545)
- 378 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer to Written Question 25789 on Tax Yields: British Nationals Abroad, whether her Department made an assessment of the potential impact of (a) changes Capital Gains Tax and (b) the Autumn Budget on the number of wealthy taxpayers domiciled in the UK before they were announced. (29562)
- 379 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what provision she has made for the costs associated with the proposed Treaty with Mauritius on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory in her Departmental Budget; and from which Departmental budget will the settlement be paid. (29772)
- 380 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make a comparative assessment of the price of (a) non-alcoholic drinks and (b) alcoholic ones. [Transferred] (29252)
- 381 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2025 to Question 902576 on Employment: Asylum, what the gender balance of dependents of asylum seekers is; what assessment she has made of the impact of the rules that do not allow those dependants to work on the Government's (a) aim to deliver an asylum process that is gender sensitive and (b) wider strategy to tackle violence against women and girls. (29663)
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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what cross-government policies exist on procuring UK-made vehicles for use by Government Departments. (29781)
- 2N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Investment Fund for Northern Ireland since it was established. (29416)
- 3N **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to review compulsory functional skills requirements for apprentices who do not hold a GCSE or Level 2 equivalent qualification in English and maths. (29668)
- 4N **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to review the adequacy of apprenticeship Qualification Achievement Rates for accurately capturing learner outcomes. (29669)
- 5N **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of functional skills requirements on access to apprenticeships; and what the cost of Functional Skills training for people who already have a degree was in each of the last five years. (29672)
- 6N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools (a) initially applied to be part of the universal primary school breakfast clubs pilot and (b) subsequently pulled out. (29474)
- 7N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his department has made of the potential merits of using the UK's plutonium stockpile to generate electricity. (29469)
- 8N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to protect private renters from potential evictions and rent hikes as unintended consequences of mandating all private rented accommodation meets EPC C by 2030. (29515)
- 9N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of making insurance cover of properties at risk of flooding mandatory for insurers participating in the Flood Re scheme. (29866)
- 10N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when he plans to publish the Bertin Review. (29503)

- 11N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, which organisations are responsible for (a) the development and (b) the maintenance of the (i) Scout, (ii) Connect, and (iii) Humphrey AI tools. (29464)
- 12N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on how their Departments' procurement policies can support UK vehicle manufacturers to meet the zero emission vehicle (ZEV) mandate. (29783)
- 13N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many Highways England traffic officers were employed on 15 March in each year since 2016. (29687)
- 14N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the median income for pensioners in the 2024-25 financial year. (29561)
- 15N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment has she made of (a) the adequacy of uptake of Shared Parental Leave and (b) how this will inform future policies to support fathers in taking early parental leave. (29867)
- 16N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to integrate the work of (a) NICE, (b) NHS England, (c) health industry representatives and (d) the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency on adopting new dementia treatments. (29649)
- 17N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to support the (a) development and (b) use of eye scans for diagnosing dementia. (29650)
- 18N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to strengthen dementia diagnostic pathways. (29651)
- 19N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating a cross-government strategy to tackle (a) health and (b) lifestyle factors that increase the risk of developing dementia. (29652)
- 20N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to refine the NHS Health Check to better identify dementia brain health risks. (29653)
- 21N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his policy is on patient confidentiality in relation to sharing information on (a) inquiry reports and (b) other relevant information on killings by mentally ill people

- with the (i) families of their victims and (ii) general public; and what his policy is on (A) publishing independent homicide reports and (B) intervening to consider publication in such cases, in the context of patient confidentiality. (29410)
- 22N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with funding bodies on the potential implications for their policies of reports of a recently released hostage having been held in UNRWA premises. (29417)
- 23N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much humanitarian aid his Department has allocated to Nigeria for 2025; and what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that this aid reaches vulnerable communities in (a) Benue, (b) Kaduna and (c) Plateau. (29493)
- 24N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help support Nigeria to tackle (a) marginalisation of minority faith communities, (b) criminalisation of blasphemy and (c) other systemic violations of freedom of religion or belief and freedom of expression. (29496)
- 25 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's news story £200 million boost to transform neighbourhood policing, published on 31 January 2025, whether additional funding will be allocated to community policing in Heywood and Middleton North constituency. (29541)
- 26N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the sale of monkey dust on trends in the level of crime. (29825)
- 27N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many outstanding calculations remain for retired police officer pensions arising from the McCloud Judgement within each police force in the United Kingdom. (29448)
- 28N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his policy is on procuring UK-made vehicles for his Department's White Fleet. (29779)
- 29N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the (a) design, (b) manufacture and (c) support for Type 83 destroyers will be carried out by UK companies. (29862)
- 30N **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Type 83 destroyer programme on (a) sovereign capabilities, (b) supply chain involvement and (c) social value. (29863)

- 31 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with (a) the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and (b) devolved administrations on the potential impact of waiting lists for medical care required in order to pass recruitment standards on the number of candidates dropping out of armed service recruitment processes; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of NHS waiting lists on household income disparities for people awaiting recruitment into the armed services. (29547)
- 32N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will hold discussions with his NATO counterparts on the potential merits of seeking financial contributions from non-NATO countries who are advantaged by their immediate proximity to NATO countries. (29418)
- 33N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with the Cabinet Office on potential efficiency savings in his Department since 30 October 2024. (29455)
- 34N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what efficiency savings targets does his Department have for financial year (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (29456)
- 35N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to take steps to increase the accountability of senior officials in his Department. (29457)
- 36N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to introduce new performance standards for senior officials serving in his Department. (29458)
- 37N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to respond to Question 23387 on the Strategic Defence Review, tabled on 13 January 2025 by the hon. Member for South Suffolk. (29460)
- 38N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential strategic value of OneWeb for supporting Ukraine. (29468)
- 39N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance (a) her Department has and (b) its predecessor Departments have issued to councils on including within their constitutions provision for public participation at council meetings. (29648)
- 40N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has issued guidance to Councils on the process for residents to issue deputations at meetings; and whether residents are required to provide the full text of their deputation in advance. (29662)

- 41N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to respond to Question 24712, tabled on 17 January 2025. (29542)
- 42N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many cases relating to breaches of covid-19 laws are (a) awaiting and (b) ongoing in (i) Crown and (ii) magistrates courts. (29550)
- 43N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2025 to Question 902578 on Marriage: Relatives, what her Department's timetable is for the consideration of the Law Commission's 2022 wedding report. (29552)
- 44N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the McCloud judgement [2018] EWCA Civ 2844, how many outstanding police pensions cases HMRC had yet to assess on 6 February 2025; and what HMRC's timetable is for the completion of this work. (29447)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 12 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to Question 25004 on Infected Blood Compensation Scheme: Hepatitis, what assessment he has made of the sufficiency of funding for compensation for the affected families of people with hepatitis B and hepatitis C. (29626)
- 2N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support businesses which export bicycles. (29582)
- 3N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the condition of the UK cycling industry. (29585)
- 4N **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many licensed public houses were operating on (a) 5 July 2024 and (b) 31 January 2025 in Bromsgrove constituency. (29859)

- 5N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recourse (a) academics and (b) other people will have who believe that they have had their free speech curtailed, in the context of her proposals for the implementation of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023; and when that recourse will be available. (29557)
- 6N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 26566 on Special Educational Needs, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of lockdown restrictions during the covid-19 pandemic on the (a) behaviour, (b) special educational needs requirements and (c) primary socialisation of school children; and what steps she is taking to help support those children. (29558)
- 7N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of applying VAT to private school fees on children attending extracurricular activities at private schools, despite not attending them. (29755)
- 8N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to provide grants to farmers for rainwater harvesting. (29865)
- 9N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans she has for the third round of the (a) slurry infrastructure and (b) water management grants. (29869)
- 10N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the press release entitled Shake up of tech and AI usage across NHS and other public services to deliver plan for change, published on 21 January 2025, on what evidential basis the press release said that removing the need to queue to register a death would boost growth. (29536)
- 11N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to support the space industry in Cornwall. (29853)
- 12N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she has taken to review the effectiveness of the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme for facilitating the travel of wheelchair users to education and work. (29597)
- 13N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2024 to Question 7243 on Driving Tests: Oxfordshire, what further steps she has taken since 11 October 2024 to (a) stop the bulk buying of driving tests by bots and (b) improve the recruitment of driving instructors; and if she will publish a timeline for the implementation of further steps to increase the number of available driving tests. (29666)

- 14N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reforming the Child Maintenance Service to (a) increase protections for the victims of domestic abuse and (b) to prevent the withholding or artificial reduction of child maintenance payments being used as a form of economic abuse. (29580)
- 15N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to amend the definition of relevant carer in Section 23A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 to include individuals unable to apply for Child Benefit due to (a) extenuating circumstances and (b) domestic abuse. (29797)
- 16N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support parents and carers who are survivors of domestic abuse that caused them to be unable to claim Child Benefit and National Insurance credits; and if she will take steps to support them. (29798)
- 17N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 27118 on NHS England: Pay, what the difference is between (a) operational max and (b) max exception zones in NHS Executive Senior Manager pay bands. (29421)
- 18N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 27117 on Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust: Finance, what guidance his Department issues on the management steps that NHS Acute Trusts should take when they overspend their allocated budgets. (29422)
- 19N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 26430 on NHS England: Staff, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed by NHS East of England Headquarters in (a) 2021, (b) 2022, (c) 2023 and (d) 2024; and what was the total salary for those employees in each of those years. (29437)
- 20N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether it is his Department's policy that babies in the third trimester that have been removed from their mother after her death should not be (a) recognised and (b) recorded as stillborn. (29472)
- 21N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) the International Telecommunication Union and (b) other UN agencies ceasing to recognise UK sovereignty over British Indian Ocean Territory on (i) Gibraltar and (ii) other UK Overseas Territories. (29419)

- 22N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the restoration of funding to UNRWA on the UK's relations with the United States. (29475)
- 23N **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding to local authorities for SEND transport for the 2025-26 financial year. (29822)
- 24N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether there is any recourse to funding available to people wishing to buy a pub in their village in the context of the closure of the Community Ownership Fund. (29854)
- 25N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to ensure the provision of adequate funding for demand-led local government services in the next spending review. (29473)
- 26N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Justice on the potential merits of banning first cousin marriage. (29556)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

- 1 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): What discussions he has had with the devolved Administrations on innovation in nuclear technology. (902712)
- 2 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help SMEs adopt digital technology. (902713)
- 3 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): What steps his Department is taking to use technology to improve access to public services. (902714)
- 4 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): What steps his Department is taking to support innovation in Livingston constituency. (902715)
- 5 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): What assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the development of the Google quantum computing chip. (902716)
- 6 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): What steps his Department is taking to make digital services easier to access for small businesses in the North East. (902717)
- 7 **Irene Campbell** (North Ayrshire and Arran): What steps he is taking with scientists to phase out animal testing. [R] (902718)

- 8 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): What steps his Department is taking to ensure the regulation of online pornography content is aligned with offline regulation. (902719)
- 9 **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): What progress he has made on setting up AI growth zones across the country. (902720)
- 10 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): What steps his Department is taking to make government digital services accessible to people without strong digital skills. (902721)
- 11 **Kevin Bonavia** (Stevenage): What steps his Department is taking to make government digital services accessible to people in rural areas. (902722)
- 12 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of rural broadband coverage. (902723)
- 13 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of the roll out of broadband in rural areas. (902724)
- 14 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support the development of new agricultural technologies. (902725)
- 15 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): Whether his Department has set a target for research and development expenditure in 2030. [R] (902726)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

- T1 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902742)
- T2 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): (902743)
- T3 **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): [R] (902744)
- T4 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): (902745)
- T5 **Baggy Shanker** (Derby South): (902746)
- T6 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): (902747)
- T7 **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): (902748)
- T8 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): (902749)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 12 February. (902727)

2	Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North):	(902728)
3	Kim Leadbeater (Spennings Valley):	(902729)
4	Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston):	(902730)
5	David Reed (Exmouth and Exeter East):	(902731)
6	Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West):	(902732)
7	Liz Jarvis (Eastleigh):	(902733)
8	Anna Sabine (Frome and East Somerset):	(902734)
9	Ms Julie Minns (Carlisle):	(902735)
10	Saqib Bhatti (Meriden and Solihull East):	(902736)
11	Olly Glover (Didcot and Wantage):	(902737)
12	Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan):	(902738)
13	Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West):	(902739)
14	Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Gateshead South):	(902740)
15	Alex Brewer (North East Hampshire):	(902741)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 13 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what involvement the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel had in drafting the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (29868)
- 2N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she plans to take to help increase the (a) production and (b) programming of Cornish language content. (29827)
- 3N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of 18-year-olds have taken (a) three or (b) more A-levels in (i) Bolsover constituency, (ii) Derbyshire and (iii) England in each of the last five academic years. (29604)
- 4N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of key stage four students who completed their GCSEs went on to each destination in (a) Bolsover, (b) Derbyshire and (c) England in each of the last five academic years for which data is available. (29619)

- 5N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that (a) childminders, (b) after-school clubs, (c) holiday clubs and schemes and (d) other childcare services are accessible to children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. (29572)
- 6N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether parents will be legally obliged to provide all information listed in inserted section 436C in Clause 25 of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill to local authorities. [R] (29632)
- 7N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education during the Eighth sitting of the Public Bill Committee on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill on Thursday 30 January 2025, Official Report PBC (Bill 151) Eighth Sitting column 308, if she will specify the information under Clause 25 to which the Parliamentary Under-Secretary referred when he said that all other information would be optional. [R] (29633)
- 8N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education of 30 January 2025 in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill Public Bill Committee (Eighth sitting), Official Report PBC (Bill 151) Eighth Sitting, column 308, how she defines a new education provision. [R] (29634)
- 9N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a permanent personal imports policy for travellers entering the UK from the EU in the context of African swine fever. (29821)
- 10N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a scrappage scheme for older higher polluting vehicles. (29828)
- 11N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support the delivery of the Youth Guarantee. (29855)
- 12N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has specific time targets for processing Carer's Allowance claims for individuals with an underlying entitlement. (29575)
- 13N **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of assessing money received from the settlement of an estate claim to be treated in line with money received from a (a)

personal injury claim and (b) special compensation scheme settlement for cases related to (i) maternity and (ii) death of a baby for the purposes of Universal Credit entitlements.

(29800)

- 14N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many removals of surgical mesh have taken place at the University College London Hospital in each month since this service began. (29424)
- 15N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the process of issuing death certificates following the change to the responsibilities of medical examiners on 9 September 2024 does not lead to undue delays in families being able to arrange funerals. (29570)
- 16N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will engage with (a) the British Healthcare Trades Association and (b) other organisations in the first aid industry on the (i) adequacy and (ii) accessibility of first aid provisions in the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill. (29451)
- 17N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if (a) she and (b) her Department will hold discussions with the British Healthcare Trades Association on the role of first aid kits in ensuring public safety in the context of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill. (29452)
- 18N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle the (a) consumption and (b) sale of monkey dust. (29824)
- 19N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to introduce mandatory mental health support for police officers who have been exposed to distressing or traumatic incidents. (29564)
- 20N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps with police forces to review the (a) effectiveness of policies to place police officers potentially experiencing mental ill-health on restricted duties and (b) adequacy of (i) the provision of psychological support and (ii) recovery time for those officers. (29565)
- 21N **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to announce a successor body to the High Streets Task Force. (29829)
- 22N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of Building Safety Regulator processing speeds; and what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of those speeds on the delivery of approved buildings. (29449)

- 23N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to issue new guidance to help reduce Building Safety Regulator workload. (29450)
- 24N **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to tackle increases in building insurance premiums for leaseholders in high-risk buildings. (29688)
- 25N **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's planned timetable for abolishing ground rents and implementing broader leasehold reforms is. (29698)
- 26N **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many hereditaments are used for (a) distribution and (b) warehousing by Amazon in England and have a rateable value of £499,999 or below. (29411)
- 27N **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of applying a 10p increase in the business rate multiplier for all hereditaments in England with a rateable value of £500,000 or more on business rate income in the (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26 financial year. (29412)
- 28N **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (North Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of applying a 10p increase in the business rate multiplier for all hereditaments in Greater London with a rateable value of £500,000 or more on business rate income in (a) the City of London and (b) each of the London boroughs in the (i) 2023-24, (ii) 2024-25 and (iii) 2025-26 financial year. (29413)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- 1 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support people to purchase electric vehicles. (902760)
- 2 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of local roads. (902761)
- 3 **Sam Rushworth** (Bishop Auckland): What steps she is taking to help improve local bus services. (902762)
- 4 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): What steps she is taking to maintain open access railway services. (902763)
- 5 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): If she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her Department's policies of recent trends in the cost of air fares. (902764)

- 6 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): What assessment she has made of the potential merits of using alternative funding models to purchase rolling stock. (902765)
- 7 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support people to use electric vehicles. (902766)
- 8 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What steps her Department is taking to improve reliability on the East Coast Mainline. (902767)
- 9 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): What steps she is taking to reduce the cost of rail services. (902768)
- 10 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): What steps her Department is taking to improve transport infrastructure in rural communities. (902769)
- 11 **Olivia Bailey** (Reading West and Mid Berkshire): What steps she is taking to improve road safety. (902770)
- 12 **Harpreet Uppal** (Huddersfield): What steps she is taking to improve passenger rail performance. (902771)
- 13 **Oliver Ryan** (Burnley): What steps she is taking to improve passenger rail performance. (902772)
- 14 **Mr Richard Quigley** (Isle of Wight West): What steps she is taking to help ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (902773)
- 15 **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): What steps she is taking to help improve local bus services. (902774)
- 16 **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): What steps she is taking to increase access to rail links in rural communities. (902775)
- 17 **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): What discussions she is having with airlines to encourage the operation of flights from airports outside of London and the South East. (902776)
- 18 **Mr Jonathan Brash** (Hartlepool): What steps she is taking to improve rail services in Hartlepool. (902777)
- 19 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): What steps she is taking to help ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (902778)
- 20 **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): What steps she is taking to help improve local bus services. (902779)
- 21 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): What steps she is taking to help increase the availability of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. (902780)
- 22 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support people to use electric vehicles. (902781)

- 23 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): What steps she is taking to improve transport infrastructure in Gloucestershire. (902782)
- 24 **Steve Race** (Exeter): What steps she is taking to help ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (902783)
- 25 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): What steps she is taking to reduce the cost of rail services. (902784)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- T1 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (902750)
- T2 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): (902751)
- T3 **John Whitby** (Derbyshire Dales): (902752)
- T4 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): (902753)
- T5 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): (902754)
- T6 **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): (902755)
- T7 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): (902756)
- T8 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): (902757)
- T9 **Linsey Farnsworth** (Amber Valley): (902758)
- T10 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): (902759)

Questions for Answer on Monday 24 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many apprenticeships have started in Worsley and Eccles constituency in each of the last six years. (29750)
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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 Education, if she will undertake a review of the maintained nursery school supplementary funding formula. (29861)
- 2N **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (29164)