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## Questions tabled on Wednesday 12 February 2025

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- † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
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### Questions for Answer on Thursday 13 February

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Solicitor General, how many unclaimed estates are in Bromsgrove constituency. [Transferred] (30882)
- 2 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate his Department has made of the number of small businesses in Mid Leicestershire constituency in (a) July 2024 and (b) February 2025. [Transferred] (30905)
- 3 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 28 January 2025 to Question 25863 on Military Aircraft: Helicopters, whether (a) the Prime Minister or (b) other senior Ministers will have access to the helicopter transport under the new Ministerial Air Transport Office managed Commercial Air Transport Contract. [Transferred] (30825)
- 4 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if the Prime Minister will make an assessment of the potential merits of inviting the Minister for Housing and Planning to Cabinet. [Transferred] (30881)
- 5 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much money has been released through the Dormant Assets scheme in each year since it began. [Transferred] (30909)
- 6 **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much money released by the Dormant Assets scheme has been allocated to Scotland in each year since the scheme began. [Transferred] (30911)

- 7 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her department's view is on the situation of my constituent, a British National (Overseas) visa holder from Hong Kong with 25 years of teaching experience, is unable to gain QTS status as a result of choosing to study a degree at an English university some 20 years ago.  
[Transferred] (30809)
- 8 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with social media companies on the role of their platforms in perpetrators committing online fraud.  
[Transferred] (30862)
- 9 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to introduce regulations to prevent the sharing of scam content on social media platforms.  
[Transferred] (30863)
- 10 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has conducted a lessons learned review over negotiations with AstraZeneca on proposed investment in Merseyside.  
[Transferred] (30737)
- 11 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of (a) funding for and (b) resourcing of the British Transport Police.  
[Transferred] (30708)
- 12 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what preparations his Department is making for currently unknown pathogens that could emerge in future.  
[Transferred] (30653)
- 13 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many (a) meetings and (b) discussions (i) the Prime Minister and (ii) his officials have had with their Mauritian counterparts since July 2024. [Transferred] (30614)
- 14 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Annual statistics of scientific procedures on living animals, Great Britain: 2023, published on 11 September 2024, and to the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986, for what reason there was an increase in 'other dogs' uses between 2022 and 2023.  
[Transferred] (30934)
- 15 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Social Security Act 1973 on veterans who served before 6 April 1975 but did not meet the qualifying service threshold.  
[Transferred] (30937)
- 16 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to regulate cryptocurrency exchanges to prevent their use in financial crime.  
[Transferred] (30772)

- 17 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential cumulative impact of the 2026 business rates revaluation on the plans for a new surcharge on hereditaments with a Rateable Value above £500,000; and whether the £500,000 threshold will be uprated to reflect the changes to average Rateable Values following the 2026 revaluation. [Transferred] (30645)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 18 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the Equality and Human Rights Commission's proposed revisions to its Code of Practice on the Equality Act in relation to single-sex spaces; and if she will hold discussions with representatives of the transgender community on this matter. (31090)
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 24 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Solicitor General, what steps she is taking to ensure the impartiality of her Department's legal advice on compensation claims against British soldiers. (30970)
- 2 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Solicitor General, whether the Attorney General has recused himself from providing legal advice on matters relating to historical allegations against armed forces personnel. (30971)
- 3 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people have been awarded the Elizabeth Emblem in recognition of the sacrifice of a loved one who died in the course of providing services in Northern Ireland. (31337)
- 4 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the number of people nominated for the Elizabeth Emblem by (a) organisations and (b) private individuals in (i) Northern Ireland and (ii) the UK. (31339)
- 5 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 25696 on Public Appointments: Political Activities, whether the Commissioner for Public Appointments has issued guidance on whether declarations of political activity should be published when a public appointment is made as part of the announcement. (31229)

- 6 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 12 February 2024 to Question 28652 on Ministers: Aviation, how much air passenger duty has been paid for ministerial travel on the RAF Envoy since 5 Jul 2024. (31166)
- 7N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish his Department's internal guidance on answering written Parliamentary Questions. (30993)
- 8N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2025 to Question 22858 on Trade Agreements, how goods produced in Northern Ireland using inputs that entered Great Britain under the terms of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and were, when moved to Northern Ireland, deemed under the Windsor Framework to be at risk of entering the Republic of Ireland, will be subject to cumulation in relation to those inputs in the context of the relevant rules of origin for onward sale. (31216)
- 9N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what comparative assessment he has made of the potential impact of the (a) EU Generalised Scheme of Preferences on businesses importing into Northern Ireland and (b) UK Generalised Scheme of Preferences on business importing into Great Britain. (31220)
- 10 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has commissioned a cost-benefit analysis on providing additional support to prevent the closure of key strategic steel plants. (31033)
- 11 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department has taken to reform Companies House to tackle illicit finance. (31212)
- 12 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions on recent trends in employment numbers on the high street. (31350)
- 13 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has had discussions with HM Treasury on the potential merits of re-introducing a 75% retail, hospitality and leisure relief rate. (31351)
- 14 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed increase in employer National Insurance contributions on pubs in (a) the United Kingdom, (b) Leicestershire and (c) Mid Leicestershire constituency. (31357)
- 15 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many staff work for the Groceries Code Adjudicator; and whether any of those staff are seconded from other Departments. (31382)

- 16 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to amend the policy paper entitled UK-Gulf Cooperation Council Free Trade Agreement: The UK's Strategic Approach, published in June 2022. (31325)
- 17 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the prospective free trade agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council on the climate. (31326)
- 18 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the ruling by the Unitary Agrarian Court Number 28 in Mexico that the company Fresnillo PLC must pay damages to farmers in El Bajío for illegal extraction of gold on the community's land from 2005 to 2013. (30968)
- 19 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help protect small businesses from regulatory burden. (31223)
- 20 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to take steps to support small businesses whose intellectual property and trademarks are being challenged by large corporate firms; and to if he will make an assessment of whether legal fees for small businesses subjected to such unmeritorious claims should be routinely paid by the applicant where cases are successfully defended at Intellectual Property Office hearings. (31188)
- 21 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department are making to help reduce the number of businesses that breach visa employment rules. (31297)
- 22 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of planned increases in business rates for small retailers. (31315)
- 23 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with Stellantis on the closure of their Luton plant. (31113)
- 24 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) encourage investment in startups and (b) support entrepreneurs in Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency. (31141)
- 25 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps the Government is taking to prevent the loss of in-person banking services in towns. (31158)
- 26 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what goods and services are still traded between the UK and Russia. (31160)

- 27 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure the commercial viability of (a) racecourses and (b) associated supply chains. (31052)
- 28 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to implement the policies set out in the policy paper entitled High stakes: gambling reform for the digital age, published on 27 April 2023; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the policies in that white paper on the land-based gambling industry. (31016)
- 29 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to increase participation in women's sport in Ilford South. (31278)
- 30 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Football Governance Bill on Leicester City Football Club. (31365)
- 31N **Tom Collins** (Worcester): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions her Department has had with the England and Wales Cricket Board on (a) financial fair play in County Cricket and (b) possible measures to provide a level playing field between counties of different financial standing. (31125)
- 32 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support the sustainability of local media, including in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (31203)
- 33 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she plans to take to increase the evidence base on the impacts of merger and acquisition-led FDI projects in the creative industries. (30981)
- 34 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the findings in the report entitled Addressing the UK's heritage skills crisis: why we must act now, published by the University of Manchester on 23 January 2025. (30997)
- 35 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Government's preferred option in its consultation on copyright and AI on growth in the creative industries. (30998)
- 36 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits for business and academic research of requiring the Office for National Statistics to publish statistical releases using 4-digit Standard Industrial Classification codes rather than the current 2-digit aggregation; and what assessment she has made of the impact of this on enabling enhanced sectoral analysis for monitoring the growth of the creative industries. (30999)

- 37 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the oral contribution by the Minister for Sport, Media, Civil Society and Youth of 5 February 2025, Official Report, column 373WH, on account-based online play, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that online gambling operators are fully implementing protections for people experiencing harm. (30964)
- 38 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to limit children's exposure to gambling advertisements on popular streaming platforms. (31005)
- 39 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure (a) university students and (b) other young people have access to education on gambling harms. (31022)
- 40 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of whether there is an association between video game loot boxes and problem gambling behaviours in young people. (31023)
- 41 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of Ofcom's role in regulating the BBC's impact on fair and effective competition in radio. [R] (31387)
- 42 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much money released by the Dormant Assets scheme has been allocated to (a) England, (b) East Anglia and (c) Norfolk in each year since the scheme began. (31376)
- 43 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help support leisure centres in Gloucester constituency. (31234)
- 44 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of The Independent Monitor of the Press for (a) supporting and (b) regulating news publications. (31323)
- 45 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Independent Press Standards Organisation for (a) supporting and (b) regulating news publications. (31340)
- 46 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of a TV licence exemption for UK Armed Forces personnel resident in service accommodation. (31200)
- 47 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has taken steps to promote the use of the Ulster-Scots dialect. (30992)

- 48 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies on tourism of the loss of over 100,000 visitors per year highlighted in the Impact Assessment of the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order (Amendment) 2025. (31115)
- 49 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 31 January 2025 to Question 26152, what discussions her Department has had with the Treasury on the up to £734.7m impact on the UK economy described at Paragraph 63 of the Impact Assessment on the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order (Amendment) 2025. (31116)
- 50 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will implement financial incentives to encourage media organisations to come within the remit of Impress, in the context of the Leveson Report. (31093)
- 51 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill on local authority licensing for young performers who are absent from schools for performing engagements. (31009)
- 52 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to take steps to ensure that young performers are positively recorded in the absent register following the passage of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. (31010)
- 53 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that young performers who are absent from school receive an appropriate education. (31011)
- 54 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of safeguarding provisions in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill for young performers absent from school for work. (31012)
- 55 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure young performers are (a) not (i) overworked and (ii) financially abused and (b) otherwise safeguarded in the context of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. (31013)
- 56 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on increasing the availability of apprenticeships to young people. (31360)
- 57 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve educational opportunities for young people in the Forest of Dean. (31328)

- 58N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department has issued on the use of Shared Parental Leave by teachers in maintained schools to extend their paid leave entitlement by returning to work during school holidays; and if she will make an estimate of the average cost of this practice on the budgets of affected schools. (31227)
- 59 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of the 3 February 2025 to Question 26386 on Children: Hearing Impairment, whether the expected apprenticeship in Sensory Impairment will be funded via the Apprenticeship Levy; and when course providers will be told the final decision on funding for the course so that they can start to accept applications for the planned September 2025 start. (31394)
- 60 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the recommendations in the report entitled Addressing the UK's heritage skills crisis: why we must act now, published by the University of Manchester in January 2025. (31000)
- 61 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the findings of the report by Freedom from Torture entitled No Questions Asked: UK universities provide postgraduate security education to security personnel from torturing states, published in February 2025. (30963)
- 62 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of (a) children and (b) young people who are on the waiting list for an education, health and care plan in Oxfordshire; and how many and what proportion of those people have been waiting for longer than 20 weeks. (31368)
- 63 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with local authorities to help (a) recruit and (b) retain foster carers in Gloucester constituency. (31238)
- 64 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help support kinship carers in Gloucester constituency. (31239)
- 65 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking with local authorities to identify children who are educated outside of school in Gloucester constituency. (31241)
- 66 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of potential implications for her policies of the proportion of university students who leave their university courses early due to mental health issues. (31295)

- 67 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help reduce the suicide rate amongst male university students. (31296)
- 68 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of university students left their university courses early due to mental health issues in the 2024-25 academic year. (31317)
- 69 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much additional funding her Department has allocated to Nottinghamshire County Council for special educational needs provision following the Autumn Budget 2024. (31095)
- 70 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of steps to help local authorities to reduce SEND-related travel costs. (31196)
- 71 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding the Government's plan to convert empty classrooms into school-based nurseries to include dedicated, small-scale SEND provision in geographies where formal SEND school places are limited and heavily oversubscribed. (31197)
- 72 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of school measures to tackle (a) threatening behaviour and (b) bullying via smartphones in Surrey Heath constituency. (31356)
- 73 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure young people from disadvantaged backgrounds can access Level 7 apprenticeships. (31104)
- 74N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with Brighton and Hove City Council on its proposed new school admissions policy. (31091)
- 75 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make a comparative assessment of the potential impact of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism introduced by Regulation (EU) 2023/956 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 on the price of electricity in (a) Northern Ireland and (b) Great Britain after 1 January 2026. (31221)
- 76N **Lorraine Beavers** (Blackpool North and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to bring forward legislative proposals to amend the Electricity Act 1989 to ensure that the use of sub-meters in domestic properties is subject to the same consumer protections as electricity provided by licensed suppliers in domestic properties. (31230)

- 77 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of classifying horticulture as an Energy Intensive Industry. (31361)
- 78 **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to the Mineworkers Pension Scheme on the living standards of the recipients of that pension in Ossett and Denby Dale constituency. (31262)
- 79 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of Common Wealth's report, entitled Public Coordination of a Just North Sea Transition, published on 10 January 2025. (31040)
- 80N **Tom Collins** (Worcester): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential role of air-to-air heat pumps for making homes more climate resilient. (31123)
- 81N **Tom Collins** (Worcester): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he has taken to develop the skills and workforce needed for the energy transition. (31124)
- 82 **Mark Swards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that there are adequate electric vehicle charging points for properties that do not have a driveway. (31268)
- 83 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much has been paid to farmers in Improving Farming Productivity grants since 4 July 2024. (31408)
- 84 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has plans to extend the Nature for Climate Fund beyond 2025. (31206)
- 85 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the £400 million in capital spend confirmed in the 2024 Autumn Budget for (a) tree planting and (b) peatland restoration is (i) in addition to or (ii) included in the Nature for Climate fund for 2024-25 and 2025-26. (31207)
- 86 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of reintroducing plastic straws. (31349)
- 87 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to update the UK Standard Industrial Classification codes to reflect the eligibility of the horticulture sector for energy support schemes. (31362)

- 88 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing the importation of ethically-sourced puppies that are under six months old. (31367)
- 89 **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to increase the accountability of water company executives for water service failures. (31263)
- 90 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017, whether his Department is (a) committed to achieve good ecological status for water bodies in England by 2027 and (b) on track to meet the 2027 objectives. (31396)
- 91 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 February to Question 28158 on Public Lavatories: Men, whether he will produce guidance for local authorities on the provision of sanitary waste bins in men's bathrooms. (31099)
- 92 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the report entitled Bioaccumulation of microplastics in decedent human brains, published in Nature Medicine on 3 February 2025, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of microplastics in UK waters on (a) the environment and (b) public health. (31055)
- 93 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the average return on capital employed of family-owned farms in (a) England and (b) the UK. (30977)
- 94N **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Rural England Prosperity Fund will receive funding for 2025-2026. (31245)
- 95 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will publish the results of the consultation for the Environment Improvement Plan 2023 with specific reference to a national deer management strategy for England. (31179)
- 96 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department issues guidance on the management of large wild deer populations. (31180)
- 97 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway on level of use of cages for farmed animals. (31291)
- 98 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to bring forward a ban on the use of snare traps. (31292)

- 99 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of mandating the use of Bovaer in cattle feed on farmers. (31129)
- 100 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what reason his Department is trialling the use of Bovaer feed additive; and what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using (a) kelp-based additives and (b) other natural solutions. (31131)
- 101 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the provisions of the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 forbidding the handling of chickens by their legs on farms and during transportation and loading are followed. (31182)
- 102 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what reason 31 councils were granted Transitional Provisions under The Environment Act 2021 (Commencement No. 9 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2024. (31187)
- 103 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of necessary vaccinations to support the government's commitments regarding biosecurity and animal health. (31193)
- 104 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the readiness of UK agencies to respond in the event of a Foot and Mouth outbreak. (31194)
- 105 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many veterinarians or veterinary experts were employed by Animal and Plant Health Agency in each of the last five years. (31195)
- 106 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on the development of a national methane action plan. (31370)
- 107 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department will publish the consultation on fluorinated gas regulation. (31273)
- 108 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will meet with manufacturers from the (a) heating, (b) refrigeration and (c) air conditioning industries to discuss the inclusion of mandatory training for flammable refrigerants in the Government's consultation on fluorinated gas regulation. (31275)

- 109 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the re-introduction of wolves to the wild on biodiversity. (31228)
- 110 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of project licences applied for under the Animal Welfare (Scientific Experiments) Act 1986 were refused in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (31403)
- 111 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the number of greyhounds that have been killed at racetracks since 2023. (31114)
- 112 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that private landowners uphold environmental standards on (a) biodiversity protection, (b) water quality and (c) land management responsibilities. (31159)
- 113 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve recycling services in towns. (31174)
- 114N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to extend the right to roam. (31248)
- 115N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the potential impact of the public's right to roam on levels of (a) mental health, (b) obesity and (c) stress. (31249)
- 116N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Scottish Government on the potential impact of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 on the number of walkers in Scotland. (31250)
- 117 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department taking to make government digital services as accessible as possible, including for those without strong digital skills. (31279)
- 118 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of AI on structural unemployment. (31133)
- 119 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the growth of AI on individual employment sectors. (31134)

- 120 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing funding for research into the role of technology in gender based violence. (31136)
- 121 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress he has made on the roll out of broadband to rural areas. (31358)
- 122 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the roll out of broadband in (a) the United Kingdom, (b) Leicestershire and (c) Mid Leicestershire constituency. (31359)
- 123 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an estimate of how many and what proportion of (a) children, (b) adults and (c) pensioners in digital poverty in each year since 2018. (31285)
- 124 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to improve the access to digital services for small businesses in Beckenham and Penge constituency. (31205)
- 125N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to ensure that the National Security Online Information Team's social media monitoring work can be scrutinised by (a) Parliament and (b) the public. (30965)
- 126N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the National Security Online Information Team's policies on the collection of personal data on people's ability to establish what information the Government holds about them. (30966)
- 127 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department supervises data stored by (a) Amazon AWS and (b) Microsoft Azure at data centres located on UK territory. (31018)
- 128 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking with the Secretary of State for the Home Department to reduce overall and upfront immigration costs for researchers. (31289)
- 129 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of developing high-temperature superconducting magnet technology in the UK. (31189)
- 130 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to support the fusion energy sector to commercialise its technologies. (31190)

- 131 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that (a) UK-based creators have the necessary (i) tools and (ii) support to opt out of AI training and (b) AI developers respect the intellectual property rights of UK-based creators. (31156)
- 132 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the cost of motor insurance premiums. (31032)
- 133 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps is she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support people to (a) purchase and (b) use electric vehicles. (31280)
- 134 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of rail connectivity between Liverpool and the mid Cheshire town of Winsford. (31138)
- 135 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has engaged with London Northwestern Railway on improving rail connectivity between Liverpool and the mid Cheshire town of Winsford. (31139)
- 136 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the regulatory health checks required before a person purchases a mobility scooter outside the remit of the mobility scheme.(31366)
- 137 **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what financial support she is providing to local transport authorities and Mayors to improve local bus services in Yorkshire. (31267)
- 138 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what she has recently consulted with relevant stakeholders on the future of the Tavistock to Plymouth line. (30982)
- 139 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when her Department plans to conclude the review of the Tavistock to Plymouth railway project. (30983)
- 140 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to provide one per cent of the funding required for the Tavistock to Plymouth railway project to help ensure the completion of the (a) business case and (b) Governance for Railway Investment Projects report. (30984)
- 141 **Richard Fuller** (North Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed discontinuous electrification of East West Rail on (a) capital costs and (b) operating costs of the railway. (30989)

- 142 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve the rural road network. (31383)
- 143 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve access to electric vehicle charging points in rural communities. (31384)
- 144 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help improve highway safety on rural lanes. (31385)
- 145 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that disabled travellers are not discriminated against when using taxi services. (31386)
- 146 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the frequency of rail services for commuters between Norwich and Cambridge. (31388)
- 147 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential economic impact of trains operating on the proposed Oxford to Cambridge rail line continuing their journey to Norwich via the Breckland line. (31390)
- 148 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to re-open the Access for All fund. (31201)
- 149 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to tackle the shortage of licensed (a) aircraft engineers and (b) pilots. (31258)
- 150 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle offences related to drink driving in Gloucester constituency. (31236)
- 151 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to support Surrey residents affected by the delayed roadworks at Junction 10 on the M25 motorway. (31299)
- 152 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 26375 on National Highways: Flood Control, whether she plans to ask National Highways to increase the granularity of their spending record-keeping to allow an estimate to be made of the cost to the public purse of maintaining their balancing ponds in the 2025-26 financial year. (31107)

- 153 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 26375 on National Highways: Flood Control, whether she has had discussions with National Highways on the amount they are spending on maintaining balancing ponds. (31108)
- 154 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 26375 on National Highways: Flood Control, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of maintaining balancing ponds owned by National Highways on the climate resilience of the transport network. (31109)
- 155 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 26375, if she will ask National Highways to make an estimate of the amount spent on maintaining balancing ponds in Bedfordshire in each of the last five financial years. (31110)
- 156 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 26374, if she will make a specific assessment on the effectiveness of the standards for maintaining SRN balancing ponds. (31111)
- 157 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 26373, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of transferring balancing ponds owned by National Highways to Internal Drainage Boards. (31112)
- 158 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve public transport links in towns where bus services have been reduced. (31172)
- 159 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of providing taxi companies and drivers with autism awareness training. (31332)
- 160 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure public transport is accessible for adults and children who are neurodiverse. (31333)
- 161 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with Network rail on expanding rail electrification to Devon. (31126)
- 162 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to open additional railway stations in Devon. (31127)
- 163 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that rail fares are affordable in Devon. (31128)

- 164N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of the total cost of running Personal Independence Payment is spent on the provision of face-to-face and over the phone assessments. (31372)
- 165 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to reform the benefit system for young people living in supported accommodation to ensure that the taper rate for Housing Benefit does not disincentivise them from working. (31310)
- 166 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help reduce the number of children in poverty in Forest of Dean constituency. (31329)
- 167 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to improve (a) employment and (b) apprenticeship opportunities for young people in Forest of Dean constituency. (31338)
- 168 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the findings of the Autonomy Institute's report, entitled Transforming Employment and Support Infrastructure, published in February 2025. (31038)
- 169N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, which local authorities have engaged with the Government on increasing applications for pension credit since November 2024. (31105)
- 170 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of Personal Independence Payment requests that were initially refused were subsequently accepted after appeal in the latest period for which data is available. (31122)
- 171 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent progress her Department has made on tackling benefit overpayments made due to (a) fraud and (b) error. (31004)
- 172 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an assessment of the financial impact of transitioning from ESA to Universal Credit on adults with preventing disabilities. (31397)
- 173 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the child poverty taskforce will consider the impact of proposed reforms to the health and disability benefit system on child poverty rates in the UK. (31259)
- 174 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to publish an Equality Impact Assessment of proposed reforms to the health and benefit system. (31260)

- 175 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to publish all recorded responses to its consultation on reforms to health and disability benefits. (31261)
- 176 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people with Multiple Sclerosis who are in the Universal Credit (a) Limited Capacity for Work-Related Activity group and (b) Limited Capability for Work group. (31078)
- 177 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people with Multiple Sclerosis who are in the Employment and Support Allowance (a) Support Group and (b) Work-Related Activity Group. (31079)
- 178 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people with Multiple Sclerosis who are in the Universal Credit Limited Capacity for Work-Related Activity group due to scoring 15 points on the LCWRA Mobilising activity. (31080)
- 179 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people with Multiple Sclerosis who are in the Employment and Support Allowance Support Group due to scoring 15 points on the Support Group Mobilising activity. (31081)
- 180 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she plans to take to help support health and disability benefit recipients to respond to her Department's forthcoming consultation on proposed changes to these benefits. (31294)
- 181 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to help with the work of the Inter-Ministerial Group on Tackling Homelessness and Rough Sleeping. (31242)
- 182 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the age people can receive full Carers allowance above retirement age. (31243)
- 183 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to reduce the proportion of pensioners in financial poverty in Isle of Wight East constituency. (31308)
- 184 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support pensioners on low incomes in Isle of Wight East constituency. (31309)
- 185 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her Department's policy is on the use of artificial intelligence. (31024)

- 186 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to amend the Social Security Act 1973 to ensure pensioners who served in the armed forces prior to 6 April 1975 but did not meet the qualifying service threshold receive a pension. (31092)
- 187 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to extend eligibility for the NHS Learning Support Fund to include pharmacy students. (31143)
- 188 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, What recent assessment has he made of the potential merits of developing an (a) regulatory framework and (b) NHS style oversight for the aesthetic industry. (31087)
- 189 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the long-term sustainability of air ambulance charities. (31051)
- 190 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of funding levels for research into the (a) detection and (b) treatment of heart diseases. (31276)
- 191 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle tobacco bundle packs; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of prohibiting the promotion of these bundles. (30986)
- 192 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle regional variations in early diagnosis of ovarian cancer. (31272)
- 193 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been diagnosed with ovarian cancer through the non-specific symptoms pathway. (31274)
- 194 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of access to NHS dental services in (a) Beckenham and Penge and (b) England. (31213)
- 195 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to (a) research and (b) mitigate the potential health risks posed by microplastic exposure to humans. (31054)
- 196 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to improve access to cardiac screening for people aged 14 to 35 years including (a) at university (b) grassroots sports clubs. (31318)

- 197N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total amount of research funding spent on lobular breast cancer research was in 2022- 2023. (31074)
- 198 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total amount of research funding spent on lobular breast cancer research was in 2023- 2024. (31075)
- 199N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the total level of funding allocated by the Medical Research Council into specific research on the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of lobular breast cancer in each of the last five years. (31076)
- 200 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a table of the total amount spent on (a) primary, (b) secondary, (c) tertiary and (d) community care in the NHS in each of the last 5 financial years. (31214)
- 201 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a table of the number of (a) doctors, (b) registered nurses and (c) medical scientists were employed as locums in each (i) month and (ii) year since 2021 and what the total cost was for each group in each of those (A) months and (B) years. (31215)
- 202 **Claire Hughes** (Bangor Aberconwy): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with counterparts in the Welsh Government on making baby loss certificates available in Wales. (31118)
- 203 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to address regional disparities in (a) funding and (b) staffing levels for the (i) diagnosis and (ii) treatment of congenital heart disease for (A) all patients and (B) paediatric services in the North West.. (31098)
- 204 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of whether air quality is a contributing factor to autism. (31395)
- 205 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to public defibrillators outside of business hours in (a) rural, (b) suburban and (c) other areas. (31374)
- 206 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with the Integrated Care Board on the need for GP surgeries in Camelford and Bodmin. (31373)

- 207 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using technologies such as (a) organ-on-a-chip and (b) computer modelling to reduce the number of animals used in medical research testing. (31293)
- 208 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the National Cancer Plan will include policies on (a) identifying and (b) treating brain tumours. (31369)
- 209 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of provision of specialist care for people with Interstitial Lung Disease and Pulmonary Fibrosis for people in West Oxfordshire. (31398)
- 210 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of waiting times for (a) diagnosis and (b) beginning treatment for patients with Interstitial Lung Disease and Pulmonary Fibrosis in West Oxfordshire. (31399)
- 211 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle medication shortages in Gloucester constituency. (31240)
- 212 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2025 to Question 23741 on Coronavirus: Vaccination, if he will publish (a) the questions posed to Pfizer/BioNTech and (b) the answers received that do not relate to commercially confidential issues. (31019)
- 213 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to help support people affected by Primodos in Knowsley constituency. (31165)
- 214 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency will complete its consideration of the recommendations of the Commission on Human Medicines on the findings of the Danielsson et al on primodos. (31168)
- 215 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of certified Auditory Verbal Therapists. (31083)
- 216 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the guidance on services for children with hearing loss. (31084)

- 217 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that ICBs are providing clear and consistent guidance on help for deaf children in developing language and communication skills. (31086)
- 218 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data is collected on the prevalence of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome in England; and how this data is being used to understand the condition. (31183)
- 219 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what research his Department is undertaking on the (a) causes, (b) symptoms and (c) treatment for complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS). (31185)
- 220 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what NHS guidance and training is (a) in place and (b) being put in place to ensure Complex Regional Pain Syndrome is understood by medical professionals across England. (31186)
- 221 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support is available for dental practices to (a) relocate to and (b) open new practices in underserved areas. (31191)
- 222 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has provided funding for the development of (a) more precise and (b) faster diagnostic methods for low grade brain tumours. (31311)
- 223 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what investment his Department is making into new treatment research and innovation for low grade brain treatments. (31312)
- 224 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the (a) 10-Year Health Plan and (b) Cancer Plan will ensure that the specific needs of those living with low grade brain tumours are properly recognised and addressed. (31313)
- 225 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to review the 7.5% cap on international student numbers at medical and dental schools in England. (31304)
- 226 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to increase the number of clinical academics in the UK. (31305)
- 227 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to engage with universities as part of the 10-year Health Plan. (31306)

- 228 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce the number of rogue operators who do not observe visa employment rules in the social care sector. (31298)
- 229 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to work with relevant authorities to reduce alcohol related deaths in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (30974)
- 230 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to work with relevant authorities to reduce bowel cancer deaths in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (30975)
- 231 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she has taken to work with relevant authorities to ensure that there is adequate supply of lidocaine. (30976)
- 232 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to work with relevant authorities to support new parents in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (30987)
- 233 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to work with relevant authorities to reduce instances of infant deaths in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (30988)
- 234 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an exemption from the increase in employer's National Insurance contributions for care homes in which more than half of their residents are funded by the local authority. (31176)
- 235 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many A&E Departments have permanently closed since 2010; and if he will list them. (30967)
- 236 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) average and (b) longest recorded wait time is for the issuance of death certificates since September 2024. (31059)
- 237 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce backlogs in the death certification process in the South East. (31060)
- 238 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that the new death certification process does not cause further distress for grieving families. (31061)

- 239 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to review the (a) capacity and (b) efficiency of the medical examiner system in the new death certification process. (31062)
- 240N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to (a) improve awareness of pancreatic cancer symptoms and (b) to help ensure GPs receive appropriate training on recognising the symptoms of pancreatic cancer at an early stage. (31094)
- 241 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support research into the causes of epilepsy. (31097)
- 242 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when GP practices will be informed about the funding settlement details for the next financial year. (31106)
- 243 **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to respond to correspondence from the hon. Member for Taunton and Wellington of 5 November 2024 on the ABCD Bethlehem charity (ref:GA00849). (31401)
- 244 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies on global climate action of (a) the US Executive Order entitled Putting America First in International Climate Agreements, dated 20 January 2025 and (b) other policies of the new US Administration on (i) climate finance commitments and (ii) international agreements; and if he will take steps to increase levels of climate adaptation funding for developing countries. (31231)
- 245 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the number of (a) non-bond and (b) other private creditors have reached debt restructuring agreements; and what information his Department holds on when Zambia is expected to complete the G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatments. (31244)
- 246N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled New partnerships with financial sector to unlock growth in UK and overseas, published on 3 February 2025, what role British International Investment will have in these partnerships; and how the scheme's funding will be (a) monitored and (b) measured. (31164)
- 247 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the safe return of refugees to their homes in Northeast Syria. (31002)

- 248N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans he has to bring forward legislative proposals to revoke the status of the British Indian Ocean Territories as British Overseas Territories. (30972)
- 249 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the Chagossian population residing in (a) the UK, (b) Mauritius, (c) the Seychelles and (d) all other countries; and how many Chagossians not residing in the UK have applied for British citizenship through the (i) British Indian Oceans Territory citizenship registration route and (ii) other routes, broken down by the country in which each applicant lived at the time of application. (31253)
- 250 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral statement on British Indian Ocean Territory: Negotiations of 7 October 2024, Official Report, column 45, what guidance his Department has provide to Chagossians resident outside of Mauritian territory on accessing the trust fund. (31254)
- 251 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with his Mauritian counterpart on the return of Chagossians to the Chagos Archipelago without fear of (a) discrimination or (b) prosecution under the Criminal Code (Amendment) Act 2021 of Mauritius. (31255)
- 252 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with his Mauritian counterpart on Chagossians returning to the Chagos Archipelago being able to undertake (a) subsistence and (b) commercial fishing activities in the Marine Protected Area. (31256)
- 253 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Mauritian counterpart on the return of Chagossians without a Mauritian passport but in possession of (a) British, (b) Seychellois or (c) other citizenship. (31257)
- 254 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy that Palestinian detainees in Israeli custody with strong British connections are treated as British citizens. (31015)
- 255 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department holds on information on whether Yoav Gallant travelled through British airspace in December 2024. (31017)
- 256N **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the formal mechanisms set out in section 2 of the International Criminal Court Act 2001 have been triggered in relation to the arrest warrant for Benjamin Netanyahu issued by the International Criminal Court on 21 November 2024. (31225)

- 257 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the role of Russia's Africa Corps in the migration of people from (a) sub-Saharan Africa and (b) North Africa. (30979)
- 258 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure the protection of (a) medical equipment in hospitals in Gaza and (b) medical facilities in conflict zones. (31142)
- 259 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will commit to increasing security guarantees for Ukraine. (31149)
- 260 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the French ambassador on a European peacekeeping force in Ukraine. (31150)
- 261 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential deployment of a European peacekeeping force to Ukraine in the event of a ceasefire. (31151)
- 262 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that Ukraine continues to receive adequate military support. (31152)
- 263 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the withdrawal of US support on Ukrainian independence. (31153)
- 264 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what kind of shipping trade (a) to and (b) from Russia is not covered by the sanctions regime. (31175)
- 265 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment has she made of the adequacy of funding for the fire and rescue service. (31058)
- 266 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prevent irregular migrants working in the UK from accessing (a) social security benefits and (b) the NHS. (31027)
- 267 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to improve the effectiveness of counter-terrorism measures. (31028)

- 268 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of illegal sales of (a) tobacco, (b) vape and c) alcohol products. (31029)
- 269 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to introduce charges for EU visitors to the UK, in the context of the EU's planned introduction of the EUR 7 visa waiver charge under its Etias system. (31031)
- 270 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to provide support to victims of sexual and domestic violence. (31277)
- 271 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle Serious and Organised Crime linked to Russia. (31211)
- 272 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the number of illegal migrants arrested by the Border Force in (a) the United Kingdom, (b) Leicestershire and (c) Mid Leicestershire constituency in the last 12 months. (31355)
- 273 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of central funding for fire and rescue services in (a) Merseyside and (b) England. (31063)
- 274 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 10 February 2025 to Question 28486 on Child Sexual Abuse Independent Panel Inquiry, which Ministers sit on the cross-Government ministerial group that are considering remaining Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse recommendations. (30996)
- 275 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish an impact assessment of the updates to her Department's guidance entitled Good character: caseworker guidance, updated on 10 February 2025. (31140)
- 276 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to ensure that victims of modern slavery detained in enforcement activity for illegal working are (a) identified and (b) protected. [R] (30985)
- 277 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce crime in rural villages. (31391)
- 278 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce shoplifting in rural convenience stores. (31392)

- 279 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce speeding on rural lanes and highways. (31393)
- 280 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has commissioned the use of hotel accommodation for the purpose of housing asylum seekers within the Arun District since 5 July 2024. (31288)
- 281N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes made to her Department's guidance entitled Nationality: good character requirement, published on 10 February 2025, on (a) refugees already granted indefinite leave to remain and (b) the integration of people with refugee status. (31371)
- 282 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many non-disclosure agreements were signed by staff in hotels hosting irregular migrants in each of the last five years. (31132)
- 283 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost to the public purse was of laundrette services for irregular migrants housed in hotels through contracted services in 2024. (31307)
- 284 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle anti-social behaviour on Gloucester constituency. (31233)
- 285 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the level of burglaries in Gloucester constituency. (31235)
- 286N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were deported through (a) enforced return, (b) voluntary return, (c) after being refused entry at port and subsequently departed and (d) in total in each quarter between Q1 1995 and Q4 2004. (31056)
- 287N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many deportations through enforced return there have been since 4 July 2024. (31057)
- 288 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average police response times were to reported incidents in the SW13 postcode area in Barnes in each year since 2010. (31037)
- 289 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many constituencies in London do not have a police station located within them. (31053)

- 290 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, who are the members of the Technical Advisory Board. (30994)
- 291 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the Technical Advisory Board (a) last met and (b) last provided advice to the Government. (30995)
- 292 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether income from increases in firearms licensing fees will be used by police forces to fully recover the costs of administering those licences. (31100)
- 293 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of dispersal orders to reduce (a) theft and (b) anti-social behaviour in market towns in Surrey. (31300)
- 294 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the benefits of increasing funding for the security service in the context of existing and emerging state and non-state threats to the UK's national security. (30978)
- 295 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that the devolved parliaments and assemblies have sufficient resources to (a) detect, (b) deter and (c) prosecute any malign State activities seeking to undermine those democratic institutions. (30980)
- 296 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish a list of the (a) mechanisms and (b) grounds for appeal of an Entry Clearance Officer's decision to refuse a tourist visa. (31246)
- 297 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether there is a quota for the number of tourist visas granted within a given time period. (31247)
- 298 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department can allocate a proportion of their contracted working hours to diversity network activities; what the names of each of those networks are; and what the average time allocated to those activities was. (31252)
- 299 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for project licences to conduct experiments on animals under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 were refused permission between 30 September 2024 and 1 January 2025. (31404)

- 300 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Animals in Science Regulation Unit's annual report 2023, published on 17 December 2024, what steps her Department is taking to stop future instances of animals (a) dying and (b) being euthanised as a result of their cages flooding. (31405)
- 301 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many offensive weapons were seized by the Metropolitan Police in Romford constituency in 2024. (30973)
- 302 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) requiring social media accounts to be linked to a form of ID and (b) preventing people with certain convictions from interacting with users under the age of 18. (31119)
- 303 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing asylum applications from people from Syria. (31155)
- 304 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle antisocial behaviour and crime in town centres. (31173)
- 305 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the UK-Ukraine 100-year Partnership Declaration, what steps his Department has taken to ensure the (a) safety of navigation and (b) protection of trade in the Black and Azov Seas. (31208)
- 306 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of NATO membership for Ukraine; and what his planned timeframe is for accession for proposed membership of NATO. (31209)
- 307 **Johanna Baxter** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of developing unmanned amphibious and maritime drone technology. (31210)
- 308N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with veterans charities on the potential issuing of compensation payments to persons formally associated with Irish Republicanism. (31073)
- 309N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department's financial contribution to the proposed Chagos Islands settlement will be included in the figures his Department uses to calculate the percentage of GDP spent on defence. (31085)

- 310 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the UK's nuclear testing on the (a) medical, (b) public and (c) genetic health of the population in Kiribati. (31406)
- 311 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to reduce barriers to application to the War Pensions Scheme for British Nuclear Test Veterans. (31001)
- 312 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the building maintenance backlog on Ministry of Defence properties. (31003)
- 313N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 February 2025 to Question 28893 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, whether he has made an assessment with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the value for money of the proposed Chagos Island deal. (30969)
- 314 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the number of former armed forces personnel living in South Norfolk constituency. (31377)
- 315 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help support veterans to transition into civilian life in Gloucester constituency. (31232)
- 316 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent discussions he has had with his Republic of Ireland counterpart on the military cooperation on the island of Ireland. (30991)
- 317 **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on using local growth funding to help increase economic growth in West Yorkshire. (31265)
- 318 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of standardised access for residents of all local authorities to Household Waste and Recycling Centres in Strategic Authorities. (31284)
- 319 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of Common Wealth's briefing, entitled Housing Coalitions of the Future, published on 18 January 2025. (31039)

- 320 **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 merits of encouraging Community Infrastructure Levy contributions in place of S106 Agreements under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for new developments through upcoming planning reforms. (31226)
- 321 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress her Department has made on implementing the Long-Term Plan for Towns funding for Dumfries. (31322)
- 322 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to address the failures in remedial work to combat mould in rented properties, in the context of the associated health risks. (31389)
- 323N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what HM Land Registry's average response time is on requests to merge title deeds. (31184)
- 324 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's consultation Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England published on 18 December 2024, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of her proposals on standards in local government on free speech. (31025)
- 325 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to Question 24422 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, if she will publish the correspondence between the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and her Department on the notification of the Chinese Embassy planning application. (31026)
- 326 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure the continued operation of late-night venues in central London in relation to (a) business rates, (b) planning, (c) licensing; and what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the number of closures of (i) late-night venues and (ii) late-night venues for LGBT customers. (31034)
- 327 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to (a) ensure the standardisation of the administration of and (b) review her Department's (i) guidance and (ii) backdating policy in relation to Council Tax (A) discounts, (B) exemptions and (C) disregards for people (1) with severe mental impairments and (2) living with people with severe mental impairments. (31035)

- 328 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has changed community engagement principles since 4 July 2024. (31036)
- 329 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025, to Question 23815, on Housing: Construction, what steps her Department is taking to continuously review the Party Wall Act 1996. (31041)
- 330 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many (a) headcount and (b) full-time equivalent trade union representatives in her Department receive trade union facility time; what proportion of their working hours are spent on facility time on average; what the potential cost to the public purse is of facility time; and whether he has had discussions with unions on potential changes to these arrangements. (31042)
- 331 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2024 to Question 25392 on Local Government: Devolution, whether her Department plans to undertake a Regulatory Impact Assessment in relation to its proposals on local government reorganisation. (31043)
- 332 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 20653 on Planning: Reform, whether her Department has a policy on the publishing of lists of respondents to consultations. (31044)
- 333 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 23792 on Social Rented Housing: Construction, (a) how many social rent homes were funded under the 2016-23 Affordable Homes Programme and (b) what was the total amount of grant allocated to those homes. (31045)
- 334 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 23792 on Social Rented Housing: Construction, and with reference to page 45, note 4, of the National Audit Office report entitled The Affordable Homes Programme since 2015, what was the average grant funding per social rent home by region, under the Affordable Homes Programme 2021–2026 strategic bidding round, which occurred in 2021. (31046)
- 335 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23524 on Licensing Laws, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of permitting pubs to continue to sell take-away pints without requiring a variation of their premises licence. (31047)

- 336 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23524 on Licensing Laws, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that (a) new and existing pavement licences continue to allow for Licensing Act 2003 consent to be included and (b) licensed premises do not need to amend or vary their premises licence to have a pavement licence with alcohol. (31048)
- 337 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether it is her Department's target to build 1.5 million houses by July 2029. (31049)
- 338 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what responsibilities Strategic Authorities will have for setting (a) locations and (b) targets for new traveller pitches in the spatial areas for which they have planning oversight. (31050)
- 339 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of thatching materials. (31177)
- 340 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 February 2025 to Question 27855, when the consultation for a reformed decent homes standard will be published and; what its scope will be. (31290)
- 341 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to take legislative steps to instruct councils to overturn decisions on use class properties. (31224)
- 342N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): 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, whether local authorities may submit more than one proposed model of suggested re-organisation in their area when responding to the Government's correspondence on this matter. (31121)
- 343N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of reclassifying Almshouses as social housing and allowing them to apply for S106 funding. (31178)
- 344 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to (a) increase awareness of fire risks for residents living near to Coryton Energy Park and (b) provide information to residents about what they can do to stay safe in the event of a fire. (31269)

- 345 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has conducted an impact assessment of the fire risk for residents living near Coryton Energy Park. (31270)
- 346 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what engagement she has had with local communities on the construction of the Coryton Energy Park. (31271)
- 347 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what specific steps is she taking to review voter identification rules. (31334)
- 348 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for the publication of the Government Strategy for Elections. (31335)
- 349 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many Voter Authority Certificates have been issued since January 2023. (31336)
- 350 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what criteria her Department plans to use to determine how additional funding for the Affordable Homes Programme will be distributed. (31352)
- 351 **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 (a) increase standards and (b) improve the regulation of social housing. (31354)
- 352 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people are homeless in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, (d) the North East and (e) England. (31120)
- 353 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of councils have (a) applied for and (b) received exemptions from food waste processing under the Simpler Recycling's mandatory food waste collection requirements, due to commence between 2025-2027. (31192)
- 354 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 February 2025 to Question 28103, what specific examples of alternative evidence should mortgage lenders consider when an EWS1 form has been incorrectly issued. (31281)
- 355 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of EWS1 forms issued by Tri Fire Ltd since the introduction of the assessment process. (31282)

- 356 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the total cost of recommissioning incorrect External Wall Review (ES1) forms for residential buildings included in the Building Remediation Fund. (31286)
- 357 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people affected by the proposed changes in the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, are consulted on the proposed implementation of unitary authorities. (31301)
- 358 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment has she made of the debt-sharing arrangements for the proposed unitary authorities in Surrey. (31302)
- 359 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment has she made of the potential impact of the construction of housing developments on infrastructure in Surrey Heath constituency. (31303)
- 360 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether business rates apply to onshore converter stations that connect offshore energy to the National Grid. (31251)
- 361 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the reason that only 7% of Housing, Health and Safety Ratings System (HHSRS) inspections led to an Improvement Notice being served. (31144)
- 362 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the resources local authority enforcement teams (a) currently have and (b) will need to implement the Renters' Rights Bill. (31145)
- 363 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a new national post of Chief Environmental Health Officer to provide leadership on enforcement. (31146)
- 364 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mandatory annual reporting by councils on enforcement activity to ensure transparency and accountability. (31147)
- 365 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to prevent duplication between the planned landlord database and local licensing schemes to reduce inefficiencies. (31148)

- 366 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions she has had with local authorities on improving the collection of fines issued to rogue landlords; and if she will bring forward legislative proposals to devolve more powers to local authorities to help enforce the collection of such fines. (31170)
- 367 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of removing levy funding for Level 7 apprenticeships on the Government's commitment to delivering 1.5 million new homes by 2030. (31103)
- 368 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support the regeneration of town centres affected by increased vacancy rates. (31171)
- 369 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to reduce prison officer vacancies in (a) public prisons and (b) prisons run by contractors. (31154)
- 370 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to tackle the building maintenance backlog for courts and tribunals. (31006)
- 371 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the building maintenance backlog relating to prisons. (31007)
- 372 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to improve use of prison libraries to increase prisoners' literacy. (31008)
- 373 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to improve reading education provision in prisons. (31021)
- 374 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that the concerns of pension fraud victims are being handled correctly by the Solicitors Regulation Authority. (31341)
- 375 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the role of Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)-regulated lawyers and Financial Conduct Authority-regulated financial advisers in facilitating QROPS schemes. (31342)
- 376 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many secure mental health beds were available on the secure estate in each of the last ten financial years. (31319)
- 377 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to provide safety and health screenings for new arrivals to the secure estate. (31320)

- 378 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the amount of time prisoners spend in their cells. (31321)
- 379 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that all prisoners receive an initial health screening when arriving on the secure estate. (31324)
- 380 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to reduce overcrowding on the secure estate. (31327)
- 381 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure prisoners on the secure estate undertake the minimum time for physical exercise. (31330)
- 382 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure prisoners on the secure estate have access to a careers mentor. (31331)
- 383N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people serving Imprisonment for Public Protection sentences on licence in the community have taken their own lives in each year since 2005. (31169)
- 384 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of appointment-only counter service at County Courts on the accessibility of the court system. (31400)
- 385 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent steps she has taken to help reduce reoffending rates in Gloucester constituency. (31237)
- 386 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure prisons are not (a) overcrowded and (b) understaffed. (31378)
- 387 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to reduce the number of positive mandatory drug tests in prisons. (31379)
- 388 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to improve working conditions for prison officers. (31380)
- 389 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that the salaries of prison officers reflect their job responsibilities. (31381)

- 390 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2024 to Question 12091 on Prisons: Staff, whether her Department has provided guidance to successful bidders for the Prison Education Service contracts on the application of the New Fair Deal on employee pensions; and if she will publish this guidance. (31064)
- 391 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people with a home address in England prior to entering custody were being held in prison across England and Wales and identified as (a) White, (b) Mixed Ethnic Groups, (c) Asian or Asian British, (d) Black or Black British, (e) Chinese or Other Ethnic Group, (f) Not known/not stated, in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (iii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (31065)
- 392 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many women with a home address in Wales prior to entering custody were being held in prison across England and Wales in (a) March 2024, (b) June 2024, (c) September 2024 and (d) December 2024, broken down by prison. (31066)
- 393 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many women resident in Wales prior to entering custody, were held in prison across England and Wales by (a) each local authority area and (b) prison in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (iii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (31067)
- 394 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many women with a home address in Wales before entering custody were in prison for the offence type of (a) violence against the person, (b) sexual offences, (c) robbery, (d) theft offences, (e) criminal damage and arson and (f) drug offences in (i) March, (ii) June, (iii) September and (iv) December 2024. (31068)
- 395 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many women with a home address in Wales before entering custody were in prison for the offence type of (a) possession of weapons, (b) public order offences, (c) miscellaneous crimes against society, (d) fraud offences, (e) summary non-motoring offences and (f) summary motoring offences in (i) March, (ii) June, (iii) September and (iv) December 2024. (31069)
- 396 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many women resident in Wales prior to entering custody were in prison (a) on remand, (b) sentenced to under 12 months, (c) sentenced to between 12 months and 4 years and (d) sentenced to 4 years and over in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (iii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (31070)

- 397 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many women resident in Wales prior to entering custody were (a) serving an IPP sentence, (b) sentenced to life imprisonment, (c) on recall, (d) serving a non-criminal sentence and (e) serving an unknown sentence in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (iii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (31071)
- 398 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many women with a home address in Wales prior to entering custody were in prison and identified as (a) White, (b) Mixed Ethnic Groups, (c) Asian or Asian British, (d) Black or Black British, (e) Chinese or Other Ethnic Group and (f) Not known/not stated in (i) March 2024, (ii) June 2024, (iii) September 2024 and (iv) December 2024. (31072)
- 399N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent estimate he has made of when Intertrade UK will commence operations. (31217)
- 400N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what the annual budget will be for Intertrade UK. (31218)
- 401 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether Intertrade UK will have a board; and how many full-time staff it will have. (31219)
- 402 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the implementation of Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2533 and Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2534 on (a) businesses selling tumble dryers in Northern Ireland, (b) consumers buying tumble dryers in Northern Ireland and (c) Northern Ireland after 1 July 2025. (31222)
- 403 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he plans to take steps with the Northern Ireland Executive to support the use of Ulster-Scots. (30990)
- 404 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will meet with family members of Palestinian (a) abductees and (b) hostages held without (i) charge and (ii) trial in Israeli detention facilities. (31014)
- 405 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to formally adopt a definition of anti-Palestinian racism. (31082)
- 406 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing (a) beer duty and (b) other alcohol duties for pubs. (31030)
- 407 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether funding made available for the AstraZeneca vaccine project in Liverpool will remain available for other life science projects in the Liverpool City region. (31137)

- 408 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress she has made in (a) identifying and (b) reducing inefficiencies within her Department. (31353)
- 409 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to business property relief on the (a) construction and (b) plant-hire sector in (i) the UK, (ii) Leicestershire and (iii) Mid Leicestershire constituency. (31363)
- 410 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has had recent discussions with stakeholders in the (a) construction and (b) plant-hire sector on the potential impact of changes to business property relief on those sectors. (31364)
- 411 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to review the indexation of pensions paid by the Pension Protection Fund. (31314)
- 412 **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help ensure value for money in public spending. (31264)
- 413 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to reduce the administrative cost of the tax system. (31020)
- 414 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking with the Financial Conduct Authority to (a) investigate and (b) address (i) fraudulent activity linked to Qualified Recognised Overseas Pension Schemes and (ii) the financial impact on UK citizens. (31343)
- 415 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will establish a QROPS investigation unit to examine cases of pension fraud and regulatory failings. (31344)
- 416 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the tax gap associated with pension fraud linked to QROPS; and what steps she has taken to prevent further losses. (31345)
- 417 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions her Department has had with HMRC on the regulation and oversight of QROPS to ensure consumer protection. (31346)
- 418 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps HMRC is taking to (a) engage with victims of pension fraud linked to QROPS and (b) ensure that concerns about regulatory oversight are addressed. (31347)
- 419 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has plans to review the regulatory framework for the qualifying recognised overseas pension scheme including the role of the Financial Conduct Authority. (31348)

- 420 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to help ensure that companies cannot commit fraud by changing their company name. (31088)
- 421 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the Sovereign Grant for the 2026-27 financial year. (31375)
- 422N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had recent discussions with her counterpart in the Welsh Government on the application of the Barnett formula to agriculture funding in Wales from the 2025-26 financial year. (31077)
- 423N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 3769 on Crown Estate: Wales, what assessment she has made of the ability of the commissioners with special responsibilities for Wales as provided for within the Crown Estate Bill to perform their functions without disaggregated net revenue profit data for Wales. (31204)
- 424N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to conduct a comprehensive review of the Overseas Scale Rates. (31181)
- 425N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to introduce mechanisms for regular updates to the Overseas Scale Rates to keep in line with inflation. (31202)
- 426 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of putting the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on a permanent footing. (31117)
- 427 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an exemption from the increase in employer's National Insurance contributions for care homes where more than half of residents are funded by the local authority. (31167)
- 428 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that there is adequate access to free-to-use cash machines in towns. (31157)
- 429 **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce the gender pay gap. (31266)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the value was of the Education and Skills Funding Agency Adult Education Budget allocated to Kent County Council financial year (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25; and what the allocation will be for financial year 2025-26. (31407)
- 2N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress she has made on the introduction of a Natural History GCSE. (31101)
- 3N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has received any (a) advice or (b) communication from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator on Brighton and Hove City Council's proposed new school admissions policy. (31198)
- 4N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to refer the proposed new Brighton and Hove City Council school admissions policy to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator. (31199)
- 5N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions he has had with Ofgem on funding for shared ground loops under the Energy Company Obligation Scheme. (31283)
- 6N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of graduated driving licences on levels of deaths of young drivers. (31102)
- 7N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when local elections will be held for (a) areas submitting reorganisation proposals by May 2025, (b) Devolution Priority Programme areas (DPP) submitting proposals by September 2025, (c) postponed shadow unitary elections and (d) postponed mayoral elections. (31402)
- 8N **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what performance monitoring is in place to monitor how many calls are unanswered in County Courts when individuals are trying to book a public counter appointment. (31316)
- 9 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to improve the effectiveness of the initial assessment process for research and development tax relief claims. (31089)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 26 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of trends in the level of (a) arrests and (b) cost of enforcement of the Public Order Act 2023 since its implementation. (31130)
- 2N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average processing time was for applications to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme by people resident in (a) Salford and (b) Wigan in each of the last five years. (31287)
- 3N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of future trends in the level of the (a) State Pension and (b) Income tax personal allowance threshold; and whether her Department forecasts the State Pension to exceed the income tax personal allowance. (31161)
- 4N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking to support the purchase of zero-emission and low-emission vehicles. (31162)
- 5N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has plans to create a business tax roadmap including taxes such as secondary Class 1 National Insurance Contributions. (31163)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 27 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help protect (a) women and (b) girls from deepfake pornography. (31135)

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 24 March

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the availability of Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy to all patients who need it. (31096)