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Questions tabled on Monday 24 February 2025

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Government plans to establish an Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. [Transferred] (31887)
- 2 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to ensure that energy meter reading technology is being upgraded in line with the latest technological developments. [Transferred] (32704)
- 3 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the former Chief Executive of the Insolvency Service sought advice from the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments before accepting the position of Executive Director of the Centre for Public Interest Audit. [Transferred] (31751)
- 4 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she expects the timelines for the delivery of Young Future Hubs to be clarified. [Transferred] (32548)
- 5 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) the Licensed Private Hire Car Association on the potential impact of the National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill on future provision of home-to-school transport for children with special educational needs beyond March 2025. [Transferred] (32316)

- 6 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will meet with the hon. Member for Newcastle-under Lyme to discuss (a) the potential merits of releasing the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme (BCSSS) investment reserve and (b) support for BCSSS Members in (i) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency, (ii) Staffordshire and (iii) the United Kingdom. [Transferred] (32332)
- 7 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to help prevent traders from declaring that food and drink imports produced by Israeli settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territories are Produce of Israel. (33372)
- 8 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to open the Air Quality Funding Scheme for local authorities in 2025. (33093)
- 9 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what role he envisages community and voluntary organisations such as community gardens playing in the food system going forwards; and whether funding is available for existing community and voluntary organisations for this purpose. [Transferred] (32002)
- 10 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a regional allocation system similar to flood and coastal management funding to support local authorities and public bodies in implementing the national adaptation plan. [Transferred] (32120)
- 11 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when Research England informed his Department of their plans for the (a) Research Excellence Framework 2029 and (b) people, culture and environment pilot. [Transferred] (32240)
- 12 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether it is his policy to allow the Research Excellence Framework people, culture and environment pilot to go forward. [Transferred] (32241)
- 13 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to accept Research England's proposed changes to the research excellence framework. [Transferred] (32242)
- 14 **Mr Bayo Alaba** (Southend East and Rochford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of using bunker oil to power large ships on busy waterways on air quality. [Transferred] (32654)

- 15 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) Russian (ii) shadow fleet and (ii) trade vessels and (b) other vessels that have travelled to and from Russian ports that have entered UK waters in the last 12 months. [Transferred] (32311)
- 16 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting military compensation as income to ensure that veterans can still qualify for Pension Credit. [Transferred] (32705)
- 17 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of trends in the cost of living on recent demand for food banks in rural areas. [Transferred] (32798)
- 18 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of changes to National Insurance Contributions to home-to-school service contract suppliers beyond March 2025. (33204)
- 19 **Mr Bayo Alaba** (Southend East and Rochford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve funding for (a) post-graduates and (b) all other medical students while they are doing mandatory university placements at hospitals. [Transferred] (32716)
- 20 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the availability of trauma-informed counselling services for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence. [Transferred] (32483)
- 21 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of funding for counselling services supporting survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence. [Transferred] (32484)
- 22 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that counselling for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence includes culturally competent and specialist support for diverse communities. [Transferred] (32485)
- 23 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure that children who have witnessed domestic abuse can access age-appropriate counselling and therapeutic interventions. [Transferred] (32487)
- 24 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the availability of counsellors trained to support children who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse. [Transferred] (32488)
- 25 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the availability of buvidal for people released from prison. [Transferred] (31853)

- 26 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on private nursing homes. [Transferred] (32218)
- 27 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department is providing to private nursing homes in (a) Leigh and Atherton constituency and (b) nationally, in the context of increases to employers National Insurance contributions. [Transferred] (32219)
- 28 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to financially support nursing homes with increases in National Insurance contributions. [Transferred] (32220)
- 29 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his American counterpart on the security provisions in place for UK citizens that have data held by US Government Departments, in the context of recent steps taken by the US Department of Government Efficiency to access personal data. (33205)
- 30 **Irene Campbell** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the accredited official statistics entitled Annual statistics of scientific procedures on living animals, Great Britain 2023, published on 11 September 2024, for what purposes were procedures carried out on horses; and whether her Department is taking steps to reduce the use of horses in experiments for (a) the routine production of antibodies and (b) other areas. [Transferred] (32748)
- 31 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to provide funding for social rented housing. [Transferred] (32656)
- 32 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Local Government Pension Scheme on levels of economic growth in local communities. [Transferred] (32341)
- 33 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the debate during the National Security Bill of 4 July 2024, Official Report, House of Lords, Column 1125, whether she has had discussions with the Electoral Commission on increasing data sharing from public authorities to political parties. [Transferred] (31898)
- 34 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what parameters her Department uses to determine whether to activate the Flood Recovery Framework. [Transferred] (32397)

- 35 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to (a) update guidance on the use of Conformité Européenne marking for construction products and (b) expand testing and certification capacity in the UK. [Transferred] (32190)
- 36 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of research and development tax reliefs on the expansion of small businesses. [Transferred] (32671)
- 37 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on the amount of interest that has been raised from the Chelsea Football Club Fund for Ukraine since February 2022. [Transferred] (32390)
- 38 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of reforms to UK listing rules, in the context of support for tech companies. [Transferred] (32033)
- 39 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if the Government will extend the beer duty freeze for pubs. [Transferred] (32615)
- 40 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes proposed by clause 1 of the National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill on future trends in the level of local authority funding for fiscal years (a) 2025-26, (b) 2026-27 and (c) 2027-28. (33203)
- 41 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to allow opposite sex civil partners to convert their partnerships into a marriage without requiring a dissolution order. [Transferred] (32163)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 26 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Solicitor General, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33178)
- 2 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Solicitor General, what recent steps she has taken to help ensure the effective prosecution of wildlife crime in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) other rural areas. (32916)
- 3 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Solicitor General, how many staff her Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32935)

- 4 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33179)
- 5 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to Question 24244 on Government Departments: Sanitation, what steps her Department is taking to review the toilet policy; and with reference to the Government Property Strategy, published on 31 August 2022, whether it remains the policy of the Government Property Agency to adopt the proposed guidance on appropriate toilet provision for both men and women by 2025. (33047)
- 6 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 26555, on Households: English Language, what his planned timetable is for the substantive response and deposit. (33048)
- 7 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff his Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32929)
- 8 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33180)
- 9 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of purchasing wind turbines from Chinese manufacturers on the UK steel industry. (33014)
- 10 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to paragraph 94 of his Department's final stage impact assessment entitled Strengthening workers' rights to trade union access, recognition and representation, published on 21 October 2024, whether he has made an estimate of the cost of the statutory right of facility time for trade union equality activities to (a) local government and (b) the civil service. (33049)
- 11 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to encourage the expansion of domestic manufacturing of (a) tractors, (b) combine harvesters and (c) precision agriculture technology. (33320)
- 12 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing (a) fiscal and (b) regulatory incentives to (i) support UK-based agricultural machinery manufacturers and (ii) reduce reliance on imported agricultural equipment. (33321)
- 13 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many staff his Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32919)

- 14 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what additional support her Department is providing to churches, in the context of the decrease in funding for the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. (33068)
- 15 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33181)
- 16 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the most effective steps to protect copyright and the creative industries against the increase of AI usage. (33279)
- 17 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much (a) funding and (b) loans her Department has provided to professional rugby union clubs since 2020. (33326)
- 18 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether funding for the Scouts will be extended beyond March 2025. (33306)
- 19 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of whether the funding of the UK Youth Parliament delivers value for money to taxpayers; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of transitioning its funding from public expenditure to a model reliant on voluntary donations. (33352)
- 20 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to take steps to support the celebration of Ahmadiyya culture in the UK. (33168)
- 21 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to support the celebration of Tamil culture. (33176)
- 22 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many staff her Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32920)
- 23 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of local government reorganisation on funding of arts, culture and leisure facilities. (33112)
- 24 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve mental health support in schools. (33348)
- 25 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many social media accounts her Department operates; and how much her Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years. (33293)

- 26 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department plans to take to consult with occupational therapists as part of investment plans to increase the number of children with special education needs and disabilities in mainstream schools in England. (33128)
- 27 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to increase recruitment of specialist occupational therapists supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities; and what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for children's occupational therapy services. (33129)
- 28 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve support for care leavers in rural areas. (32910)
- 29 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the evidential basis is for the estimate that the new primary school breakfast programme will save parents £450 a year. (32965)
- 30 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill will apply to armed forces initial training establishments that accept under-18-year-olds. (33342)
- 31 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the average cost to student midwives of (a) unpaid clinical placement hours and (b) student loan debt; and whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of providing additional financial support to student midwives. (33325)
- 32 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure students who would have benefitted from Advanced Mathematics Support Programme are still provided with the same opportunities they may have otherwise had. (33285)
- 33 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, by how much each secondary school year group is over-subscribed in Huntingdon constituency in the 2025-26 academic year. (33150)
- 34 **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential benefits of creating an agency for supply teachers to standardise pay and conditions. (33328)
- 35 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff her Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32921)

- 36 **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether schools in Folkestone and Hythe can apply for the second round of funding for the Free School Breakfast Club program. (33121)
- 37 **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what criteria her Department used to decide which schools would access Round 1 of funding for the Free Breakfast Club scheme. (33122)
- 38 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of allowing international students to reduce skills shortages in key sectors through the Graduate Route visa. (33207)
- 39 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce (a) hate crime and (b) discrimination against international students. (33209)
- 40 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the 20-hour-per-week work limit for international students during term time. (33211)
- 41 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33182)
- 42 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the number of off-grid properties in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire that will receive the Warm Homes local grant. (32914)
- 43 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to encourage occupational pension schemes to invest in clean energy (a) projects and (b) infrastructure. (33130)
- 44 **Warinder Juss** (Wolverhampton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his policy is on using tidal and wave energy to achieve his net zero targets. (33267)
- 45 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the contribution of the devolved Administrations to meeting the UK's net zero target. (33008)
- 46 **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of pausing the current government subsidies for Drax's power generation until the Public Accounts Committee reports on its inquiry on Government support for biomass. (33334)

- 47 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many staff his Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32922)
- 48 **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with Great British Nuclear on the potential merits of developing new nuclear power generation on the site of the Dungeness Power Station. (33114)
- 49 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many Environment Agency permits allowing the importation of waste from outside the UK are in effect; and if he will provide a list of sites covered. (32997)
- 50 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of aligning the controls on shotguns with that of other firearms on financial costs to farm businesses. (32998)
- 51 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many times his Department has met representatives of (a) Greenpeace, (b) Just Stop Oil and (c) Extinction Rebellion since 4 July 2024. (32999)
- 52 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of recent developments in Russia's war in Ukraine on food security in the UK. (33000)
- 53 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many farmers have received funding through the Farming Resilience Fund since it was established. (33001)
- 54 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33183)
- 55 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve cross-border cooperation on farming pollution regulations between England and Wales. (33250)
- 56 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress he has made on permitting a vaccine for Bluetongue; and what discussions he has had with devolved Administrations on ensuring that vaccine is available across the United Kingdom. (33292)

- 57 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2025 to Question 27227 on Shellfish: Animal Welfare, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of including all animals recognised as sentient beings in the Animal Welfare Act 2006. (33013)
- 58 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2024 to Question 8712 on Animal Welfare, what steps he plans to take to help improve animal welfare. (33079)
- 59 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the forthcoming consultation about the Flooding funding formula will consider instances when small communities do not qualify for the threshold for funding due to the (a) size of the communities and (b) flooding focused on roads and connectors rather than houses. (33082)
- 60 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many social media accounts his Department operates; and how much his Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years. (33297)
- 61 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of the total land entered into the Sustainable Farming Incentive herbal ley action (CSAM3) has been on priority habitat grassland; and how many hectares of priority habitat grassland is this. (33053)
- 62 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to prevent priority habitat grasslands from being destroyed by being entered into the Sustainable Farming Incentive herbal ley action (CSAM3) in future years. (33054)
- 63 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) performance and (b) effectiveness of the Rural Payments Agency. (33242)
- 64 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the support provided by the Rural Payments Agency to farmers in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and (b) Staffordshire. (33243)
- 65 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the (a) leadership and (b) management of the Rural Payments Agency. (33244)
- 66 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent meetings he has had with the Food Standards Agency. (33246)

- 67 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing legislation to prohibit water companies from passing on any fines to customers via increasing their water bills. (33367)
- 68 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has put a contingency plan in place in the event that Thames Water becomes financially unsustainable. (33338)
- 69 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the recycling rates in Birmingham in 2022-23. (32937)
- 70 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support his Department offers young individuals seeking to start their own farming enterprises. (33307)
- 71 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to collaborate with educational institutions to provide apprenticeship opportunities in the agricultural sector. (33308)
- 72 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of promoting the adoption of AI-driven monitoring systems in agriculture. (33309)
- 73 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what funding opportunities his Department offers farmers to introduce precision agriculture tools. (33310)
- 74 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has commissioned research into the scalability of vertical farming practices. (33311)
- 75 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the adoption of hydroponic systems among traditional farmers. (33312)
- 76 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what incentives are available for farmers to invest in innovative irrigation systems that enhance water efficiency in controlled environment agriculture. (33313)
- 77 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of mixing farming practices that integrate livestock and crop production to improve soil health. (33314)

- 78 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help encourage the adoption of agroforestry systems where crops are planted among trees to help improve (a) biodiversity and (b) resilience. (33315)
- 79 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support his Department provides for large-scale farms transitioning to agroecological approaches. (33316)
- 80 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to implement alternative mechanisms to help support farmers with (a) hedgerow planting and (b) restoration projects following the suspension of capital grants under the Sustainable Farming Incentive. (33317)
- 81 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the temporary closure of capital grants within the Sustainable Farming Incentive on (a) the Great Big Dorset Hedge project and (b) other community-led environmental initiatives. (33318)
- 82 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support farmers in Aldridge-Brownhills constituency, in the context of proposed changes to agricultural property relief and business property relief. (33029)
- 83N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve data reporting on consumption emissions, in the context of commitments made during the Climate and Nature Bill Second Reading debate on 24 January 2025. [Transferred] (32040)
- 84 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging scheme on the hospitality sector. (33304)
- 85 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of RNA pesticides on the bee population. (33007)
- 86 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many staff his Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32923)
- 87 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will take steps to provide additional (a) funding and (b) other support to free range poultry farmers affected by Avian flu. (33216)

- 88 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to provide additional (a) financial and (b) social support to poultry farmers affected by Avian Flu quarantine measures. (33217)
- 89 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to trial Avian Flu vaccinations in poultry farms in Devon. (33218)
- 90 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33184)
- 91 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the forthcoming strategy on phasing out animal testing will include all areas of science and regulatory testing, including chemicals, medicines, and cosmetics; and if he will publish a list of the specific areas under review. (33012)
- 92 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the Bertin Review will consider the differences between the online and offline regulation of pornographic content. (33076)
- 93 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to use the Postcode Address File to support (a) innovation, (b) small businesses and (c) the economy. (33106)
- 94 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with (a) the West Midlands Combined Authority and (b) Birmingham city council on the AI Growth Zones scheme. (32938)
- 95 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to support research and development in more efficient and sustainable (a) tractor attachments and (b) harvesting machinery. (33322)
- 96 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding his Department has provided for research into nutrition in the last 12 months; and whether he has had recent discussions with UK Research and Innovation on nutrition research. (32955)
- 97 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government has provided for nutrition research in each of the last five years. (32956)
- 98 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to meet with representatives from civil society to discuss the Government's strategy to support the development, validation and uptake of alternative methods to the use of animals in science prior to it being published later this year. (33059)

- 99 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions his Department has had with representatives from civil society on phasing out of animal testing. (33060)
- 100 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will implement stronger penalties for creating non-consensual deepfake content. (32957)
- 101 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will ensure that law enforcement agencies have sufficient resources and training to identify and prosecute creators of non-consensual deepfake content. (32958)
- 102 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many staff his Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32924)
- 103 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33185)
- 104 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she has taken to encourage bus and train operators to reduce levels of disability hate crime on their services. (33262)
- 105 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding has been allocated to (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme and (b) Staffordshire for (i) road maintenance and (ii) pothole filling since July 2024. (33249)
- 106 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the powers of train conductors to tackle disruptive levels of noise on trains. (33224)
- 107 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the availability of practical driving tests in the West Midlands. (33239)
- 108 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to (a) help improve road infrastructure and (b) tackle traffic congestion around the Nantwich Bypass. (33280)
- 109 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans her Department has to ensure the Integrated Transport Strategy prioritises road safety. (33287)
- 110 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has for the (a) future and (b) timetable for nationalisation of the Greater Anglia rail franchise; for (i) future investment and (ii) plans for (A) ticket offices and (B) steps free access in

Greater Anglia railway station redevelopment; and for (1) overall investment, (2) rail fares, (3) investment in rail infrastructure, and (4) investment in rolling stock in the Greater Anglia region; and what recent estimate she has made of passenger numbers in each Greater Anglia station in each year for the next ten years. (32994)

- 111 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on future investment in strategic highway infrastructure. (32995)
- 112 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of flight delays at Heathrow Airport on the economy in the last 12 months. (33005)
- 113 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to her Department's document entitled Local highways maintenance: additional funding from 2023 to 2034, updated on 23 January 2025, whether the £132 million of Network North funding for Hampshire County Council will be provided between the 2023-24 and 2034-35 financial years. (33369)
- 114 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many staff her Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32925)
- 115 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to consult claimants before making any future changes to (a) Personal Independence Payments, (b) Work Capability Assessments and (c) the Disability Living Allowance. (33141)
- 116 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support economically inactive people back into work in (a) West London and (b) other parts of London. (33347)
- 117 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33186)
- 118 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many social media accounts her Department operates; and how much her Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years. (33294)
- 119 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what purposes the National Employment Savings Trust Corporation has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (32913)
- 120 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reason the Minister for Social Security and Disability attended the Muslim Council of Britain's leadership dinner on 25 January 2025. (33042)

- 121 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the level of inflation for food products; and what steps she is taking to help support people with the cost of food. (33336)
- 122 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications for Pension Credit have been determined as eligible; and how many remain outstanding in the Aldridge-Brownhills constituency. (33016)
- 123 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications for Pension Credit had been determined as eligible as of 24 February 2024. (33017)
- 124 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications for Pension Credit have been determined as eligible nationwide; and how many applications remain outstanding. (33018)
- 125 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications made for Pension Credit since 24 February 2025 (a) have been approved and (b) remain outstanding. (33019)
- 126 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people (a) are eligible to apply and (b) have applied for Pension Credit in Aldridge-Brownhills constituency. (33020)
- 127 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people (a) are eligible to apply and (b) have applied for Pension Credit. (33021)
- 128 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the eligibility threshold for the winter fuel payment. (33022)
- 129 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department is taking steps to (a) simplify and (b) ensure paper copies are made available to people without online access of the pension credit application form. (33023)
- 130 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support pensioners who are unable to complete pension credit applications (a) online and (b) by phone. (33024)
- 131 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to increase the uptake of pension credit among eligible pensioners in Aldridge Brownhills. (33025)

- 132 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to inform members of the teachers pension scheme who are in (a) final salary and (b) career average schemes of their right to retire at 55. (33284)
- 133 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the report by Together Trust and National Star entitled What comes after education? Transitions to adulthood for disabled young people, published on 8 December 2023. (32964)
- 134 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support people claiming (a) Jobseekers Allowance, (b) Employment and Support Allowance and (c) Universal Credit to find employment. (33003)
- 135 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of eligible pensioners will be entitled to the new state pension; and what proportion of eligible pensioners will get the basic state pension (a) nationally and (b) in Bromsgrove constituency. (33257)
- 136 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff her Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32926)
- 137 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to increase the number of appointments for people displaying signs of endometriosis. (33069)
- 138 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to shorten the diagnosis period for endometriosis. (33070)
- 139 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has of the adequacy of Public Health Grants in rural areas. (33064)
- 140 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of extending school-based counselling on reducing child and adolescent mental health service waiting lists. (33349)
- 141 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timeline is for negotiations on reform of the NHS dental contract. (33350)
- 142 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish funding by the Better Care Fund to support unpaid carers for (a) 2023 and (b) 2024, by region; and what information his Department holds on regional variation in Better Care Fund spending. (33291)

- 143 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much new funding healthcare providers in Sheffield Hallam have received since the general election, by provider; and what impact this has had on the number of appointments available for people in that constituency. (33094)
- 144 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce gaps in rehabilitation and long-term care provision for people living with acquired brain injury. (33095)
- 145 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33187)
- 146 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the handling of complaints regarding private hospice care. (33136)
- 147 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure local authorities complete timely financial audits of social care providers. (33252)
- 148 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of integrated care boards limiting access of prescriptions to gluten-free products on people with coeliac disease. (33092)
- 149 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of qualified GPs who are (a) unemployed and (b) underemployed. (33260)
- 150 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of GP positions in the UK. (33261)
- 151 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when (a) he and (b) the Minister of State for Care last met with Community Pharmacy England. (33085)
- 152 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many social media accounts her Department operates; and how much her Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years. (33295)
- 153 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle disparities in length of periods of poor health between (a) people in Somerset and (b) the national average. (33270)

- 154 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he expects the NHS-commissioned report on community pharmacy funding to be published. (33127)
- 155 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve outcomes for patients with pancreatic cancer diagnosis in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (32909)
- 156 **Sally Jameson** (Doncaster Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the administrative burden on social workers. (33253)
- 157 **Sally Jameson** (Doncaster Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will implement a national workforce strategy for social work developed in partnership with the sector. (33254)
- 158 **Sally Jameson** (Doncaster Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the recruitment and retention of social workers; and what plans he has for a national social work recruitment campaign. (33255)
- 159 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle the shortage of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy drugs. (33088)
- 160 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to make clean air a public health priority. (33288)
- 161 **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Human Embryology and Fertilisation Authority on the regulation of surrogacy. (33056)
- 162 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of NHS dental capacity in Bodmin. (33357)
- 163 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of NHS dental capacity in Bude. (33358)
- 164 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of NHS dental capacity in Camelford. (33359)

- 165 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of NHS dental capacity in Launceston. (33360)
- 166 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of NHS dental capacity in Padstow. (33361)
- 167 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of NHS dental capacity in Wadebridge. (33362)
- 168 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of NHS dental capacity in Tintagel. (33363)
- 169 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of NHS dental capacity in Delabole. (33364)
- 170 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of NHS dental capacity in Port Isaac. (33365)
- 171 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of NHS dentist capacity in Saint Columb Major. (33366)
- 172 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the changes made to the death certification process implemented in September 2024 on the time taken to process death certificates. (33368)
- 173 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) repair hospitals and (b) improve patient safety. (33337)
- 174 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Prime Minister's Office press release entitled Over two million extra NHS appointments delivered early as trusts handed £40 million to go further and faster, published on 16 February 2025, if he will publish the evidence base for the announcement. (32996)
- 175 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help support hospitals to (a) recruit and (b) retain clinical staff in Oxfordshire. (33057)

- 176 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many vacancies for (a) administrative staff, (b) clinical staff and (c) managers there are in the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; and what the average time was for a vacancy to be open in (i) Oxfordshire and (ii) the UK in the last five years. (33058)
- 177 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the level of availability of funding for newly qualified midwives at Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. (33323)
- 178 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that newly qualified midwives in Dorset can secure employment at local NHS trusts upon completing their training. (33324)
- 179 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the press release entitled Dental patients to benefit from 700,000 extra urgent appointments, published on 21 February 2025, what methodology his Department used for determining the geographical distribution of the proposed additional urgent dental appointments. (33101)
- 180 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the press release entitled Dental patients to benefit from 700,000 extra urgent appointments, published on 21 February 2025, if he will instruct NHS England to make further changes to the commissioning of NHS dentistry in 2025. (33103)
- 181 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that research into long-COVID is adequately funded. (33281)
- 182 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether patients who have changed gender from female to male are still automatically invited to cervical screening. (33061)
- 183 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help recently graduated medical students to find employment in the NHS. (33035)
- 184 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of medical school places. (33036)
- 185 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to retain doctors trained in the UK in the NHS. (33037)

- 186 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce delays in accessing cancer treatment in South Warwickshire. (33220)
- 187 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to introduce a Cancer Care Plan for (a) children and (b) young people. (33221)
- 188 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total number of consultant surgeons is in (a) England (b) Wales (c) Northern Ireland and (d) Scotland. (33234)
- 189 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total number of resident surgeons is in (a) England (b) Wales (c) Northern Ireland and (d) Scotland. (33235)
- 190 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total number of trainee surgeons is in (a) England (b) Wales (c) Northern Ireland and (d) Scotland. (33236)
- 191 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle sexual misconduct in the NHS. (33237)
- 192 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to incentivise surgeons to work in areas with high waiting lists for elective procedures. (33238)
- 193 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the working conditions for trainee surgeons. (33239)
- 194 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure consistent application of retention policies across NHS trusts. (33240)
- 195 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to incentivise dental practitioners to work in areas with significant waiting lists. (33241)
- 196 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support people seeking an official diagnosis of ADHD, (b) reduce wait times for an ADHD assessment and (c) continue access to the Right to Choose scheme. (33123)

- 197 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the recruitment of domestic medical graduates from UK universities into the National Health Service. (33124)
- 198 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of missed or cancelled appointments in the NHS as a result of strike action between (a) July - November 2023 and (b) July - November 2024. (33125)
- 199 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of NHS Dentist appointments in (a) Leicester East constituency, (b) Leicestershire and (c) England. (33126)
- 200 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will maintain funding for specialist (a) clinical and (b) surveillance services for Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. (33272)
- 201 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support research and innovation into Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. (33273)
- 202 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of (a) value-weighted activity appointments and (b) diagnostic NHS appointments that will take place in (i) 2024-25, (ii) 2025-26 and (iii) by the end of this Parliament. (33274)
- 203 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of what the NHS waiting list will be in (a) 12 months, (b) two years, (c) three years and (d) by the end of the Parliament. (33275)
- 204 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS appointments were delivered in each month between July 2023 and June 2024. (33276)
- 205 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many complaints have been received by the NHS England in the last 12 months for which the latest data is available. (33006)
- 206 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the spread of respiratory syncytial virus on hospital capacity. (33009)
- 207 **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to recruit NHS staff from UK citizens who obtained their medical qualification outside of the UK. (33327)

- 208 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle (a) trauma-related mental health issues among asylum seekers fleeing conflict and (b) generational trauma within those communities. (33173)
- 209 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many staff his Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32927)
- 210 **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of no longer recognising EAA dental certificates on the number of dentists in the UK. (33118)
- 211 **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the challenges that rural communities face in accessing NHS services. (33119)
- 212 **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the additional NHS capital investment announced in the Autumn Budget 2024 will be allocated to establishing (a) mobile diagnostic hubs and (b) new health centres. (33120)
- 213 **Katie White** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to NHS dentistry in Leeds North West constituency. (33278)
- 214 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21470 on Hospices: Charitable Donations, if he will provide financial support to hospices to directly cover declining charitable incomes. (33206)
- 215 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the cost effectiveness of foreign aid. (33066)
- 216 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of halving the foreign aid budget. (33067)
- 217 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy to support the development of a United Nations Convention on the Rights of Older Persons. (33140)
- 218 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Pakistani counterpart in relation to reports that Hindu students in Karachi have faced disciplinary action and legal proceedings for celebrating Holi. (32967)

- 219 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33188)
- 220 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he taking to improve unity amongst his European counterpart on providing support to Ukraine from Russian invasion. (33139)
- 221 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many officials from his Department attended the World Economic Forum 2025. (32917)
- 222 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to meet the new Chair of the African Union. (33245)
- 223 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in the Middle East on (a) the territorial integrity of the West Bank and (b) the steps that will be taken to ensure the establishment of a free, safe, independent and secure Palestine alongside a safe and secure Israel. (33247)
- 224 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the steps his Department is taking to help prevent the use of UK-produced arms by Israel in (a) Gaza and (b) the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (33371)
- 225 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Government's policy towards UK arms trade with Israel in complying with Criterion 2a and Criterion 2c of the Strategic Export Licencing Criteria. (33373)
- 226 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans he has to deliver efficiency savings in his Department in (a) this financial year, (b) 2025-26 and (c) future financial years. (32977)
- 227 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he last had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the (a) financial implications and (b) costs of the proposed UK-Mauritius Treaty. (32978)
- 228 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which ministers across Government have (a) been consulted and (b) taken part in negotiations on the UK-Mauritius Treaty. (32979)

- 229 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether Official Development Assistance will be used to fund the (a) trust fund for Chagossians and (b) economic partnership with Mauritius in the proposed UK-Mauritius Treaty. (32980)
- 230 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Mauritian counterpart on maintaining the British Indian Ocean Territory Marine Protected Area; and what representations he has received from his Mauritian counterpart on fishing (a) activities and (b) rights in the territorial waters of the British Indian Ocean Territory (i) now, (ii) in the future and (iii) in the proposed UK-Mauritius Treaty. (32981)
- 231 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will list ministerial contacts with (a) ministers and (b) representatives of the government of Mauritius since July 2024. (32982)
- 232 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on what date he took the decision to formally invite the new US Administration to review the proposed treaty between the UK and Mauritius on the British Indian Ocean Territory. (32983)
- 233 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 February 2025 to Question 28492 on the British Indian Ocean Territory: Sovereignty, whether he shared the (a) initial proposed Treaty and (b) revised Treaty following counter proposals received by the Mauritian government with the new US administration. (32984)
- 234 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the oral contribution of the Minister of State for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories on 5 February 2025, Official Report, Col 760 on the future use of the electromagnetic spectrum, what discussions he has had with the International Telecommunications Union on this matter; and by what process the ITU could change the UK's access. (32986)
- 235 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions (a) he, (b) his ministers and (c) officials from his Department have had with counterparts in the Commonwealth and Commonwealth member countries on reparatory justice (i) since July 2024 and (ii) subsequent to the most recent Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting; whether further such discussions are planned; and whether he plans to use ODA for reparatory justice measures. (32987)
- 236 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Written Statement HCWS451 of 13 February 2025 on Syria Sanctions, if he will list the Syria Regulations he is planning to change; and what conditions he plans to apply to the Government of Syria in relation to the relaxation of sanctions. (32988)

- 237 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his planned timetable is for the introduction of a new UK Youth Mobility scheme in partnership with the European Union. (33222)
- 238 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his German counterpart on the current investigation into allegations that Riol Chemie GmbH supplied toxic chemicals to Russia. (33010)
- 239 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the case of Yahaya Sharif-Aminu on freedom of religion or belief in Nigeria. (33011)
- 240 **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the Official Development Assistance budget is spent overseas. (33330)
- 241 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in China on the treatment of (a) Falun Gong and (b) Shen Yun practitioners outside China. (33370)
- 242 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to secure help peace between Kurdish forces and the Syrian government; and what support he is providing to the Kurdish diaspora in the United Kingdom. (33197)
- 243 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Pakistani counterpart on taking steps to help prevent the desecration of Ahmadiyya burial sites in Pakistan. (33167)
- 244 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Pakistani counterpart on the legal recognition of Ahmadiyya Muslims in Pakistan. (33169)
- 245 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Pakistani counterpart on the desecration of Ahmadiyya mosques in that country. (33170)
- 246 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Pakistan counterpart on voting rights for Ahmadiyya Muslims in Pakistan. (33172)
- 247 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Sri Lankan Government on the ongoing arrests of Tamil fishermen. (33174)

- 248 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Sri Lankan Prime Minister on protecting the rights of Sri Lankan Tamils. (33175)
- 249 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support Tamil asylum seekers detained on Diego Garcia. (33177)
- 250 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many staff his Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32933)
- 251 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of attacks on Christian communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and what steps he is taking to help improve the (a) security and (b) humanitarian situation in the east of that country. (32961)
- 252 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has plans to meet with his counterpart from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. [R] (32962)
- 253 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to (a) support and (b) provide training to medical practitioners on the use of (i) prosthetic and (ii) other medical technologies in Ukraine. (33214)
- 254 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) fund and (b) support the Superhumans war trauma centre in Ukraine. (33215)
- 255 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of proposals to move the Chinese Embassy to the former Royal Mint building on security. (33065)
- 256 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many top-up payments have been made to Asylum Support Enablement Cards in each week since 4 July 2024. (33002)
- 257 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of applying speed limits for motor vehicles to (a) pedal bicycles and (b) e-bikes. (33277)
- 258 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33190)

- 259 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with (a) local authorities and (b) business across Greater Manchester on steps to tackle the sale of (a) knives and (b) other offensive weapons to (i) teenagers and (ii) young people. (33138)
- 260 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a legal definition of child-to-parent abuse. (33251)
- 261 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what is the average processing time for new-born out of country passport applications. (33075)
- 262 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will launch a consultation on extending the eligibility for the Elizabeth Emblem medal to people who are left severely injured and medically retired in the course of undertaking eligible public service. (33080)
- 263 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure sufficient recruitment of retained firefighters in Lincolnshire. (32911)
- 264 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many closure orders were issued to retail outlets in England for the selling of illegal cigarettes in the last three years. (32912)
- 265 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has a list of organisations or groups that it does not engage with. (33043)
- 266 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has had communications with the company Lowick on the proposed new Chinese Embassy. (33044)
- 267 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether new police recruits will be trained on the impact of (a) waste crime and (b) retail crime on victims in (i) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency, (ii) Staffordshire and (iii) England and Wales. (33248)
- 268 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 25955 on Asylum: Syria, whether the requirements for the cessation of refugee status for beneficiaries of international protection originating from Syria have currently been met. (33374)
- 269 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether Apple was directly instructed to disable its Advanced Data Protection encryption service for UK users. (33225)

- 270 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the decision by Apple to withdraw its advanced data protection system in the UK on cybersecurity risks to (a) businesses, (b) journalists and (c) other people. (33226)
- 271 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to publish regular transparency reports on the number of encryption-related demands her Department makes to (a) Apple and (b) other technology companies. (33227)
- 272 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of introducing encryption backdoors for use by the Government on the risk of the exploitation of those backdoors by (a) foreign states and (b) cybercriminals. (33228)
- 273 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Apple devices have been accessed by her Department under surveillance legislation in each of the last ten years. (33229)
- 274 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many meetings (a) she, (b) Ministers from her Department and (c) senior officials from her Department have had with Apple since 4 July 2024. (33230)
- 275 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to request access to encrypted personal data from (a) TikTok, (b) Alphabet, (c) Meta, (d) Amazon and (e) Microsoft. (33231)
- 276 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason her Department has requested access to Apple customers' personal data under the Investigatory Powers Act 2016. (33232)
- 277 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department holds on the number of people affected by the removal of Apple's Advanced Data Protection. (33233)
- 278 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle (a) anti-social behaviour and (b) noise disturbances in Epsom and Ewell constituency. (33339)
- 279 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of (a) the police and (b) local authorities to effectively respond to (i) noise nuisance and (ii) other forms of anti-social behaviour. (33340)
- 280 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the level of vehicle theft in the West Midlands. (32940)

- 281 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether funding allocated to police authorities to cover increased employer National Insurance contributions will be added to base budgets for future financial years. (33026)
- 282 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what period of time her Department has allocated funding for additional neighbourhood police officers; and whether individual police forces will need to cover the ongoing costs of these officers through local precepting. (33027)
- 283 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to strengthen deterrents against people smugglers involved in illegal Channel crossings; and what steps the Government is taking with its international counterparts to dismantle these criminal networks. (33032)
- 284 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department last checked conditions at Marshall BioResources in Huntingdon. (33153)
- 285 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to tackle hare coursing in rural areas. (33155)
- 286 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average administrative cost was of granting a person British citizenship in the latest period for which data is available. (33156)
- 287 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how funding for the fire and rescue service is calculated. (33161)
- 288 **Andrew Ranger** (Wrexham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle foreign interference in politics. (33104)
- 289 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) sham marriages and (b) relationships of convenience on the number of (i) spousal and (ii) partner visas applications; and how many cases were identified in each of the last three years. (33351)
- 290 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help Ukrainian refugees on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme secure private rented accommodation. (33223)
- 291 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what safe routes are available to asylum seekers into the United Kingdom; and what criteria (a) Border Security Command and (b) other enforcement agencies use to distinguish asylum seekers from illegal migration. (33198)

- 292 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help protect Ahmadiyya Muslims from hate crimes. (33171)
- 293 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff her Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32934)
- 294 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to publish a victim's charter. (32959)
- 295 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding her Department has provided to fire and rescue services in each of the last five years. (32960)
- 296 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will review the inclusion of international students in net migration figures. (33208)
- 297 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average processing time was for student visa applications in the latest period for which data is available; and what steps her Department is taking to reduce processing times for such applications. (33210)
- 298 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Leader of the House, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33196)
- 299 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33191)
- 300 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many social media accounts his Department operates; and how much his Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years. (33296)
- 301 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the sale of (a) HMS Albion and (b) HMS Bulwark; and what the estimated market value of each vessel was at the time of decommissioning. (32948)
- 302 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it remains his policy to implement the Multi-Role Support Ship programme; and what the timeline is for (a) its development and (b) the procurement of vessels. (32949)
- 303 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what outstanding refit work remained on HMS Bulwark at the time of HMS Albion's decommissioning in July 2023; and whether this work was completed before the decision to decommission Bulwark was taken. (32950)

- 304 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of decommissioning HMS Albion and HMS Bulwark on the UK's amphibious warfare capability; and whether a replacement capability will be procured before their disposal. (32951)
- 305 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the total expenditure was on the refit of HMS Bulwark prior to its decommissioning; and what specific refit work remained incomplete at the time of HMS Albion's decommissioning in July 2023. (32953)
- 306 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on diversity and inclusion programmes relating to (a) employment, (b) pensions, (c) recruitment and (d) other matters since 4 July 2024. (32954)
- 307 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what purposes Defence Equipment and Support has used artificial intelligence in the last 12 months. (32915)
- 308 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of army recruits participating in the long course at the Army Foundation College left the army before completing the course in 2024. (33341)
- 309 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, on how many occasions staff at the Army Foundation College have been disciplined for violent behaviour against recruits in each year since 2013; and what the nature was of each incident. (33343)
- 310 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps are taken against permanent staff at the Army Foundation College who develop (a) sexual and (b) otherwise intimate relationships with recruits. (33344)
- 311 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many King's Coronation Medals have been issued; what his planned timeline is for completing distribution to all eligible recipients; and what steps his Department is taking to help reduce delays in issuing the remaining medals. (33345)
- 312 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what process there is for former members of the armed forces who left service after 6 May 2023 to apply for the King's Coronation Medal; and when his Department plans to provide further details on this application process. (33346)
- 313 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) SA80 A2 and (b) SA80 A3 rifles are currently held by his Department. (33142)
- 314 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many reports of sexual assault have been filed by male service personnel in (a) the Royal Navy, (b) the British Army and (c) the Royal Air Force in each year since 2014. (33144)

- 315 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) male and (b) female service personnel have been charged with offences relating to sexual assault since 2014. (33145)
- 316 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how the defence budget is allocated across all (a) Regular and (b) Reserve Infantry Battalions. (33146)
- 317 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Foreign and Commonwealth soldiers are in the UK Armed Forces, by nationality. (33147)
- 318 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the risk posed by foreign state actors' covert military activity in Antarctica. (33148)
- 319 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 6 February 2025 to Question 28425 on Afghanistan: Resettlement, how many and what proportion of Afghans who have applied to the Afghan Resettlement Programme have failed vetting. (33158)
- 320 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for the Armed Forces in response to the question from the hon. Member for Huntingdon of 24 February 2025, Official Report, column 14, what the full list of qualifying roles are that entitle applicants to be accepted into the Afghan Resettlement Programme. (33160)
- 321 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he plans to take to help veterans experiencing PTSD find (a) retraining and (b) employment opportunities. (33162)
- 322 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support army reserve units in Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency. (33163)
- 323 **Alison Taylor** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve (a) recruitment and (b) retention within the army reserve. (33164)
- 324 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff his Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32930)
- 325 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will (a) hold discussions and (b) take steps with Super Humans Ukraine to provide (i) training, (ii) equipment for (A) prosthetics and (B) medical (1) assistance and (2) training and (iii) other support in Ukraine. (33212)
- 326 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department plans to take in response to Russian use of cluster munitions in Ukraine. (33213)

- 327 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to reform the leasehold system. (33263)
- 328 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33192)
- 329 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of her proposals for local government restructuring on (a) planning capacity and (b) the number of planners working in local authorities. (33038)
- 330 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of the Government's policies on extending equal pay rights as set out in the policy paper entitled Next Steps to Make Work Pay, published on 8 November 2024, on the cost to local authorities of (a) salaries and (b) legal settlements for people from ethnic minorities. (33039)
- 331 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the proposed population size for unitary councils on (a) democratic accountability, (b) local identity and (c) the ability of a local councillors to provide effective representation; and if she will take steps to reduce the proposed population size where those issues cannot be mitigated. (33040)
- 332 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department has issued to local authorities on whether a local authority's decision to respond to the invitation for two-tier restructuring requires approval of that authority's (a) executive or (b) full council. (33041)
- 333 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 29 January 2025 to Question 23866 on Communities and Recovery Steering Group, if she will place the minutes of each meeting in the Library. (33045)
- 334 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether private members' clubs with licensed premises are eligible for full retail, hospitality and leisure business rate relief. (33050)
- 335 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much her Department has spent on public surveys using vouchers as incentives. (33089)

- 336 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether any alternative funding streams are available for parish councils seeking to purchase community assets following the closure of the Community Ownership Fund. (33356)
- 337 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to increase funding for the building of social housing in rural areas. (33264)
- 338 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to extend the right to acquire to tenants living in rural areas. (33265)
- 339 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what he plans the consequences will be for landlords who do not raise their EPC rating to C when unfeasible to do so. (33282)
- 340 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the Land Registry's backlog. (33283)
- 341 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what proportion of the newly built homes her Department is planning will be smaller than (a) three and (b) four bedrooms in the next four years. (33286)
- 342 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she taking to increase the recycling rates of soft plastics not normally collected at the kerbside. (33087)
- 343 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending Building Regulations Approved Document S to require (a) landlords and (b) management agents to install electric vehicle charging stations at existing (i) flats and (ii) multi-dwelling units. (33303)
- 344 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to add specific protections for young people to the Homelessness Code of Guidance. (33113)
- 345 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with Isle of Wight Council on (a) local government reorganisation and (b) devolution. (33271)
- 346 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many staff her Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32931)

- 347 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's policy is on the transfer of assets from upper tier authorities to town and parish councils as part of the devolution process. (33109)
- 348 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has a policy on the creation of new town and parish councils as part of the devolution process. (33110)
- 349 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of local government reorganisation on the (a) delivery of and (b) funding for (i) leisure and sports services and (ii) culture and arts. (33111)
- 350 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33193)
- 351 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to increase sentences for individuals that sell knives to (a) teenagers and (b) young people. (33137)
- 352 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people who complete the Professional Qualification in Probation then receive one of their preferred work placements as a qualified Probation Officer. (33077)
- 353 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people who complete the Professional Qualification in Probation remain in the Probation Service for at least five years after qualifying. (33078)
- 354 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Afghans there are within the prison population. (33152)
- 355 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners were armed forces veterans on 24 February 2025. (33157)
- 356N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 February 2025 to Question 28899 on Grenfell Tower Inquiry, what (a) criteria and (b) evidence her Department plans to use in prioritising its work on preventing future deaths; and with reference to the Justice Committee's (i) First Report of Session 2021–22 entitled The Coroner Service, HC 68 and (ii) Third Special Report of Session 2021–22 entitled The Coroner Service: Government Response to the Committee's First Report, HC 675, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of the coronial reforms recommended by that Committee. [Transferred] (31782)
- 357 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many staff her Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32932)

- 358 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the cost to the public purse has been of providing legal advice to immigrants seeking asylum in each of the last five years. (32963)
- 359 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33194)
- 360 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Prime Minister, whether 10 Downing Street has a list of organisations or groups that it does not engage with. (33046)
- 361 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33195)
- 362N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to review the increase to the normal minimum pension age for accessing private pensions from April 2028. [Transferred] (32730)
- 363 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether their Department offers (a) paid time off work and (b) other support to employees who become kinship carers. (33189)
- 364 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the assessment (a) process and (b) criteria for the establishment of banking hubs. (33105)
- 365 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the UK Government Green Financing Framework, published in June 2021, whether it remains her Department's policy that funding should not be provided for the development of green technologies in the defence industry. (33375)
- 366 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2025 to Question 23883, on Public Finance: Brexit, if she will make a comparative estimate of the net difference between the two invoices from the European Union relating to the Financial Settlement under the Withdrawal Agreement and the annual payments when the United Kingdom was a member of the European Union. (32968)
- 367 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the cost to the public purse is of the 2024-25 Civil Service pay award broken down by (a) gross pay and (b) employer pension contributions. (32969)
- 368 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of (a) 27 November 2024, to Question 14255, on Civil Service and (b) 27 November 2024 to Question 14946 on Government departments: communications and consultations, what the financial reduction in consultancy spending is in absolute terms required to deliver the

policy of having spending on consultancy; and what the estimated baseline spending on government consultancy was in 2024-25 prior to the planned reduction of £550 million for 2024-25 and £680 million in 2025-26. (32970)

369 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what role management consultants will play in determining efficiency savings for phase 2 of the Spending Review. (32971)

370 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 14946 on Government departments: communications and consultations, if she will publish the £449 million spending from Government Communications Service data, including any departmental breakdown, that provided the estimates for the £85 million of savings at Autumn Budget 2024. (32972)

371 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 14946 on Government departments: communications and consultations, if she will list each of the programmes that have been cancelled or reduced to deliver £85 million of savings from the £449 million baseline. (32973)

372 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2024 to Question 16601 on Employer's Contributions: Public Sector, what her planned timetable is to update Parliament on allocations by department. (32974)

373 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what meetings representatives from Shein have had with her Department since the 4 July 2024; on what dates these meetings took place; and what was discussed. (32975)

374 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions Ministers in her Department had on government business at Labour Party Conference; whether such meetings and engagement will be recorded in government transparency returns; and whether these discussions were reported back to civil servants. (32976)

375 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a clawback mechanism into proposed changes to (a) agricultural property relief and (b) business property relief. (32918)

376 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of implementing a clawback mechanism into the proposed changes to APR and BPR. (33135)

377 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to reform the Sovereign Grant at the next review. (33090)

378 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to mitigate the impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions for local authorities. (33258)

- 379 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help local authorities deliver essential services following changes to employer National Insurance contributions. (33259)
- 380N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to orchestral tax relief on orchestras that rely on touring. [Transferred] (32703)
- 381 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate his Department has made of the number of farmers in West Dorset who will be affected by the proposed changes to Inheritance Tax, including Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief. (33319)
- 382 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to Business Property Relief on businesses in the broader farming sector including agricultural (a) suppliers and (b) machinery. (33030)
- 383 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to Business Property Relief on the private sector. (33031)
- 384 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed increases to employer National Insurance contributions on businesses (a) supporting and (b) employing apprentices; and whether she plans to allocate additional financial support to these businesses. (33033)
- 385 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) people and (b) businesses have positive tax balances with HMRC due to overpayments of tax broken down by tax type; and what the total value of those balances are; and (i) how many accounts and (ii) the total balances in those accounts will be held over into future tax years. (32993)
- 386 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the average wait time is for calls to be answered by HMRC; and what steps her Department is taking to reduce this. (33256)
- 387 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff her Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32928)
- 388 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes in mortgage interest tax relief on private landlords since the inception of those measures in April 2017. (33081)
- 389 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many staff her Department has seconded from Palantir since July 2024. (32936)

- 390 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to tackle ageism. (33004)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 27 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Solicitor General, pursuant to the Answer of 19 February 2025 to Question 30615 on Attorney General: Mauritius, whether the proposed UK-Mauritius Treaty on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory was discussed during the courtesy meeting. (32989)
- 2N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Solicitor General, whether the Attorney General has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the proposed UK-Mauritius Treaty on the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory; and whether the Attorney General has provided the Government with legal advice on the UK's sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (32990)
- 3N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will list each Department which (a) continues to and (b) no longer provides telephone numbers to Members of Parliament for its (i) Parliamentary Branch and (ii) for its Correspondence Section to pursue constituents' concerns; and whether it is government policy to prevent parliamentarians being able to speak directly to ministers' Private Office staff. (32906)
- 4N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to remove barriers to young people in the UK wishing to study and work in the EU. (33052)
- 5N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February to Question 29416 on Investment: Northern Ireland, how much of the funding already deployed is from the private sector; and over what period he expects the total amount to be spent. (32942)
- 6N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the claims process under the Horizon Shortfall Scheme for sub-post masters whose period of tenure includes years prior to 2004 where records have not been maintained by the Post Office. (33100)
- 7N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many of the schools chosen to take part in the Breakfast clubs early adopters pilot already have a breakfast club; and how many already have a free breakfast club. (33062)

- 8N **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to help reduce (a) inequalities in the admissions process to academically selective grammar schools and (b) disparities in access to tutoring for admission tests to those schools. (33290)
- 9N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the recommendation 10.4 of the report entitled Road fuel market study, published by the Competitions and Markets Authority on 8 July 2023, if he will take steps to introduce a statutory fuel finder scheme. (32966)
- 10N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of 24 January 2025 in the Climate and Nature Bill debate, what steps the Government plans to take to strengthen the narrative on imported emissions. (33097)
- 11N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2025 to Question 22880 on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement, whether his Department has drafted the secondary legislation required in advance of ratification for the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction. (32907)
- 12N **Warinder Juss** (Wolverhampton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to correspondence from the hon. Member for Wolverhampton West of (a) 22 January, (b) 29 January, (c) 5 February and (d) 13 February concerning a constituent's shipment that has been held at Felixstowe. (33266)
- 13N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether extended producer responsibility will apply to sales from January 2024 or from April 2025. [Transferred] (32563)
- 14N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using grass pasture for carbon storage. (33099)
- 15N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of 24 January 2025 on the Climate and Nature Bill, how his Department plans to improve collaboration between the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, the Committee on Climate Change and the special representatives on climate and nature policy. (33098)
- 16N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will meet with Silver Voices to discuss their safety concerns in relation to the digital switchover. (33132)

- 17N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to correspondence from the hon. Member for Henley and Thame of (a) 21 November 2024 and (b) 13 January 2025, what steps his Department is taking to reconsider the inclusion of Ewelme in Project Gigabit for Oxfordshire. (33302)
- 18N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has plans to include Aldridge station in the proposed Wrexham to London Euston open access line. (33028)
- 19N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of enabling the use of electronic signatures, matched to the DVLA database, for admissions of vehicular offences on S172 forms. (33333)
- 20N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to create effective information sharing processes with the Department for Health and Social Care so that people with a permanent disability are no longer required to repeatedly prove the existence of their disability for receipt of disability benefit. (33329)
- 21N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking with HMRC to establish data-sharing processes to enable the auto-enrolment for Pension Credit for individuals on very low incomes. (33332)
- 22N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the number of weeks that people who live in supported accommodation and who have increased their working hours above 16 hours can claim extended housing benefit payments for. (33096)
- 23N **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of eye problems as part of its 10-Year Plan. [R] (33219)
- 24N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of making atropine eye drops available on the NHS for pre-myopic children. (32941)
- 25N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 10 February 2025 to Question 23859 on General Practitioners: Recruitment, what his planned timetable is for collecting that data. (33083)
- 26N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the NHS-commissioned independent economic analysis of pharmacy funding before the conclusion of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework contract negotiations. (33084)

- 27N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS appointments were lost due to strike action between July to November (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (33086)
- 28N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the provision of specialist training opportunities for young doctors; and whether he has plans to increase the availability of these opportunities. (33133)
- 29N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department gives to medical practitioners on the (a) risks of harmful long-term effects resulting from the prescription of Lariam (Mefloquine) as an anti-malarial prophylaxis and (b) treatment recommended for alleviation of such effects when experienced by people after being prescribed Lariam. (32904)
- 30N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase (a) the number of people seeing an NHS dentist and (b) access to NHS dentistry beyond the 700,000 additional urgent dental appointments. (33102)
- 31N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions his Department has had with (a) Cambridgeshire Constabulary, (b) the Home Office and (c) National Highways on the creation of a new access road linking Views Common to Hinchingsbrooke Hospital as part of the New Hospital Programme. (33151)
- 32N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason rheumatoid arthritis patients are not entitled to free NHS prescriptions; and if he will take steps to review the eligibility for free prescriptions for those patients. (33071)
- 33N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what percentage of haemopoietic stem cell transplant performed by the NHS were from UK registered donors between 1 October 2024 to 31 December 24 or the last three months for which data is available. (33072)
- 34N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the NHS is of sourcing a haematopoietic stem cell donation from the UK Aligned Stem Cell Registry compared to stem cell donation imports from United States, Germany and Poland; and what the oversight mechanism is for agreeing these costs. (33073)
- 35N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the number of haemopoietic stem cell transplants sourced from the UK. (33074)

- 36N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of making individuals with Mayer-Rokitansky-Küster-Hauser syndrome automatically eligible for IVF treatment. (33331)
- 37N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure all eligible NHS Trusts participate in the Early Access Programme for givinostat. (33300)
- 38N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the provision of ambulance services by South Central Ambulance Service in Henley and Thame constituency. (33301)
- 39N **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reform the NHS Dental Contract. (33115)
- 40N **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the emergency dental appointments to be purchased by Kent & Medway ICB will be provided to dental clinics in Folkestone and Hythe constituency. (33117)
- 41N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the UK's declaration on Article 298 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) on the jurisdiction of (a) the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and (b) an arbitral tribunal under Annex VII of UNCLOS on UK (i) military and (ii) law enforcement activities. (32952)
- 42N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the UK's progress in ratifying the Global Oceans Treaty ahead of the United Nations Oceans Conference in June 2025. (32908)
- 43N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether changes have been made to the mechanisms by which the proposed lease of the military base on Diego Garcia can be extended in the proposed UK-Mauritius Treaty since 3 October 2024. (32985)
- 44N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will formally apologise to Ali Kololo about the Metropolitan Police's involvement in his overturned conviction. (33131)
- 45N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to assist applicants who cannot apply online to access temporary visas. (33289)

- 46N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, upon what evidential basis she will deem it sufficient to lift the temporary pause on the processing of Syrian asylum seeker claims. (33055)
- 47N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what is the total administration cost of granting an individual person Indefinite Leave to Remain. (33154)
- 48N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will seek a judicial review of the Clonoe Coroner's verdict as delivered in the Coroner's Court in Northern Ireland on 6th February 2025. (33051)
- 49N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of (a) Royal Navy and (b) Royal Marines personnel were classified as (i) Medically Fully Deployable, (ii) Medically Limited Deployable and (iii) Medically Not Deployable as of 1 January 2025. (32944)
- 50N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of Army personnel were classified as (a) Medically Fully Deployable, (b) Medically Limited Deployable and (c) Medically Not Deployable as of 1 January 2025. (32945)
- 51N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of Royal Air Force personnel were classified as (a) Medically Fully Deployable, (b) Medically Limited Deployable and (c) Medically Not Deployable as of 1 January 2025. (32946)
- 52N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of UK Regular Forces personnel were classified as (a) Medically Fully Deployable, (b) Medically Limited Deployable and (c) Medically Not Deployable as of 1 January 2025. (32947)
- 53N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the age limits for soldiers and officers to rejoin the Army Reserves. (33269)
- 54N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department has made on investigating drone intrusion incidents at (a) RAF Mildenhall, (b) RAF Lakenheath and (c) RAF Feltwell (i) during and (ii) since November 2024, with reference to the presence at each location of individuals connected with a hostile foreign state; and what steps he is taking to counter such intrusions in the future. (32902)
- 55N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has continued to (a) monitor and (b) report regularly to Parliament on the numbers of service personnel prescribed Lariam as an anti-malarial prophylaxis,

since the Government Response HC 648 published in September 2016 to the Defence Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2015-16 HC 567, published in May 2016 on the use of Lariam; and if he will publish such statistics as are available in tabular form. (32903)

- 56N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what criteria are applied by the Defence Medical Services to distinguish the adverse effects caused by the prescribing of Lariam (Mefloquine) to service personnel as an anti-malarial prophylaxis and those caused by post traumatic stress disorder; what treatment options are available for alleviating the effects of Lariam toxicity; and how many service personnel have been discharged in each of the past ten years as a result of Lariam toxicity effects. (32905)
- 57N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many reports of sexual assault have been filed by female service personnel in the (a) Royal Navy, (b) Army and (c) Royal Air Force in each year since 2014. (33143)
- 58N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many pairs of Peltor ear defenders have been issued to the (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) Royal Air Force. (33149)
- 59N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 6 February 2025 to Question 28425 on Afghanistan: Resettlement, how many and what proportion of Afghan family members who have applied to come to the UK as a dependent under the Afghan Resettlement Programme have failed vetting. (33159)
- 60N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the supply of computer numerical control machines to Ukrainian defence companies. (33353)
- 61N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase the number of computer numerical control machines exported to Ukraine. (33354)
- 62N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of joint ventures between the UK and Ukrainian defence industries. (33355)
- 63N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish an explanation for the decision taken in respect of each project that (a) will receive and (b) have had cancelled their share of Levelling Up funding for cultural projects. (32991)
- 64N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she is taking steps to implement the recommendations of the report by the Electoral Commission entitled Voter ID at the 2024 UK general election, published on 10 September 2024, prior to the May 2025 local elections. (33335)

- 65N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Prime Minister, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the decision by the Australian government to ban DeepSeek from all government devices and systems. (33091)
- 66N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2025 to Question 30044 on Individual Savings Accounts: Children, if she will change the rules on eligibility for ISAs to permit grandparents to take out ISAs for grandchildren with the consent of parents or guardians. (32943)
- 67N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which minister is responsible for overseeing progression of The Payment Services (Contract Terminations Amendment) Regulations 2024. (33063)
- 68N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with other Cabinet colleagues on the possibility of front-loading payments to Mauritius as part of the proposed UK-Mauritius Treaty on the future sovereignty of the British India Ocean Territory. (32992)
- 69N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on employers' ability to employ (a) part-time and (b) lower earning employees who were previously not counted in employer National Insurance contributions. (33298)
- 70N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to ensure (a) part time and (b) lower earning employees that are exempt from employer National Insurance contributions remain so once the proposed changes to employer National Insurance have been implemented. (33299)

Questions for Answer on Monday 3 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many bus routes have been registered in Derbyshire in each of the last five years. (33107)
- 2N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to protect bus services in Derbyshire that travel to (a) hospitals, (b) leisure attractions and (c) other key out of town locations. (33108)
- 3N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of existing drink driving laws in ensuring that repeat offenders cannot reoffend. [Transferred] (32479)

- 4N **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the British Dental Association and other representatives on reform of the NHS Dental Contract. (33116)
- 5N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions her Department has had with projects due to receive funds from the Community Regeneration Fund in Dundee. (33034)
- 6N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 23 December 2024 to Question UIN 20393 on Prisoners' Release: Electronic Tagging, how many SDS40 releases did not have a prison tag in (a) Tranche one and (b) Tranche two. (33015)
- 7N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with (a) the Country Land and Business Association and (b) other industry bodies to support working farms, in the context of her proposed changes to (i) agricultural property relief and (b) business property relief. (33134)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the work produced by the University of Manchester's Unit M initiative. [Transferred] (32255)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2025 to Question 29868 on Euthanasia: Scotland, whether any staff employed in the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel provided (a) advice and (b) other assistance on the drafting of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill. (33305)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 6 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of access to hormone replacement therapies for women experiencing the menopause in Cambridgeshire. (33165)
- 2N **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with pharmaceutical companies on taking steps to ensure an adequate supply of hormone replacement therapies for women experiencing the menopause. (33166)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 10 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many referrals have been accepted by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in (a) Salford and (b) Wigan in each of the last five years. (33268)