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Questions tabled on Wednesday 26 February 2025

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 27 February

- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the number of (a) pub and (b) restaurant closures in England in the latest period for which data is available. [Transferred] (33582)
- 2 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether 10 Downing Street has had communications with the company Lowick on the proposed new Chinese Embassy.

 [Transferred] (33484)
- 3 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the life expectancy is for (a) women and (b) men in each local area in the UK. [Transferred] (33452)
- **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the potential impact of proposed cuts to the Parks Police on ensuring the protection of the (a) nature and (b) environment of Royal Parks. [Transferred] (33526)
- Dr Roz Savage (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will take steps to provide financial support for pension-age carers, in the context of increases in the price cap for energy bills. [Transferred] (33811)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to provide support to homes with an EPC rating of D and below in Newton Abbot constituency.

 [Transferred] (33668)

- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Havant Thicket Reservoir is one of the nine new reservoirs referenced in the press release entitled Reeves: I am going further and faster to kick start the economy, published on 28 January 2025. [Transferred] (33503)
- 8 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what additional funding she plans to provide to local authorities in rural areas for road repairs.

 [Transferred] (33741)
- 9 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the number of electric vehicle charging points in the UK. [Transferred] (33443)
- Rebecca Smith (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of naming supported lodgings as specified accommodation under housing benefit regulations. [Transferred] (33780)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of school nursing services in Lincolnshire.

 [Transferred] (33384)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support (a) small and (b) independent retailers in implementing measures to protect employees from (i) violence and (ii) abuse.

 [Transferred] (33829)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to implement the proposed offence of assaulting a shopworker; and what the anticipated penalties are associated with this offence.

 [Transferred] (33830)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2025 to Question 31092 on Armed Forces: Pensions, if he will take steps to ensure that service members who are not eligible for pensions due to them falling under pre-1975 criteria are provided with periodical payments instead. [Transferred] (33669)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2025 to Question 31092 on Armed Forces: Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of that proposal on service members at pension age.

 [Transferred] (33670)
- Callum Anderson (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of trends in Local Government Pension Scheme asset allocation to UK equities in the last ten years. [Transferred] (33719)

- 17 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on what the value of business rates written off by Buckinghamshire Council was in each of the last three financial years.

 [Transferred] (33720)
- 18 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 30 October 2024 to
 Question 10528 on Candidates: Expenditure, what guidance the Government issued to (a)
 candidates, (b) parties and (c) election agents on notional invoices in Representation of
 the People Act returns before 2001.

 [Transferred] (33483)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Prime Minister's Oral Statement of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, whether the funding announced for the intelligence and security services will meet the NATO definition of defence expenditure.

 [Transferred] (33515)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what are the (a) economic and fiscal conditions and (b) operational needs required to reach three per cent of GDP on defence expenditure in the next Parliament. [Transferred] (33518)

Questions for Answer on Monday 3 March

- 1N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many public procurement contracts issued by the Crown Commercial Service since have included mandatory commitments to trade union recognition since July 2024. (33867)
- 2 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including housing associations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. (34155)
- 3N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what proportion of procurement training for staff in his Department since 5 July 2024 has been delivered by organisations affiliated with trade unions. (34004)
- 4N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many public contracts awarded by the Crown Commercial Service since 5 July 2024 have included mandatory commitments to publish suppliers' (a) gender and (b) ethnicity pay gaps.
- 5 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent discussions his Department has had with trade unions on the digitalisation of Government. (33871)

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- 6N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Prime Minister plans to respond to the letter of 15 February 2025 from the Rt hon. Member for Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge on the Attorney General.
 - [Transferred] (33428)
- 7 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of subsidising the cost of IT courses for staff in small and medium enterprises. (34047)
- 8 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to take steps to (a) improve signposting and (b) create a central database for small and medium enterprises on grants for which they are eligible. (34048)
- 9 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps his Department has taken to help prevent unlawful access refusals into business premises for customers who require a guide dog. (33971)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has taken steps to increase public awareness of legislation relating to access rights for (a) guide and (b) other assistance dog owners. (33972)
- 11 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has taken steps to record the number of access refusals to people accompanied by (a) guide and (b) assistant dogs from (i) businesses and (ii) services. (33973)
- 12 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has with Ofcom on Royal Mail's performance against their quality service targets. (33975)
- 13 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department has taken to support the hair and beauty sector. (33923)
- Sir Oliver Dowden (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for his policies of the British Hair Consortium commissioned CBI Economics report entitled Securing the future of UK hairdressing and beauty: the economic, fiscal and societal case for VAT reform, published on 19 February 2025.
- Sir Oliver Dowden (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people are currently employed in the hair and beauty sector. (33925)
- Sir Oliver Dowden (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many apprentices are working in the hair and beauty sector. (33926)

- 17N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many public contracts awarded by his Department since 5 July 2024 have required suppliers to recognise trade unions as a condition of contract award. (34002)
- 18 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will ensure that (a) UK legal services and (b) the use of English law are promoted overseas as part of an integrated trade policy. (34194)
- 19 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support the (a) growth and (b) innovation of the lawtech industry. (34195)
- 20 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to maintain the UK's status as a leader in legal services innovation. (34196)
- 21 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support small businesses impacted by a reduction in (a) local bank branches and (b) in-person banking services in West Dorset constituency. (34177)
- Edward Morello (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing

 (a) financial incentives and (b) support mechanisms to encourage investment in UK-based sustainable aviation fuel production facilities.
 (34178)
- 23 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of recent trends in the level of bank branch closures in West Dorset constituency on (a) small businesses and (b) constituents.

 (34179)
- 24N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2025 to Question 28100 on Investment, when the Minister for Investment (a) last visited and (b) will next visit the regions.
- Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the impact of the administration of (a) SSB Law and (b) other firms on the finances of claimants whose legal cases were disrupted; and whether his Department is taking steps to provide (i) redress and (ii) other support for affected people.
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the transfer of intellectual property for projects for which a catapult grant has been awarded to that catapult grant on (a) small businesses, (b) start-up businesses and (c) entrepreneurs. (34063)
- 27 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, for what reason his Department has issued licenses for the export to Russia of (a) medicinal and pharmaceutical products, (b) beverages and tobacco, (c) organic chemicals, (d)

- cars, (e) toilet and cleansing preparations, (f) travel services, (g) insurance and pension products, (h) other business services, (i) financial services and (j) telecoms, computer and information services since September 2024. (34072)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department holds information on the proportion of Russian oil (a) imports and (b) exports insured by UK financial instruments. (34073)
- 29 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to end all (a) non-humanitarian aid, (b) trade, (c) financial services and (d) exports to Russia. (34074)
- 30 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what information his Department holds on oil exports to Russia which are (a) processed, (b) traded, (c) refined and (d) financially insured in the UK. (34075)
- 31 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to prevent oil produced in the UK arriving in Russia. (34076)
- 32 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 25 February 2025 to Question 31424 on the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, whether his Department has undertaken an equality impact assessment of changes to that scheme. (33865)
- Danny Beales (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture,
 Media and Sport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of
 changing the status of the Six Nations Championship from Category B to Category A in the
 Ofcom Code on Sports and Other Listed and Designated Events. (34186)
- Danny Beales (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture,
 Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the (a) cultural, (b) economic and (c)
 community value of free-to-air coverage of the Six Nations Championship. (34187)
- Mrs Elsie Blundell (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the modifications to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. (34042)
- Mrs Elsie Blundell (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has plans to provide support to (a) community and (b) social enterprises to help re purpose churches that are now closed.

 (34043)
- 37 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to help ensure (a) sports clubs and (b) historical re-enactment groups have (i) safety rolled and (ii) spatulated tipped equipment delivered to them via delivery services. (34146)

- **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure the interests of viewers in Wales are represented in her Department's future of TV distribution stakeholder forum. (33961)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many public pools closed in 2024. (34097)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help support growth in the video game industry. (33872)
- 41N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to help ensure (a) the preservation and (b) contribute to celebrations of the Newcastle Swing Bridge as an industrial heritage asset. (33873)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of recent increases to TV license fees. (33886)
- **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what was the total (a) apprenticeship levy revenue received from eligible employers, (b) sum and proportion of levy revenue spent on Level 4, 5, 6 and 7 apprenticeship qualifications and (c) the sum and proportion of unspent levy revenue returned to HM Treasury in each of the last five years.
- **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that children in kinship care receive adequate
 (a) education and (b) mental health support. (34145)
- Dan Carden (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to renew the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund. (33983)
- **Jonathan Davies** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help improve (a) literacy and (b) access to books in schools. (34140)
- **Jonathan Davies** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking as part of the Curriculum and Assessment Review to consider the use of audiobooks in schools. (34141)
- 48N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of continually accrued student loan interest on students when they pause their studies due to unforeseen circumstances. (33979)

- 49N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a public inquiry into the policy of so-called educationally subnormal schools in the 1960s and 1970s and (a) the number and proportion of Black children placed in such schools and (b) the impact on them.
- 50 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the value was of student loans that were written off in 2024; and what this was as a proportion of all outstanding student loans. (34086)
- 51 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase the accessibility of (a) PE and (b) sport provision for children in schools. (34198)
- 52 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what percentage of primary and secondary schools are delivering two hours of PE a week. (34199)
- Ben Maguire (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to ensure a long-term funding agreement for PE and school sport. (34200)
- Abtisam Mohamed (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of local authority employees working with home educating families that are only employed during school term time; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill on the working hours these staff will need to undertake in the future. (34081)
- 55 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking with relevant authorities to support parents who educate their children at home. (33851)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help support relevant authorities with the transportation of disabled pupils to and from school.

 (33852)
- 57 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to support the teaching of ancient Greek in state schools. (33853)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to support the teaching of Latin in state schools. (33854)
- 59 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with relevant authorities to support the education of dyslexic children in (a)
 Romford constituency and b) England. (33855)
- 60 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she has taken to reduce frequent absences of children from school. (33885)

- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase the proportion of eligible children who claim their entitlement to a free school meal; and if she will take steps to (a) reduce the complexity of application forms, (b) provide forms in multiple languages, (c) increase awareness of the free school meal entitlement and (d) help tackle stigmas associated with claiming free school meals.
- 62 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for what reason the Government uses the marginal cost pricing system for electricity. (34129)
- 63 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of Government (a) subsidies and (b) support to fossil fuel companies in the last 12 months. (34130)
- Jonathan Davies (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what funding his Department has provided to (a) support and (b) promote opportunities for domestic hydropower. (34139)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the (a) value and (b) volume of coal imported into the UK was in 2024. (34089)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the total number of (a) air miles and (b) flights undertaken by his Department's staff in 2024.
- 67 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to accelerate the (a) production and (b) commercial viability of sustainable aviation fuel usage in the UK. (34175)
- 68 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps the Government is taking with international partners to align (a) sustainability standards and (b) certification processes for sustainable aviation fuel. (34176)
- 69 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a mine water heating grant scheme for community heat networks. (33864)
- 70 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions he has had with the lithium (a) extraction and (b) processing industry. (33874)
- 71 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support the domestic critical minerals industry. (33875)

- **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) define and (b) set standards for the use of (i) biodegradable and (ii) compostable plastics. (33921)
- **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to assess the potential toxicity of bioplastics; and whether he plans to introduce specific toxicity testing requirements beyond existing waste management regulations. (33922)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of making Historic England a named body for the purposes of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. (34211)
- **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure food and allergy labelling laws are updated to provide clearer and accurate information for consumers. (34207)
- **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the timeline for implementing marine net gain. (34208)
- **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the right to roam in England. (34132)
- Olly Glover (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on support for consumers with increases to water bills. (34163)
- **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with (a) Ofwat and (b) Thames Water on increases to consumers' water bills. (34164)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the French Government's decision to ban products containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. (34115)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will take steps to enforce the responsibility of water companies to publish accessible real-time data on sewage released into (a) rivers, (b) seas and (c) other public waterways. (34201)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department considers the location of (a) livestock markets and (b) farms when determining exclusion zones for Blue Tongue Virus. (34180)

- 83 **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 exclusion zones in preventing the spread of blue tongue virus. (34181)
- 84 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to ensure that agricultural environmental payments will be adjusted in line with inflation. (34182)
- 85 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) monitor and (b) track the effectiveness of measures to reduce nitrogen leaching from agriculture. (34183)
- 86N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the readiness of businesses in the hospitality industry for the implementation of the mandatory separation of food waste from recycling from 31 March 2025. (34007)
- 87N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what limits his Department plans to set on effluent released into waste water from commercial food waste extraction and drying systems. (34008)
- Adrian Ramsay (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will implement an immediate moratorium on import permits for hunting trophies of (a) polar bears and (b) other endangered species. (34166)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to answer Question 29973 on Agriculture: Inheritance Tax, tabled on 7 February 2025.
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to answer Question 30823 on National Parks, tabled on 11 February 2025. (34134)
- 91 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to answer Question 31228 on Wolves: Conservation, tabled on 12 February 2025. (34135)
- 92 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken with relevant authorities to reduce light pollution in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (33856)
- 93 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken with relevant authorities to reduce aviation noise pollution in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (33857)

- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support the dairy farming industry in Northern Ireland. (33883)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the costs to pet owners for (a) pet passports and (b) Animal Health Certificates for travel between the UK and the EU in the last ten years. (34064)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to provide compensation to poultry farmers who have had eggs destroyed as a result of Avian flu. (34065)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a new forum to bring together (a) his Department, (b) the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, (c) the hon. Member for South Cotswolds, (d) campaign groups, (e) NGOs and (f) youth groups to help improve collaboration on climate and nature issues as part of the Environmental Improvement Plan review process.
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether there are funds available under the Shared Rural Network; and whether he has plans to use the network to eliminate partial non-spots in North Cornwall constituency.
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions her Department has had with Faculty AI on the scope of their monitoring software. (34219)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to publish a written response to the recommendations of the independent report entitled What works to attract and retain people into R&D careers, published on 10 February 2025. (33869)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking with the Chancellor of the Exchequer to help ensure that tax incentives for science and technology are used for innovation rather than providing an opportunity for tax evasion. (33870)
- Manuela Perteghella (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential
 impact of an opt-out for AI and copyright on (a) visual artists sharing their works online
 and (b) museums and galleries displaying artists' works.

 [R] (34077)
- Manuela Perteghella (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to take steps to ensure that visual artists
 can identify (a) when and (b) from where their work has been ingested by operators of
 web crawlers and general-purpose artificial intelligence models.

 [R] (34078)

- 104 Manuela Perteghella (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to take steps to ensure that visual artists
 with limited financial means and technical know-how can determine (a) whether and (b)
 how their works have been used by AI firms.

 [R] (34079)
- 105 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Government's decision not to sign the declaration on inclusive and sustainable artificial intelligence on the UK's reputation internationally. (34011)
- 106 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions her Department has had with stakeholders in Greater Manchester on improving local public transport. (34046)
- 107 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to monitor train service improvements in North East Hampshire constituency. (34143)
- Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of continuing the bus fare cap. (34102)
- 109 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people worked at the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023 and (f) 2024. (33909)
- Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many driving tests were taken in England in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022, (e) 2023 and (f) 2024.
- 111 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people are working on issues relating to fraud at the Driver and Vehicle Standards
 Agency. (33911)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the (a) accessibility and (b) ease of use of the delay repay systems used by each rail operator. (33970)
- 113 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of motorcycle compulsory basic training. (34152)
- 114 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will take steps to improve the training required for motorcycle drivers. (34153)
- 115 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress she has made following her Department's closed consultation on improving moped and motorcycle training. (34154)

- 116N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many infrastructure contracts awarded by her Department since 5 July 2024 have included mandatory collective bargaining clauses. (34003)
- 117N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of public transport procurement projects contracted by her Department have included net zero requirements since 5 July 2024; and what estimate she has made of the cost of those requirements. (34006)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the total number of minutes is that trains were delayed in 2024. (34096)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of people impacted by train delays in 2024.
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress she has made on the feasibility study for installing lifts at Dorchester South station under the Access for All programme; and what her planned timetable is for the completion of those lifts.

 (34171)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to (a) install lifts, (b) reopen the subway and (c) implement other measures to enhance accessibility at Dorchester South station. (34172)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle supply chain issues limiting the production of sustainable aviation fuel. (34173)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of using sustainable aviation fuel to reduce the aviation sector's carbon emissions. (34174)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse of the proposed A141 upgrade north of St Ives. (34049)
- 125N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment Network Rail has made of the potential merits of proceeding with the proposed new East Coast Main Line station at Alconbury Weald. (34050)
- **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions has she had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the potential impact of living under a flight path on people's (a) health and (b) wellbeing. (33958)

- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 29 January 2025 to Question 25215 on Driverless Vehicles, which companies are members of the industry working group; and on how many occasions has this group met. (33878)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of London-licensed Uber drivers operating in non-metropolitan areas on the viability of independent taxi businesses. (34151)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to ensure domestic companies with UK-based shareholdings are prioritised to offer (a) ground and (b) air services for potential expansions at (i) Heathrow and (ii) Gatwick airports.
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to commission an investigation into trends in the level of competition amongst airlines flying in and out of UK airports. (33862)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to increase competition among airlines operating in the UK. (33863)
- Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending sections 1 to 3A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to extend dangerous driving offences to include incidents causing the (a) death and (b) serious injury of (i) dogs, (ii) other domestic pets and (iii) other animals. (34025)
- Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish a breakdown by (a) disability and (b) long-term illness of eligibility for (a)
 Universal Credit, (b) Employment and Support Allowance, (c) Disability Living Allowance and (d) Personal Independence Payment in the last 12 months.
- Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing child related benefits annually in line with trends in level of (a) inflation and (b) wages. (34218)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people with multiple sclerosis who were placed into the Universal Credit Limited Capability for Work-Related Activity group due to meeting the descriptor mobilising unaided Activity 1. (33917)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people with multiple sclerosis who were placed into the Employment and Support Allowance Support Group due to meeting the descriptor mobilising unaided Activity 1. (33918)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people claiming Universal Credit received fit notes in 2024. (34087)

- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people used Access to Work support in 2024; for what reasons; and what the cost to the public purse was of this.

 (34095)
- 139 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Gingerbread report entitled Child maintenance: research on the experiences and impact on separated families published on 25 November 2024, whether her Department is working with charities and others with expertise in domestic abuse to embed trauma-informed principles into the operation of the Child Maintenance Service.
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when she plans to answer Questions (a) 31696 and (b) Question 31697 on Department for Work and Pensions: Muslim Council of Britain, tabled on 13 February 2025. (34137)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to allow flexible working patterns for those that suffer with behavioural disorders such as (a) Autism and (b) ADHD. (33888)
- 142 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have been sanctioned for claiming unemployment or sickness benefits whilst working and not declaring hours. (33889)
- Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to make Personal Independence Payment application forms more accessible for people with mental health issues; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) designing questions to account for (i) frequency, (ii) reliability, and (iii) safety in assessing abilities rather than on best-case scenarios and (b) providing additional funding for (A) Disability Stockport and Citizens Advice and (B) other organisations for the provision of support with completing forms and navigating the process.
- Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that Jobcentre Plus advisers provide (a) accurate and (b) comprehensive advice to claimants on (i) entitlement to transitional protection and (ii) other aspects of the transition from legacy benefits to Universal Credit. (34026)
- 145 Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether any redress mechanisms are available for claimants who were misadvised by Jobcentre Plus staff to claim Universal Credit before their official migration date and consequently lost entitlement to transitional protection. (34027)
- 146 Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to review the priority order of Universal Credit deductions; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that child maintenance payments have priority over council tax arrears. (34029)

- 147 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) the Greater Manchester Pension Fund and (b) other pension providers have adequate (i) resources and (ii) support to complete the McCloud pension remedy process by 31 March 2025.
- Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with HMRC on ensuring that tax guidance relating to the McCloud remedy is issued in a timely manner. (34039)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department is taking steps to support women impacted by changes to the State Pension age with top-up contributions. (34068)
- 150 **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 ensure (a) midwives and (b) maternity units across Greater Manchester have up-to-date equipment. (34044)
- 151 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of midwives. (34045)
- 152N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme (VDPS) medical assessors are in post; and how many assessors have left since the roll-out of the VDPS to covid-19 vaccinations.

 (33848)
- 153N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what training medical assessors of applications to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme relating to covid-19 vaccinations receive; what qualifications are needed to become such an assessor; what continuing professional development requirements must such assessors meet; whether such assessors are required to work in-person and not remotely; and to what supervision are such assessors subject. (33849)
- 154N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many applications to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme relating to covid-19 vaccinations have been subject to a request for mandatory reversal; how many and what proportion of such requests (a) were rejected and (b) have been outstanding for more than (i) three, (ii) six and (iii) 12 months; and how many and what proportion of rejected requests were referred to the First-Tier Tribunal.
- 155 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to publish a plan for improving outcomes for people living with musculoskeletal conditions. (34125)
- 156 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department is providing to women that are more likely to live with a musculoskeletal condition. (34126)

- 157 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to reduce the gender pain gap for women.

 (34127)
- 158 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce health disparities amongst ethnic minority communities in the treatment of (a) arthritis and (b) musculoskeletal conditions.

 (34128)
- 159 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential reasons for health professionals leaving the NHS, to the lowest available data level; and what steps his Department is taking to promote improved staff retention. (34131)
- 160 Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase access to sexual health services in Slough constituency. (33974)
- 161N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for patients to receive mental health treatment in (a) Slough and (b) Berkshire. (33976)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the adequacy of waiting times for talking therapies in (a) Slough, (b) Berkshire and (c) England. (33977)
- 163N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the number of mental health workers in England. (33978)
- 164N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to increase the number of vision rehabilitation specialists in (a) Slough constituency and (b) Berkshire. (33980)
- 165N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Department for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the adequacy of the provision of vision rehabilitation specialists.
- 166 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the availability of visual rehabilitation services in Slough constituency. (33982)
- Anna Dixon (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of whether local authorities are able to meet their statutory duties to unpaid carers under the Care Act 2014. (34149)

- Anna Gelderd (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase access to targeted treatments for patients with rare cancers, such as Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis and Erdheim Chester Disease. (34204)
- Anna Gelderd (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to meet priority four of the policy paper entitled The UK Rare Diseases Framework, published on 9 January 2021. (34205)
- 170 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help improve health outcomes for patients with rare diseases, in the context of the recent announcement by NHS Specialised Commissioning on (a) dabrafenib and (b) trametinib. (34206)
- 171 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure the National Cancer Plan includes prevention measures to help tackle the wider modifiable risk factors of cancer beyond smoking.

 [R] (34113)
- Clive Jones (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to strengthen (a) early intervention and (b) prevention strategies to reduce the number of people entering the cancer pathway.

 [R] (34114)
- 173 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to convene a roundtable of (a) pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT) manufacturers, (b) patient advocacy groups, (c) Government stakeholders and (d) other relevant stakeholders on tackling shortages of PERT. [R] (34116)
- 174 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will create an action plan to tackle shortages of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy drugs.

 [R] (34117)
- 175 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to Question 29832 tabled by the hon. Member for Wokingham on 6 February 2025.
- 176 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to Question 29833 tabled by the hon. Member for Wokingham on 6 February 2025.
- 177 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to Question 31610 tabled by the hon. Member for Wokingham on 13 February 2025.
- 178N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for replacing Professor Sir Mike Richards as chair of the UK National Screening Committee.

 [R] (34121)

- 179N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to commission (a) research into, and (b) training programmes for, improved techniques for removal of failed pelvic mesh implants from injured women including those removal methods developed in Missouri by Dr Dionysios Veronikis currently unavailable in the United Kingdom.
- 180N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many legal cases brought against the NHS by mesh-damaged women have been settled (a) in and (b) out of court in each of the past ten years. (33845)
- 181N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish current waiting lists totals at each of the mesh removal centres set up following the publication of the Cumberlege report; and whether mesh-damaged women are given an option to attend mesh removal centres other than ones led by surgeons who implanted their mesh originally.
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what costs from the treatment of chargeable overseas visitors (a) are outstanding and (b) have been written off in 2024.
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many applications were made to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme in 2024; and how many and what proportion of those applications were unsuccessful. (34085)
- 184 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many yellow card reports on covid-19 vaccines there were in 2024. (34093)
- 185 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much the NHS paid in compensation in 2024. (34094)
- 186 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) train, (b) recruit and (c) retain GPs in (i) North Cornwall constituency and (ii) other rural areas. (34202)
- 187 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure a continuous supply of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy medications. (34167)
- 188 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) guidance and (b) support his Department has made available to healthcare professionals on the management of patients impacted by pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy medications shortages. (34168)
- 189 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of shortages of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy medications on patients. (34169)

- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with pharmaceutical manufacturers on resolving supply chain issues with pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy medications; and what his planned timetable is for the restoration of normal supply levels. (34170)
- **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of Pharmacy First funding had been spent as of 26 November 2024. (33959)
- **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance he has issued to GP practices in England on giving patients access to copies of their records.

 (34080)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to improve (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of dyslexia in adults.

 (33858)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to improve (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of dyspraxia in adults. (33859)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to improve (a) diagnosis and (b) support for adults with autism.

 (33860)
- 196 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in the Northern Ireland Executive on lowering the threshold for bowel screening to 50.
 (33884)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Education on tackling poor mental health in schools. (33887)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the elected care framework. (33890)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of poverty on access to (a) health and (b) dental care. (33891)
- 200 Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to hold Capita accountable where it fails to provide GPs with accurate annual pension statements under the Primary Care Support England scheme.
 (34030)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of issues with the reconciliation of pension contributions by Capita on GPs. (34031)

- 202 Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care,
 whether his Department has plans to issue updated guidance on the placement of
 dementia patients in hospital wards.
- 203 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce delays in transferring dementia patients from hospitals to social care settings. (34036)
- 204 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure NHS hospital staff receive adequate (a) training and (b) support to manage dementia patients in general hospital wards. (34037)
- 205 Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether NHS providers are obligated to (a) advertise residency positions for British nationals before foreign nationals and (b) hire British residents before overseas residents.
 (34017)
- 206 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the career experience of British nationals and foreign nationals are compared when NHS providers are considering residency applications. (34018)
- 207 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many domestically trained applicants were rejected for residency positions with NHS providers in each year since 2020. (34019)
- 208 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the physical shape of fashion models on the (a) mental and (b) physical health of women and girls.(34012)
- 209 Max Wilkinson (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an estimate of the cost to the NHS from injuries sustained from following social media trends.
 (34016)
- 210 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 19048 on Gaza: Israel Defense Forces, whether any products made by Elbit Systems exported before 2 September 2024 were used by Israel Defence Forces in operations in Gaza. (33992)
- 211N **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential
 impact of reductions in spending on Official Development Assistance on levels of (a)
 mortality and (b) disease in countries to which the UK gives aid. (34108)

- **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential
 impact of reductions in ODA spending on the effectiveness of the UK's contributions to (a)
 global health, (b) vaccination and (c) disease prevention initiatives. (34109)
- **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will list the global health programmes
 which will have their UK contributions (a) reduced and (b) cut, in the context of reductions
 in the level of ODA spending. (34110)
- 214N **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential
 impact of the reduction in ODA spending on the UK's role in (a) international development
 and (b) humanitarian aid. (34111)
- **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding has been spent on countering disinformation in Moldova in each of the last five years. (33898)
- **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding has been spent on countering disinformation in Georgia in each of the last five years. (33899)
- **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding has been spent on countering disinformation in the Balkans in each of the last five years. (33900)
- **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding has been spent on countering extremism in Syria in each of the last five years. (33901)
- **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding has been spent on countering extremism in Iraq in each of the last five years.. (33902)
- **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding has been spent on countering extremism in Jordan in each of the last five years. (33903)
- **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding has been spent on countering extremism in Lebanon in each of the last five years.. (33904)
- **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding has been spent on countering people smuggling in North Africa in each of the last five years. (33905)

- 223 **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding has been spent on countering people smuggling in the Balkans in each of the last five years. (33906)
- 224N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish an impact assessment for the

 changes to development assistance announced on 25 February 2025. (33866)
- 225 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the
 potential impact of proposed reductions in official development assistance on future
 trends in the level of preventable sight loss in recipient countries. (33984)
- 226 Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he makes of the potential
 impact of proposed reductions in official development assistance on future trends in the
 levels of (a) violence against women and girls and (b) preventable deaths among infants
 in recipient countries.

 (33985)
- 227 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential
 impact of reductions to overseas aid on the levels of resilience to (a) conflict and (b)
 climate shocks among civilian populations in recipient countries. (33986)
- 228 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Prime Minister's Oral Statement of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, column 631, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the decision to reduce official development assistance on future Government funding for UNWRA. (34213)
- 229 Chris Law (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Prime Minister's Oral Statement of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, columns 631-634, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the reduction in the level of Official Development Assistance to 0.2% of gross national income on the UK's global reputation for international development. (33919)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to answer Question 31747 onRadicalism, tabled on the 13 February 2025. (34138)
- 231N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 28 October 2024 to
 Question 10916 on Chelsea Football Club: Sales, for what reason the Government is unable
 to access these funds.

 (34188)

- 232N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many decisions were made under the statelessness determination procedure without interview of the applicant (a) in 2024 and (b) since the 5 July 2024. (33892)
- 233N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, how many applications for statelessness determination were received by her

 Department in (a) 2024 and (b) in each month since July 2024. (33893)
- 234 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many stateless people (a) live in and (b) were born in the UK. (33894)
- 235N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, how many people with a (a) successful and (b) pending statelessness

 determination application are in immigration detention and removal centres. (33895)
- 236N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the (a) range and (b) average processing times were for statelessness determination applications in 2024. (33896)
- 237N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what the (a) range and (b) average processing times were for statelessness

 determination applications since 4 July 2024. (33897)
- 238 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps her Department has taken to help prevent smart phone theft.

 (33968)
- 239 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the number of smart phone thefts in (a) Slough and (b) the Thames Valley region in each of the last five years. (33969)
- 240 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were (a) due to be and (b) actually deported on the charter flight to Nigeria and Ghana on 17 October 2024; how many were women; and how many people had force used against them during the operation. (33847)
- 241 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Foreign National Offenders are awaiting deportation. (34052)
- 242 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were granted indefinite leave to remain in 2024. (34053)
- 243 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were awarded British citizenship in 2024. (34054)

- 244 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of emergency service control rooms will have embedded domestic abuse specialists by the end of 2025. (34055)
- 245 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, from what year the population data used to calculate fire service funding is taken from.

 (34056)
- 246N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of standardising the legal definition of criminal child exploitation for the purposes of having consistent national statistics on criminal child exploitation. (33876)
- 247 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the membership of the Technology Advisory Board has changed since June 2023. (33881)
- 248 Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to answer Question 31252 on Home Office: Equality, tabled on 12 February 2025.
 (34136)
- 249 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects to appoint a permanent National Armaments Director. (33946)
- 250 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help reduce the number of electrical devices (a) misplaced by and (b) stolen from staff in his Department.
 (33947)
- 251 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, wheat information his Department holds on the number of (a) computers, (b) USBs, (c) phones and (d) laptops used by MOD staff have been (i) misplaced or (ii) stolen since 5 July 2024.
 (33948)
- 252 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has held with international allies on the appointment of the next Supreme Allied Commander Europe in the context of his attendance at the Munich Security Conference 2025.
 (33949)
- 253 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has held with international allies regarding Britain's role in the ARRC, in the context of his attendance at the Munich Security Conference 2025. (33950)
- 254 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has held with international allies regarding Britain's role in the Joint Expeditionary Force, in the context of his attendance at the Munich Security Conference 2025.
 (33951)

- 255 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has held with international allies regarding Britain's role in NATO, in the context of his attendance at the Munich Security Conference 2025. (33952)
- 256 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the British Army is currently of appropriate (a) scale and (b) capability to provide a potential peacekeeping force to Ukraine. (33953)
- 257 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential (a) size and (b) scale of a British peacekeeping force for Ukraine.
 (33954)
- 258 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral statement by the Prime Minister of 26 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, column 631, on what his Department plans to spend the increase in defence spending. (34083)
- 259 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will remove the cost of UK citizenship for non-UK service personnel. (34057)
- 260 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to make indefinite leave to remain available to the dependents of non-UK service personnel at zero cost this Parliament. (34058)
- 261 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has taken steps to procure a killflash system for the Elcan Specter OS4 Lightweight Day Sight.
 (34061)
- 262N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of repurposing decommissioned Bofors anti-aircraft weapons for use in Ukrainian. (34189)
- 263 Max Wilkinson (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Prime Minister's oral contribution of 25 February 2025, Official Report, column 633, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of investing in Cheltenham's intelligence and cyber security sectors as part of the defence reform and efficiency plan.
 (34013)
- 264 Max Wilkinson (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Prime Minister's oral contribution of 25 February 2025, Official Report, column 634, if he will make an assessment of the potential contribution of (a) GCHQ and (b) the Golden Valley Development in Cheltenham to the UK's (i) intelligence services and (ii) cyber security expertise and capabilities as part of the upcoming national security strategy. (34014)

- 265 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Prime Minister's oral statement of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, column 631, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increases in defence spending on growth in the cyber security sector in Cheltenham. (34015)
- 266N **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure effective (a) monitoring and (b) tackling of Islamophobia.

 [Transferred] (33681)
- 267 **Catherine Atkinson** (Derby North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the
 potential merits of requiring the installation of (a) flood doors, (b) flood barriers and (c)
 automatic air bricks on new build properties at risk of flooding. (34082)
- 268N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has adopted trade union
 representation requirements in their procurement processes since July 2024. (33868)
- 269 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) new planning proposals and (b) increased house building do not (i) negatively impact wildlife and (ii) worsen environmental degradation. (34150)
- 270 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of
 rights for residents living on houseboats in permanent moorings in the context of the (a)
 length and (b) security of their tenure. (33907)
- 271 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the
 number of people who live in residential houseboats in permanent moorings in (a) London
 and (b) England.
 (33908)
- 272N **Nesil Caliskan** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing the cap on Local Housing Allowance payable for temporary accommodation through the Housing Benefit subsidy system.. (34103)
- 273N **Nesil Caliskan** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to give local authorities in London a formal decision-making role in future integrated settlements applied to the Greater London Authority. (34104)
- 274N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has appointed consultants to assess locations across the country as potential new town sites; whether Lichfields has been appointed to assess the M3/A303 corridor; and what steps her Department is taking

to ensure there are no conflicts of interest in the appointment of consultants particularly in cases where a consultant has a vested interest in the development of a new town site.

(34162)

- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her statement of 30 July 2024 entitled, Building the homes we need, what steps she has taken to help ensure that the needs of an older population form part of her long-term housing strategy.

 (34214)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps to help promote age-appropriate homes. (34215)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of implementing a cross-Government approach to older people's housing.
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for his policies of the report by the Older People's Housing Taskforce entitled Our Future Homes: Housing that promotes wellbeing and community for an ageing population, published on 26 November 2024.
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether national security is a material planning
 consideration. (33933)
- **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 22642 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Application, for what reason (a) Equality
 Impact Assessments and (b) Environmental Principles Assessments are not undertaken on
 decisions to call-in planning applications.
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2025 to Question 16551 on Arden Strategies: Special Advisers, whether special advisers have had meetings with Arden Strategies that are not (a) in scope of transparency requirements on reporting special advisers' meetings with senior media executives, (b) readily available and (c) scheduled for future publication since 4 July 2024. (33935)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2025 to Question 22777 on Land Registry: Buildings, what the methodological definition is of a volume of people who attended an office location during November 2024; and what the frequency of attendance in a week is that would class as a staff member attending. (33936)

283 **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 implications for her policies of the report entitled Independent Challenge and Support Panel: Closing Report, published by the National Fire Chiefs Council on 19 February 2025.

(33937)

- 284N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to
 Question 23789 on the Eden Project: Morecambe, what estimate she has been made of
 any change in the (a) build and (b) operating costs of the project in light of the delay in
 opening date.

 (33938)
- 285N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to
 Question 23789 on Eden Project: Morecambe, when her Department expects the project to
 be (a) completed and (b) open to visitors.

 (33939)
- 286 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to table 1b of Homes England's report
 entitled 2016 to 2021 Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme summary:
 end of March 2021, published in December 2021, what the average funding per unit of
 affordable housing was in each region for an (a) affordable home ownership home, (b)
 affordable rent home and (c) social rent home.
- 287 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 27 January 2025 to Question 25922 on Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings: Energy, which of the policies set out in the cross-government review of the barriers to adapt and retrofit listed buildings and homes in conservation areas, published on 3 January 2024, which relate to her Department's remit and have not yet been implemented remain her policy to implement; and which of policies she does not plan to implement. (33941)
- 288 **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
 merits of the proposal from Slough Borough council to become part of the administrative
 local government boundaries of Greater London; and what role the Local Government
 Boundary Commission for England has in such a decision. (33942)
- 289 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 February 2025
 to Question 26848 on Local Government Finance, what the proportional change in
 Government funding will be excluding council tax and in real terms for each local
 authority between 2024-25 and 2025-26.
 (33943)

- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 February 2025 to
 Question 26559 on Property Development: Environmental Protection, what her planned
 timeline is for the (a) consultation on and (b) implementation of environmental outcome
 reports.

 (33944)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has had discussions
 with (a) the Planning Inspectorate and (b) Lowick communications consultancy on the
 proposed new Chinese Embassy. (33945)
- **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the cost to the public purse of local government reorganisation in Essex. (33843)
- **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 25th February to Question 31290 on Housing: Standards, whether levels of lead standardisation will be be included in the Decent Homes Standard for the social and private rented sectors. (34185)
- **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has had discussions with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on steps to maintain the security of domestic wood supply for future house building. (34147)
- **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the guaranteed strike price for sustainable aviation fuel on the cost of (a) timber and (b) recyclable waste wood products for house building.

 (34148)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to increase funding for social housing, in the context of the forthcoming spending review. (34190)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of rent increases on recent trends in the level of tenants being evicted. (34191)
- 298N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what financial support the Government is providing for the redevelopment of Manchester United's Old Trafford ground. (33877)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors to review current guidance on closed-cell spray foam insulation and its impact on mortgage lending. (34020)

- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support homeowners with the cost of removing closed-cell spray foam insulation in order to secure a mortgage. (34021)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to replace Business Rates with a Land Value Tax collected by local authorities to disincentivise land banking by developers. (34032)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to include provisions in the
 English Devolution Bill on improving the provision of support to low-income households to
 access public services. (33960)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, as at 26 February 2025, how many applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission have been open for (a) over one year, (b) over two years, (c) over five years, (d) over ten years and (e) over fifteen years. (33996)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many foreign national offenders were granted temporary release in 2024. (34088)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many biological males are currently serving a custodial sentence in a women's prison. (34091)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners released under the early release scheme have been rearrested.

 (34092)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to take steps to increase funding for the judicial system. (34192)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking (a) uphold the rule of law, (b) promote the UK's legal services and (c) increase access to justice. (34193)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her

 Department is taking steps to support people who have been left personally liable for
 legal costs following the collapse of no-win-no-fee law firms. (34023)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will undertake a review of sentencing guidelines for causing serious injury by careless driving. (34033)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her

 Department plans to take steps to ensure individuals subject to a community order are

 able to complete their unpaid work in a neighbouring local authority area. (34034)

- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the policy paper entitled 10-year Prison Capacity Strategy, published on 11 December 2024, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that new prison developments do not negatively impact local (a) air and (b) water quality; and whether she plans to put systems in place to monitor the environmental impact of those developments. (34069)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department made an environmental impact assessment prior to the commencement of expansion works at HMP Channings Wood; and whether baseline data on (a) air and (b) noise pollution was collected to measure the potential impact of increased traffic on local residents.
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her
 Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of using (a) alternatives to
 traditional construction methods in the construction of prisons and (b) modular and rapid
 deployment cells to meet long-term capacity needs; and if she will make an assessment
 of the potential impact of these proposals on the environment. (34071)
- 315 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to National Insurance employer contributions on hospices in North East Hampshire constituency. (34142)
- 316 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she plans to take to support small wine companies following changes to alcohol duty rates.

 (34144)
- 317 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has of the potential merits of introducing a national financial inclusion strategy. (34105)
- 318N **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of increasing the Digital Services Tax. (34106)
- 319 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking to increase growth in rural areas. (34107)
- 320 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the British Hair Consortium's report entitled Securing the future of UK hairdressing and beauty: the economic, fiscal and societal case for VAT reform, published in February 2025. (33927)
- 321 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the increase in employer National Insurance contributions on hair and beauty sector. (33928)

- 322 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to tackle disguised employment practices in the hair and beauty sector.

 (33929)
- 323 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of (a) nurses, (b) teachers and (c) police offers that could be employed via an increase in spending equivalent to 0.2 per cent of GDP. (34212)
- 324N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Prime Minister's statement of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, what steps the Government plans to take to fund the £13.4 billion annual uplift in defence funding beyond the £5.3 billion reallocated from the reduced aid budget.

[Transferred] (33392)

- 325N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Prime Minister's Oral Statement of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, on what percentage of economic growth in the economy is the increase in Defence spending based.

 [Transferred] (33393)
- 326N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Prime Minister's Oral Statement of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, what proportion of additional defence spending will be funded by transfers from the overseas aid budget.

 [Transferred] (33394)
- 327 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason the Loan Charge review does not include the (a) role and (b) conduct of people who profited from recommending and operating disguised remuneration schemes in its scope. (33963)
- 328 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the role of umbrella companies in the use of disguised remuneration schemes.

 (33964)
- 329 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the role of recruitment companies in the use of disguised remuneration schemes.

 (33965)
- 330 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many promoters and operators of schemes now subject to the Loan Charge have been prosecuted for promoting and operating these schemes. (33966)
- 331 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the contribution of (a) accountants and (b) tax advisers to disguised remuneration schemes. (33967)

- 332N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of providing the Home Office with a (a) reduced and (b) flat cash settlement for in-donor refugee costs.
 - (34161)
- 333 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much was paid to the EU in 2024. (34090)
- 334 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of the legal services sector on (a) levels of employment and (b) gross value added.

 (34197)
- 335N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to provide continuity of the Holdiay and Activities Fund after 31 March 2025. (33930)
- 336N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has she made of the contribution of the Holidays and Activities Fund (a) nationally and (b) in York.

 (33931)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the
 Exchequer, whether she is taking steps to ensure that people who rely on in-person
 banking services are provided with suitable alternatives.
- 338 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her Department's policy is on support for elderly people who lack access to (a) online banking and (b) a physical banking hub.

 (34221)
- 339 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the amount of Russian assets in bank accounts in the UK. (33882)
- 340 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2024 to Question 20062 on Bank Services: Direct Debits, whether her Department is taking steps to ensure that organisations receiving payments via Direct Debit always (a) verify that Direct Debit instructions have been properly authorised by the payment account holder and (b) provide advance notice of the amount and collection date for each Direct Debit payment unless otherwise agreed. (34028)
- 341N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure that online companies such as (a) Temu and (b) Shein are paying their due and import taxes for sales of products in the United Kingdom. [Transferred (33808)
- 342 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to use frozen Russian assets to provide compensation for Ukrainian (a) war survivors and (b) victims of (i) economic crime and (ii) human rights violations. (34066)

- 343 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the future of terrestrial TV distribution in Wales. (33962)
- 344 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to help improve the representation of women in senior leadership positions within large (a) public and (b) private companies. (34112)
- 345N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a Commissioner for Older People. (33987)

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- 1N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the dates of meetings of the Veterinary Medicine Working Group. (34209)
- 2N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing individual health plans for every child with epilepsy. (34160)
- 3N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with relevant stakeholders on the long-term strategic investment required to support flood mitigation along the Severn Estuary.

 (34009)
- 4N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the current level of Government funding is for all British activity in Antarctica. (34051)
- 5N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of commercial protections for airline passengers. (34159)
- 6N Freddie van Mierlo (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with (a) NHS England and (b) ITF Pharma UK on the (i) resources and (ii) guidance available to NHS Trusts that participate in the early access programme for givinostat.

- 7N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with (a) Duchenne UK and (b) other patient advocacy groups on steps to increase access to the givinostat early access programme.

 (34157)
- 8N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any proportion of the proposed increase in defence spending from 2027 will be spent on providing further military aid to Ukraine. (33955)
- 9N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the proposed increase in defence spending will be a real terms increase of £6bn. (33956)
- 10N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what economic assumptions his Department has used to calculate the proposed increase in defence spending of £13.4bn by 2027. (33957)
- 11N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much a pair of Peltor ear defenders costs to issue. (34059)
- 12N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how family members are vetted under the Afghan Resettlement Programme. (34060)
- 13N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Prime Minister's Oral Statement of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, if he will order additional Eurofighter Typhoon jets. (34040)
- 14N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether British manufacturers will be given priority in new defence infrastructure contracts. (34041)
- 15N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she plans to respond to correspondence from the hon. Member for Arbroath and Broughty Ferry of 3 November 2024 on loan charges, with reference SG00072. (33920)
- 16N **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether pre-schools can receive the same (a) National Insurance and (b) Employment Allowance benefits as nurseries. (34100)
- 17N **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support public bodies that are ineligible for the Employment Allowance. (34101)
- 18N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a proportional property tax as a replacement for (a) stamp duty and (b) council tax. (34158)

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- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): What steps she plans to take to encourage saving. (902973)
- **Louise Jones** (North East Derbyshire): What steps she has taken to help increase economic growth in the East Midlands. (902974)
- **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the planned increase in employer National Insurance contributions on economic growth. (902975)
- **Kevin Bonavia** (Stevenage): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to increase economic growth through new transport infrastructure. (902976)
- **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to increase economic growth through new transport infrastructure. (902977)
- **Graham Stringer** (Blackley and Middleton South): What steps she has taken to increase regional growth in England. (902978)
- **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): What steps she is taking to encourage investment in Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend constituency. (902979)
- **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): What steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to increase the supply of affordable housing. (902980)
- **Nesil Caliskan** (Barking): What steps she is taking to help ensure value for money in public spending. (902981)
- **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): What assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the most recent figures for Government borrowing. (902982)
- **Elaine Stewart** (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): What steps she has taken to help increase economic growth in Scotland. (902983)
- **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): What assessment she has made of the impact of the level of taxation on working people. (902984)
- **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): What discussions she has had with businesses on the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on levels of business confidence. (902985)
- **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of Financial Conduct Authority support for victims of financial fraud. (902986)
- **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What steps she has taken to help increase economic growth in Edinburgh North and Leith constituency. (902987)
- **Michelle Scrogham** (Barrow and Furness): What fiscal reforms she has made to help increase economic growth in Cumbria. (902988)

- **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): What assessment she has made of the potential merits of exempting hospices from the planned increase in employer National Insurance contributions. (902989)
- **Mike Tapp** (Dover and Deal): What steps she has taken to help increase economic growth in Dover and Deal constituency. (902990)
- **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): What steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to increase the supply of affordable housing. (902991)
- **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): What steps she has taken to help increase economic growth in the East of England. (902992)
- **Chris Vince** (Harlow): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to increase economic growth through new technologies. (902993)
- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the planned increase in employer National Insurance contributions on economic growth.

 (902994)
- **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): What steps she is taking through the tax system to support pregnant self-employed women. (902995)
- Jack Rankin (Windsor): Whether it remains her Department's policy to unfreeze Income
 Tax thresholds in April 2028. (902996)
- **Claire Hughes** (Bangor Aberconwy): What steps she is taking through the pensions system to increase economic growth. (902997)

Topical Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

T1	Josh Newbury (Cannock Chase): If she will make a statement on her departmental	
	responsibilities.	(902998)
T2	Jacob Collier (Burton and Uttoxeter):	(902999)
T3	Freddie van Mierlo (Henley and Thame):	(903000)
T4	Perran Moon (Camborne and Redruth):	(903001)
T5	Sir Edward Leigh (Gainsborough):	(903002)
T6	David Taylor (Hemel Hempstead):	(903003)
T7	Siân Berry (Brighton Pavilion):	(903004)
T8	Sir Ashley Fox (Bridgwater):	(903005)
Т9	Sir Oliver Dowden (Hertsmere):	(903006)

T10 Michelle Scrogham (Barrow and Furness):

(903007)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 March

- 1N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the cost to the public purse was of the First Draft podcast. (33993)
- 2N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many officials in her Department are responsible for the First Draft podcast. (33994)
- 3N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much time officials in her Department spent on the production of the First Draft podcast. (33995)
- 4N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he will visit the decommissioning power stations at (a) Oldbury and (b) Berkeley (Severn Edge); and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (i) deploying Small Modular Reactors at Oldbury and (ii) developing a Science & Technology Park at Berkeley.
- 5N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of OFWAT in delivering value for money for consumers. (33998)
- 6N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of recent trends in the level of water chargers on consumers. (33999)
- 7N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department made of the potential merits of nationalising the water industry. (34000)
- 8N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of trends in the level of water infrastructure costs on consumers. (34001)
- 9N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many vehicles containing (a) live animals and (b) food products failed to attend a further inspection at Sevington in the last 12 months. (34165)

- 10N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2024 to Question 20272 on Social Security Benefits, whether she plans to conduct a statutory public inquiry under the Inquiries Act 2005 into (a) deaths and (b) serious harm linked to the social security system.
 - (33991)
- 11N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether an impact assessment was conducted ahead of the announcement of the reduction in overseas development aid spending. (33912)
- 12N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department was consulted on the decision to reduce official development assistance spending by 2027. (33913)
- 13N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the decision to reduce official development assistance spending on future trends in the level of Chinese influence on developing nations. (33914)
- 14N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Prime Minister's Oral Statement of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, which areas of official development spending does he plan to make reductions in. (33915)
- 15N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has plans to publish an international development strategy on the reduction in official development assistance spending. (33916)
- 16N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answers of 20 December 2024 to Questions 19855 and 19857 on Climate Change: Demonstrations and to Questions 19852 and 19853 on Arms Trade: Israel, Question, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the implementation of the (a) Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2023 and (b) Public Order Act 2023.
- 17N Apsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answers of 20 December 2024 to Questions 19855 and 19857 on Climate Change: Demonstrations and to Questions 19852 and 19853 on Arms Trade: Israel, Question, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the (a) Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2023 and (b) Public Order Act 2023 on (i) the policing of protests and (ii) (A) arrests and (B) convictions for protest related activities.
- 18N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answers of 20 December 2024 to Questions 19855 and 19857 on Climate Change: Demonstrations and to Questions 19852 and 19853 on Arms Trade:

Israel, Question, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of (a) the policing of protests and (b) trends in the number of (a) arrests and (b) convictions for protest related activities. (33990)

19N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of exempting DIY loft insultation from VAT.

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 12 March

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of delayed invoice payments on (a) self-employed individuals, (b) sole traders and (c) small businesses in the construction industry. (34123)
- 2N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department is taking steps to help small businesses respond to the payment of delayed invoices by larger businesses. (34124)