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Questions tabled on Friday 28 February 2025

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- N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under S.O. No. 22(4).
- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

Questions for Answer on Monday 3 March

- Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to his Department's consultation on the implementation of the new subscription contract regime under the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of proposals on cooling-off rights on the (a) film and (b) television sectors.

 [Transferred] (34306)
- 2 **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the (a) process and (b) criteria is for the selection of young future hubs. [Transferred] (34426)
- 3 **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timeline is for the introduction of young future hubs. [Transferred] (34427)
- 4 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of prioritizing sourcing flour for the public sector from certified regenerative farms to help achieve Net Zero by 2050.

 [Transferred] (34550)
- Blair McDougall (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to increase the provision of sanitary bins in
 male (a) public and (b) workplace toilets.

 [Transferred] (34348)
- 6 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that sanitary disposal bins are placed in men's (a) public and (b) workplace toilets. [Transferred] (34350)

- 7 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 26614 on Center for Countering Digital Hate, what the methodology is used to check whether (a) direct or (b) indirect funding has been provided previously, including by predecessor departments.

 [Transferred] (34451)
- 8 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to accelerate the (a) production and (b) commercial viability of sustainable aviation fuel usage in the UK. [Transferred] (34175)
- 9 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps the Government is taking with international partners to align (a) sustainability standards and (b) certification processes for sustainable aviation fuel. [Transferred] (34176)
- 10N **Nesil Caliskan** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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.

 [Transferred] (34103)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of his Department's adherence to Access to Work scheme guidelines, published in May 2024, when working with outside organisations providing one-to-one job coaches in Devon. (34675)
- Mr Calvin Bailey (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the National Screening Committee on the evidence that will be used to inform the criteria for a prostate cancer screening programme.

 (34662)
- 13 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (33937)
- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with his (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) international counterparts on the potential deployment of UK troops in support of potential international peacekeeping operations in Ukraine; and what assessment he has made of whether such a deployment would be consistent with the UK's foreign and defence policy. (34716)
- Ben Maguire (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to maintain the UK's status as a leader in legal services innovation. [Transferred] (34196)
- 16 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her 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. [Transferred] (34177)

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- 17 Edward Morello (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she 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.
- Anna Sabine (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she 18 will take steps to ensure that parents of deceased children can (a) access and (b) stop (i) direct debits and (ii) standing orders. [Transferred] (34523)
- 19 Anna Sabine (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to ensure that parents of deceased children can access bank accounts without probate. [Transferred] (34524)
- Anna Sabine (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she 20 will take steps to ensure that online retailers act on the requests of parents of deceased children regarding online (a) accounts and (b) payments. [Transferred] (34525)
- 21 Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (34032)
- 22 Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department holds information on the proportion of Russian oil (a) imports and (b) exports insured by UK financial instruments. [Transferred] (34073)
- 23 Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make a comparative assessment of taxation on (a) bio fuel and (b) fossil fuels.

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 March

- 1 Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the number of times Capita has made overpayments in relation to (a) tax-free lump sums and (b) regular pension payments for people taking their pension benefits from the Royal Mail Statutory Pensions Scheme following a calculation error in each year since 2018. (34653)
- 2 Graeme Downie (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has made an assessment of whether the Procurement Act includes adequate measures to limit the procurement of Chinese-made cellular IoT modules in UK critical national infrastructure. (34721)
- 3 Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans the Government has to locate GRS Research Government Scheme Jobs in Northern Ireland. (34656)

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- 4 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): 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 in-person banking services in Lincolnshire. (34588)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to require regulators to help support businesses to meet their fiduciary responsibilities to (a) employees and (b) the environment. (34684)
- 6 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help support businesses to meet their legal duties to the environment. (34685)
- 7 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of not renewing the licences for terrestrial television which expire in 2034 on rural communities. (34595)
- 8 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential resilience value of the UK's hybrid model of television distribution.. (34596)
- 9 **Catherine Atkinson** (Derby North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of provision for 14 to 16-year-olds in further education colleges on (a) student (i) enrollment and (ii) attendance and (b) students in non-mainstream education. (34692)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support children's services in Lincolnshire. (34583)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support children living in temporary accommodation to ensure their access to a stable education in (a) Thurrock and (b) England.

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- 12 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions his Department has had to ensure that Rosebank and Jackdaw Oil Fields continue in production. (34753)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much funding remains available in Phase 3 of the Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4) scheme. (34731)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what funding his Department plans to allocate to Phase 4 of the Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4) scheme. (34732)

- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether households with existing underfloor foam insulation are eligible for funding through the Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4) scheme. (34733)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure that the skilled workforce can shift to (a) Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage and (b) other low-carbon technologies in the Scottish Cluster.
- Graeme Downie (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the security risks posed by the use of Chinese-manufactured technology in (a) smart grids, (b) renewable energy systems and (c) the UK's energy infrastructure.
- 18 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will restrict Chinese-manufactured components in the UK's energy infrastructure projects. (34723)
- 19 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what proportion of food procured by his Department is sourced in the UK. (34590)
- 20 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential contribution of heat battery technology to the Warm Homes Plan; and what steps he is taking to support the (a) development and (b) deployment of heat batteries in domestic heating systems. (34710)
- 21 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of heat batteries on (a) peak electricity demand and (b) grid flexibility in the UK energy system. (34711)
- 22 Clive Jones (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to improve public awareness and consumer advice on the benefits of heat battery technology as part of the Government's Warm Homes Plan.
 (34712)
- 23 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many (a) air miles and (b) flights he has completed since 5 July 2024. (34702)
- 24 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made of the potential merits of strengthening protections for cruelty against (a) dogs, (b) cats and (c) ferrets. (34755)

- 25 Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many acres of agricultural land of (a) Grade 1, (b) Grade 2, (c) Grade 3a and (d) Grade 3b have had planning applications for energy projects, including related, incidental, or facilitative infrastructure, approved since 5 July 2024; and if she will provide details of the acreages per land grade for each energy technology. (34738)
- 26 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what precautions his Department is taking regarding the ongoing avian influenza outbreak to prevent its spread among (a) commercially kept birds, (b) domestically kept birds and (c) wild birds. (34739)
- 27 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what lessons his Department has learned from the (a) avian influenza outbreak in Scotland in 2022-23 and (b) other avian influenza outbreaks in the UK to help prevent the spread. (34740)
- 28 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether compensation will be available for commercial poultry farmers for flock losses due to avian influenza control measures. (34741)
- 29 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the report by Joanna Poulton, Jak Richardson, Kathleen Pollitt and Cleo Goodman entitled Sowing the Seeds of Stability: A proposal to use basic income as the system to support the income of farmers and farm workers, published in March 2024. (34756)
- Patrick Spencer (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with the (a) Country Land and Business Association, (b) National Farmer's Union, (c) Tenant Farmers Association and (d) other industry bodies to help support working farms. (34728)
- Jon Trickett (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department plans to respond to Question 31773 tabled by the hon. Member for Normanton and Hemsworth on 21 February 2025. (34593)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps the Government is taking to increase the uptake of broadband provision (a) across the country and (b) in rural areas. (34734)
- 33 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her
 Department has made an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse for legal costs
 relating to compulsory purchase orders made for the HS2 project. (34650)
- 34 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of earmarking 10% of the transport budget for encouraging (a) walking, (b) cycling and (c) other healthier transport choices.

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- **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many Chinese made electric vehicles were imported into the UK in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024.
- **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made air travel arrangements for direct flights with any self declared state recognised by other countries. (34577)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many new driving test instructors were approved in each of the last three years.

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- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many driving test instructors have left their position in each year since 2018.
- **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reason her Department has chosen to decline to support more open access services along the Kings Cross to Edinburgh Waverley via Newcastle route. (34645)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to introduce measures to limit the brightness of LED car headlights. (34686)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many agricultural workers are claiming Universal Credit. (34757)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of job centres on economic growth in Lincolnshire. (34581)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support disabled people into work in Lincolnshire. (34585)
- **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to increase the powers of the Child Maintenance Service to obtain accurate data on self-employed parents. (34609)
- Mel Stride (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her Department's timetable is for abolishing the couple's administrative earnings threshold; and what estimate she has made of the potential impact of the abolition of the couple's administrative earnings threshold on the number of people entering the Intensive Work Search regime.

- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's guidance entitled, Universal Credit: further information for families, updated on 18 December 2024, how her Department defines the terms (a) available, (b) free, (c) appropriate and (d) affordable childcare. (34683)
- 47 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Amanda Pritchard will receive an exit payment. (34648)
- 48 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to support ongoing research into Alzeimher's. (34725)
- 49 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Government plans to publish its full response to the Law Commission's report Building Families Through Surrogacy: A New Law, published in March 2023, following its interim response on 8 November 2023. (34729)
- 50 Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority on the proposal for it to be designated as the regulator for surrogacy, as recommended in the Law Commission's report Building Families Through Surrogacy: A New Law.
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding he plans to provide for the national lung cancer screening programme in each the next three years; and on what evidential basis his Department has determined that level of funding.

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- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to provide funding for the additional (a) diagnostics and (b) treatment arising from the detection of early-stage lung cancer through the national lung cancer screening programme.

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- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding his Department plans to provide for smoking cessation programmes in the 2025-26 financial year. (34749)
- 54 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help increase patients' survival rates following out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in Lincolnshire. (34578)
- 55 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dentists have been recruited through the dental recruitment incentive scheme in Lincolnshire. (34586)

- 56 Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the adequacy of waiting time for talking therapies in Lincolnshire. (34587)
- 57 Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the information on the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme (VDPS) claim process, published by the NHS Business Services Authority, if he will publish the past tribunal decisions and case law used to assess applications to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme. (34608)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what 58 steps his Department is taking to ensure that Chemosat is made available on the NHS following its recommendation by NICE in 2021. (34667)
- 59 Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce barriers to NHS funding for (a) Chemosat and (b) other cancer treatments classified as medical devices. (34668)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if 60 he will hold discussions with his counterparts in the devolved Administrations on the adequacy of funding for metastatic ocular melanoma patients in each nation. (34669)
- 61 Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the (a) potential implications for his policies of the proportion of individual funding request applications for chemosat treatment that are rejected and (b) adequacy of support provided to rare cancer patients. (34670)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what 62 support is available to help patients with metastatic ocular melanoma cope with the psychological impact of limited NHS treatment options. (34671)
- Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social 63 Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 26770 on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Health Services, whether the results from the NHS England stocktake will be published. (34646)
- Michelle Welsh (Sherwood Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social 64 Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the eligibility criteria for the covid-19 vaccination from Autumn 2025 to include people with severe lung conditions. (34714)
- 65 Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to strengthen the Orphan drug regulations to encourage research into rare diseases. (34676)

- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to ensure patients can (a) get better access to and (b) find out about (i) research and (ii) clinical trials for rare cancers. (34677)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will appoint a named lead in the Department with a responsibility to support research and innovation for rare cancers. (34678)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the potential impact of the level of NHS prescription charges on (a) patients' health outcomes and (b) numbers of (i) hospital admissions and (ii) GP visits. (34679)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the prescription charge exemption list to increase the support for patients with chronic illness.
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of prescription charges on patients with long-term health conditions; and whether he has made an estimate of the number individuals not taking prescribed medications due to cost. (34681)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the (a) amount and (b) proportion of the overseas aid budget that will be spent in the UK in each of the next three years. (34579)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how the overseas aid budget has been spent in the context of housing for asylum seekers in the UK in each of the last three years.

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- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many of the 200 Albanian nationals were returned under the agreement made with Albania 24 May 2023. (34696)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the total cost to the public purse was of supporting the modernisation of the Albanian prison system. (34697)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 31 January 2025 to Question 24737 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Mauritius, what estimate he has made of the number of rounds of negotiations there will be between the UK and Mauritius Governments on the

- sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory before the Government brings forward a Bill to make the necessary amendments to current legislation to implement a UK/Mauritius Treaty on this matter. (34698)
- 76 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will consider appealing the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ruling on the UK's sovereignty of the Chagos Islands. (34706)
- 77 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to the Egyptian Government on consular access for Alaa Abd el-Fattah. (34682)
- 78 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the police grant for 2025-2026 on levels of crime in Lincolnshire. (34582)
- 79 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the cost to the public purse of power cable thefts in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) England in each of the last three years.
- Jeremy Hunt (Godalming and Ash): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of giving Ukrainians
 with temporary residence the option to apply for visas longer than 18 months. (34594)
- 81 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many users there are of the Homes for Ukraine scheme by nationality. (34693)
- 82 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people who arrived on small boats and have had their asylum application refused have not been deported. (34694)
- 83 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people who arrived in the UK on small boats who have withdrawn their asylum claims remain in the UK. (34695)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of raising the illegal working civil penalties to employers found to be hiring illegal migrants. (34700)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the cost of the public purse of all illegal migrants per migrant per year, excluding asylum seekers. (34701)
- 86 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will extend Ukrainian's UK student visas. (34691)

- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral statement of the Prime Minister of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, column 631, whether it remains his policy to proceed with the decommissioning of (a) HMS Albion and (b) HMS Bulwark. (34632)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral statement of the Prime Minister of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, column 631, whether it remains his policy to proceed with the decommissioning of fourteen CH-47 Chinook helicopters. (34633)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral statement of the Prime Minister of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, column 631, whether it remains his policy to proceed with the decommissioning of the Puma helicopter fleet. (34634)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Oral Statement by the Prime Minister of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security,
 Official Report, column 631, whether he plans to proceed with the decommissioning of (a)
 RFA Wave Knight and (b) RFA Wave Ruler. (34635)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Prime Minister's oral statement on Defence and Security of 25 February 2025,
 Official Report, column 631 whether he plans to proceed with the decommissioning of HMS
 Northumberland.
- 92 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the comments by the Prime Minister published in the Telegraph on 16 February 2025, whether he plans to proceed with the decommissioning of the Puma helicopter fleet . (34638)
- 93 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, assessment he has made of the preparedness of the Military Aviation Authority for uncrewed testing. (34639)
- 94 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has considered adapting the Military Aviation Authority for uncrewed testing. (34640)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Military Aviation Authority in increasing the testing of uncrewed systems. (34641)
- 96 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential security risk posed by Chinesemade electric vehicles being used by (a) senior officers and (b) other security officials. (34717)
- 97 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessmenhis Department has made of the (a) prevalence of and (b) security risks posed by Chinese-manufactured technology used in UK defence procurement and supply chains.

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- **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if his Department will conduct an investigation of the potential national security threats posed by Chinese-made connected vehicles. (34719)
- **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to increase the supply of housing in the Forest of Dean. (34752)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a cap on rent increases for those shared ownership properties not purchased from a registered social landlord. (34654)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking with local authorities to help maintain community libraries in Lincolnshire. (34584)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what obligations local authorities have to provide
 state-subsidised housing to people with refugee status; and what priority they have. (34617)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 February 2025 to
 Question HL4406 on Local Government: Reorganisation, how many individual Ministerial
 direction powers she plans to legislate for across the (a) English Devolution Bill and (b)
 the Planning and Infrastructure Bill.
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what mechanisms her Department plans to put
 in place to help detect (a) fraudulent and (b) incorrect claims for retail, hospitality and
 leisure business rate relief relief in the context of the (i) cash cap and (ii) minimal financial
 assistance limit; and whether any public body is responsible for cross-local authority
 checks.
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the
 potential impact of pupils transferring from private to state schools on the cost to local
 authorities of home school transport. (34620)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, how her Department plans to share services
 between the (a) fire and rescue and (b) police services; and if she will make an
 assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of establishing Police and Fire
 Service Commissioners. (34621)

- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, with which principal local authorities Ministers in

 her Department have not had meetings with since 4 July 2024. (34622)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 February 2025 to
 Question 27157 on Council of the Nations and Regions: National Identity, what role
 Ministers have in determining the size and geography of a region where local stakeholders
 do not consent to such a classification. (34623)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 February 2025 to
 Question 27157 on Council of the Nations and Regions: National Identity, whether there is
 a requirement of a sense of regional identity to qualify as a recognised region. (34624)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 12 February 2025, to
 Question 29928, on Proof of Identity: Children, whether an external researcher has been
 commissioned. (34625)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 12 February 2025 to
 Question 26030 on Radicalism, what his planned timetable is for the publication; and
 when the steering group next plans to meet. (34626)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 12 February 2025 to
 Question 27567 on Affordable Housing: Construction, how many units of affordable
 housing are in Homes England's Section 106 Affordable Housing Clearing Service. (34627)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 12 February 2025 to Question 28051 on Affordable Housing: Construction, what the level of sub-market rents should be in properties that are not for social rent; and whether sub-market rents are included within the affordable rent model. (34628)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether new mayors in combined county authorities

 will have powers to (a) revoke, (b) amend or (c) disregard the agreed local plans of local

 planning authorities. (34629)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential

 impact of her proposals for local government reorganisation on the division of costs for

 public services between principal and town and parish councils (a) during and (b) after

 the restructuring process. (34630)

- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 February 2025 to
 Question 29001 on Local Government: Elections, whether the 2027-2028 go-live dates are
 after a period of operation as a shadow authority; and what her preferred period of time
 is that a body should be in shadow status to prepare for its establishment. (34631)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many (a) air miles and (b) flights she has completed since 5 July 2024. (34704)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the recent increase in the number of households in temporary accommodation in Thurrock.

 (34758)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities experiencing a significant rise in the number of families requiring temporary accommodation. (34759)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent estimate she has made of the number of people in England owed homelessness prevention or relief duty. (34761)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing a draft of the revised PAS 9980 code of practice for fire risk appraisals of external walls and cladding. (34726)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of consulting a broad range of stakeholders when revising the PAS 9980 standard. (34727)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish an impact assessment for the private parking code of practice. (34687)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what meetings she has had with the private parking industry since 5 July 2024. (34688)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to create a single independent appeals process for parking. (34689)

- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to establish a single code of practice for private parking. (34690)
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 17 February 2025 to Question 29896 on Sexual Offences: Crown Court, what plans her Department has to evaluate the pilot scheme for victims of rape and sexual offences.

 (34612)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the UK/Albania: Agreement on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons agreed in October 2021, how many Albanian nationals have been returned to Albania since the signing of that Agreement. (34699)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Jamaican nationals have been returned to Jamaica in each year since the signing of the Compulsory Transfer Agreement with Jamaica in September 2015. (34707)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Indian nationals have been returned to India in each year since the signing of the Agreement between the UK and India on the transfer of sentenced persons, published on 12 May 2006.
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Iraqi nationals have been returned to Iraq in each year since the signing of the Agreement between the UK and Iraq on the transfer of sentenced persons of October 2015. (34709)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Prime Minister, how many (a) air miles and (b) flights he has completed since 5 July 2024. (34703)
- Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential cost to the public purse of abolishing the (a) High Income Child Benefit Charge and (b) reductions in the level of Personal Allowance for people earning over (i) £100,00 and (ii) £125,000.
- **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of raising taxation on gambling operators. (34715)
- **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she has taken to help increase economic growth in the Forest of Dean. (34751)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the £1.8 billion allocated in the National Wealth Fund for the upgrade of port infrastructure and supply chain facilities will be open for applications. (34742)

- 137 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how companies can access the £1.8 billion allocated in the National Wealth Fund for the upgrade of port infrastructure and supply chain facilities. (34743)
- 138 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the criteria are for harbours and ports to access the £1.8 billion allocated in the National Wealth Fund for the upgrade of port infrastructure and supply chain facilities. (34744)
- 139 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether business planning development work will be a qualifying activity to access the £1.8 billion allocated in the National Wealth Fund for the upgrade of port infrastructure and supply chain facilities. (34745)
- 140 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing (a) VAT reductions or grants and (b) other financial incentives to encourage the adoption of heat battery technology in UK households as part of the Government's Warm Homes Plan. (34713)
- 141 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) air miles and (b) flights she has completed since 5 July 2024. (34705)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 March

- 1N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Microsoft has recently raised its prices to Government for Office 365. (34610)
- 2N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of policies aimed at increasing office attendance on civil service staff, including regional employees. (34657)
- 3N Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports of 26 February 2025, Official Report, column 857, whether his Department plans to undertake public consultation before bringing forward legislative proposals to reduce late payments.
- Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports of 26 February 2025, Official Report, column 857, what his Department's timetable is for launching the business growth service. (34659)

- Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports of 26 February 2025, Official Report, column 857, what progress his Department has made on creating the new business growth service. (34660)
- Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports of 26 February 2025, Official Report, column 857, how many staff in his Department have been allocated to the working on the development of the new business growth service; and at what the total staff cost is for the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial years.
- 7N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of Microsoft's increase in prices for Office 365. (34611)
- 8N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions her Department has had with public sector pension scheme boards on ensuring that public sector workers who transfer to a private sector prison education provider retain access to their teachers' pensions.

 [Transferred] (34244)
- 9N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing statutory regulation of the veterinary profession. (34644)
- 10N **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whetherhis Department plans to renew the licence for glyphosate for agricultural use in 2025. (34735)
- 11N **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to bring forward secondary legislation to permit gene editing by the end of March 2025. (34736)
- 12N **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to ban the use of neonicotinoids in UK agriculture. (34737)
- 13N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, whether the UK Space Agency will renew funding to Goonhilly
 Earth Station for its bilateral pilot with the US when that funding runs out in March. (34724)
- 14N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of train cars that were in use by Northern in January 2025. (34603)

- 15N Mel Stride (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether it remains her Department's policy to begin the rollout of the abolition of the Work Capability Assessment and the categories of Limited Capability for Work and Limited Capability for Work Related Activity from April 2026. (34600)
- 16N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Tables in the document entitled Work Capability Assessment Reform: update to estimated number of claimants affected, dated 18 April 2024, what her Department's estimate is of the number of claimants moved into each of those categories in the 2029-30 financial year. (34602)
- 17N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Remedial Service Statements (a) are required in total (b) have been issued to date (c) are calculated and awaiting fulfilment and (d) still outstanding.[R] (34655)
- 18N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the number
 of children globally who will be impacted by the funding cuts to Official Development
 Assistance. (34647)
- 19N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure
 that its development funding in Tanzania is not implicated in the forced evictions of the
 Maasai people.
 (34651)
- 20N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure
 that the conservation projects it funds in (a) Africa and (b) Asia do not lead to (i) forced
 evictions and (ii) violent abuses of Indigenous peoples.

 (34652)
- 21N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what engagement she has had with the higher education sector ahead of the publication of the Legal Immigration White Paper. [R] (34615)
- 22N James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the comments by the Prime Minister published in the Telegraph on 16 February 2025, whether he plans to proceed with the decommissioning of fourteen CH-47 Chinook helicopters.
 (34637)
- 23N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase the number of uncrewed land systems in use by the British army. (34642)
- 24N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to conduct an investigation into drone activity over (a) RAF Mildenhall, (b) RAF Feltwell and (c) RAF Lakenheath in November 2024. (34643)

- 25 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 13 January 2025 to Question 21697 on Voting Rights: Foreign Nationals, whether she has considered amending the franchise for elections to (a) the UK Parliament, (b) Northern Ireland Assembly, (c) local government elections in England and Northern Ireland and (d) Police and Crime Commissioner elections in England and Wales. (34616)
- 26N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when he expects the issues surrounding the sale and movement of plants to be resolved. (34750)
- 27N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the forecast level of (a) public sector net debt, (b) public sector net debt excluding Bank of England and (c) public sector net financial liabilities was at the time of the Autumn Budget 2024 in (i) cash terms, (ii) real terms and (iii) as a proportion of GDP on a (A) pre and (B) post measures basis in each financial year to 2029-30.
- 28N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will provide a breakdown by department of the additional capital expenditure announced at the October Budget for each financial year up to 2029-30. (34598)
- 29N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the estimated economic impact of additional public investment within the Office for Budget Responsibility's forecasts reflects the composition of that investment spending in each year of the forecast period. (34599)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 6 March

- 1N **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to reduce imports of software and hardware for key industries from countries that may pose a risk to national security. [Transferred] (903042)
- 2N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to facilitate access to professional indemnity insurance for self-employed midwives. (34613)
- 3N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to support self-employed midwives. (34614)
- 4N Mark Garnier (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Bank of England on increasing the proposed eligibility threshold in its consultation on minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL) to £50bn.

- 5N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when her Department plans to lay the Statutory Instrument for the introduction of the PISCES Sandbox. (34605)
- 6N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her

 Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of removing stamp duty

 from UK listed equity transactions on economic growth. (34606)
- 7N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much money has been raised from stamp duty charged to UK listed equity transactions in each financial year since 2010. (34607)

Questions for Answer on Friday 7 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund funding not being extended beyond March 2025 on children receiving therapy through that fund. (34664)
- 2N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that children currently undergoing therapy funded by the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund do not experience disruption to their care due to uncertainty around the fund's future. (34665)
- 3N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has considered introducing a transitional funding arrangement for the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund beyond March 2025 to prevent a gap in therapeutic support for eligible children. (34666)

Questions for Answer on Monday 10 March

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to provide
financial support to people in temporary accommodation. (34663)