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# Questions tabled on Monday 3 March 2025

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# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 March

## **Questions for Written Answer**

- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) air miles and (b) flights the Prime Minister has completed since 5 July 2024. [Transferred] (34703)
- 2 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking with local authorities to help maintain community libraries in Lincolnshire. [Transferred] (34584)
- 3 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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.

[Transferred] (34620)

- 4 Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help support businesses to meet their legal duties to the environment. [Transferred] (34685)
- 5N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government of Mauritius will assume responsibility for asylum seekers arriving in the Chagos Islands once the agreement has been ratified by Parliament. [Transferred] (34229)
- 6N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions the Prime Minister has had with his Israeli counterpart on adhering to international law in the Occupied West Bank.

  [Transferred] (34276)

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- 7 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (34621)
- 8 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many users there are of the Homes for Ukraine scheme by nationality.

  [Transferred] (34693)
- 9 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many of the 200 Albanian nationals were returned under the agreement made with Albania 24 May 2023.

  [Transferred] (34696)
- 10 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many Chinese made electric vehicles were imported into the UK in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024.

  [Transferred] (34720)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to support small businesses impacted by a reduction in in-person banking services in Lincolnshire.

  [Transferred] (34588)

# Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 March

#### **Questions for Written Answer**

- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Solicitor General, how many social media accounts their Department operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years.
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many social media accounts the Prime Minister's Office operates; and how much the Prime Minister's Office spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years. (35127)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many social media accounts their Department operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years.
- 4 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate the UK Statistics Authority has made of the number of small businesses in South Holland and the Deepings constituency in each of the last five years.

(34771)

- 5 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what proportion of food procured by his Department is sourced in the UK. (34773)
- 6 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many members of the infected blood community were selected for the testing of compensation payments in Norwich South constituency. (34885)
- 7 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has had discussions with the Infected Blood Compensation Authority on the potential cost to the public purse of using external communications companies. (34886)
- 8 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much each Department has spent on legal costs in responding to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry. (35211)
- 9 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Government ministers have visited Huntingdon constituency since 4 July 2024. (34994)
- 10 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has plans to review the processes for recording tracking histories at Royal Mail's Heathrow distribution centre. (35093)
- 11 Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies on workers rights of the British Hair Consortium's report entitled Securing the future of UK hairdressing and beauty: The economic, fiscal & societal case for VAT reform, published in February 2025.
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many social media accounts their Department operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years. (35131)
- Marie Goldman (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mandatory country-of-origin labelling for the (a) manufacturing facility and (b) parent company on non-food products.

  (34985)
- 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 ensure the continued availability of in-person post office services in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (34770)
- Seamus Logan (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has (a) made an assessment and (b) commissioned analysis of the potential impact of a trade deal with the US on the NHS. (35115)

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- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he is taking steps with the Midlands Engine to support regional (a) investment and (b) private sector collaboration. (34958)
- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the contribution of Midlands Engine to
  (a) attracting international investment and (b) supporting export growth for Midlands businesses.

  (34959)
- Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to publish information on the remaining issues set out in paragraph 46 of the policy paper entitled The fire safety of domestic upholstered furniture, published on 22 January 2025.
- 19 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what information his Department holds on the amount of trade insured by UK-based companies with a final destination in Russia. (35024)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an estimate of the value of goods traded from the UK to third countries with a final destination in Russia. (35025)
- 21 Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an estimate of the cost to UK businesses of having agents in individual EU member states. (35026)
- 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 changes to (a) the minimum wage and (b) employer National Insurance contributions on the ability of companies to hire workers for long term skills investment. (35027)
- 23 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to place further restrictions on trade with Russia. (35031)
- 24 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of social supermarkets on (a) alleviating food poverty and (b) supporting community activities. (35034)
- 25 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will publish minutes of the TV Distribution Stakeholder Forum's meetings to date. (35155)
- 26 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the availability of terrestrial television services in rural areas after the expiry of current broadcasting licences in the early 2030s. (35156)

- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the loss of terrestrial digital television services after current licences expire in the 2030s on (a) elderly people, (b) low-income households and (c) rural communities. (35157)
- **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to prevent ticket touts from selling tickets to the Women's Rugby World Cup at inflated prices. (34944)
- **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure organisations funded by her Department promote free speech. (34945)
- **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to provide support to the Live Comedy Association's initiative to consult with the sector on (a) introducing a code of conduct and (b) improving working conditions. (34919)
- **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of (a) further regulating gambling companies and (b) creating a Gambling Ombudsman. (35096)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many households in Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale constituency remain dependent on the Radio Teleswitch Service for their energy meter connections. (34804)
- **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of misinformation created by AI-generated news on public trust. (34967)
- **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much revenue has been generated from the removal of tax exemptions for private schools; and what proportion of that revenue has been allocated to state education. (35099)
- **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has plans to reintroduce a safeguarding database for children. (35094)
- Mrs Elsie Blundell (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for how long will the Government fund free breakfast clubs. (34992)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies on apprenticeship of the British Hair Consortium's report entitled Securing the future of UK hairdressing and beauty: The economic, fiscal & societal case for VAT reform, published in February 2025.

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- 38 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of continued funding of the Music Hub programme. (35193)
- 39 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the guidance entitled Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 in preventing children from being returned to abusive parents.

  (35194)
- Olly Glover (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to develop programmes promoting active lifestyles for children and young people as recommended in the article by Sarah MacQuarrie and Alexandra Hennessey entitled Transforming children and young people's futures through PE, school sport, and physical activity, published on 12 February 2025.
- Olly Glover (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the recommendations within the article entitled Transforming children and young people's futures through PE, school sport, and physical activity, published by the University of Manchester on 12 February 2025.
- 42 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of ending compulsory written national curriculum assessments for key stage one students. (34777)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of Low Emission Zones on the cost of school trips made by coach by schools in (a) Greater London and (b) other parts of the country.

  (34813)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what
   comparative assessment she has made of rates of school absence in academic year 2023 24 in England relative to the other home nations.
- 45 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the evidential basis is for her Department's funding allocations to schools for the National School Breakfast programme. (34815)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to measure the actual costs for the schools participating in the existing National School Breakfast programme. (34816)
- 47 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many primary schools run breakfast clubs with a duration of (a) 30, (b) less than 30 and (c) more than 30 minutes. (34817)

- 48 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of the schools participating in the new breakfast club pilot previously had no breakfast provision. (34818)
- 49 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support working age non-graduates find permanent employment. (35202)
- Mr Andrew Mitchell (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions her Department has had with Birmingham City Council on increasing the number of secondary school places in Sutton Coldfield constituency. (34784)
- Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of the application of VAT on independent school fees on the number of independent school closures in the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial years. (35073)
- Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, when she will lay regulations on 'relevant accommodation' provisions for children deprived of their liberty. (34926)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will provide additional support for adopted children impacted by (a) abuse, (b) neglect and (c) violence before adoption. (35035)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the adoption and special guardianship support fund on families. (35036)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of specialist therapeutic providers. (35037)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero what steps the Department is taking to (a) prevent and (b) mitigate the potential impact of (i) offshore wind farm, (ii) solar farms and (ii) transmission infrastructure projects on (A) land disturbance, (B) scenery, (C) levels of traffic, (D), health and safety, (E) tourism and (F) property prices in (1) rural and (2) coastal communities. (35150)
- 57 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2025 to Question 31124 on Renewable Energy: Staff, whether the initial version of the Energy Skills Passport will support oil and gas workers into the (a) Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage and (b) hydrogen sectors.

- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure (a) apprenticeships and (b) training programmes provide the requisite skills for the (i) the clean energy and (ii)

  Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage sectors. (35152)
- 59 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has (a) instructed or (b) provided guidance to Ofgem's Radio Teleswitch Service Taskforce on what steps it should take on the transition for households affected by the closure of the Radio Teleswitch Service in June 2025. (35161)
- 60 Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and
  Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of delays in smart
  meter replacements for households affected by the Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) closure;
  and whether (a) penalties and (b) enforcement measures will be applied to energy
  suppliers failing to provide timely replacements.
- 61 Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what alternative (a) heating and (b) metering solutions he plans to provide to households that are unable to install a smart meter due to location or connectivity issues following the closure of the Radio Teleswitch Service. (35163)
- 62 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the average cost to consumers of replacing Total Heating Total Control systems following the closure of the Radio Teleswitch Service; and what discussions he has had with stakeholders on the potential merits of direct financial assistance for people affected. (35164)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has taken steps to provide Ofgem with enforcement powers to help ensure that energy suppliers provide Radio Teleswitch Service-affected customers with a tariff closely equivalent to their existing arrangement; and what steps Ofgem plans to take to penalise potential non-compliance.
- Jonathan Davies (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions his Department has had with Green Deal companies on (a) minimising potential (i) disruption and (ii) distress to homeowners during environmental energy upgrades and (b) ensuring compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.
- 65 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support people in Newbury constituency with energy bills. (35145)
- 66 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increases in energy prices on pensioners in Newbury constituency no longer receiving winter fuel payment. (35146)

- 67 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much innovation funding has the (a) tidal stream and (b) wave energy sectors received since 2020. (34916)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what engagement he has had with the wave energy sector to support the technology commercialising in the UK. (34917)
- 69 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the role marine energy will play in the UK's industrial strategy. (34918)
- 70 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on data sharing to identify households eligible for energy social tariffs. (35079)
- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the report by Midlands Engine entitled The nuclear industry in the Midlands, published in February 2025; and whether he is taking steps to help support nuclear-related economic growth in the (a) East Midlands and (b) West Midlands.
- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the report by Midlands Engine entitled Energy Security White Paper, published in December 2024. (34960)
- 73 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the process is for designating Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. (35003)
- 74 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the minimum threshold of power generation is for a solar park to meet the standard required for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project designation. (35004)
- 75 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the remaining available capacity percentage is of the Eaton Socon sub-station in Cambridgeshire. (35005)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of reduced energy imports from Norway on energy prices in the UK. (34968)
- 77 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department made of the potential impact of spatial limits in the North Sea on (a) interconnectors, (b) fisheries, (c) wind farms and (d) other offshore infrastructure. (34969)

- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help protect the security of sensitive data on multi-purpose interconnectors. (34970)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the security of interconnector data. (34971)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to ensure that wind turbines manufactured in China are not vulnerable to foreign espionage. (34972)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of regulations from the Office for Nuclear Regulation on businesses. (34973)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions (a) Ministers, (b) advisors and (c) officials in his Department have had with the Office for Nuclear Regulation on Small Modular Reactors. (34974)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many pages of paperwork businesses must complete on average to receive planning approval from the Office for Nuclear Regulation. (34975)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the average waiting time is for businesses to receive planning approval from the Office for Nuclear Regulation by nuclear reactor types since 1997. (34976)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help remove barriers to the development of Small Modular Reactors. (34977)
- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will amend the Climate Change Act 2008 to include International Aviation and Shipping in UK carbon budgets. (34925)
- **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to protect grouse and their habitats.

  (35092)
- 88 Irene Campbell (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
  Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to take steps to (a) phase out the use of cages
  for farmed animals and (b) introduce animal welfare labelling. (35044)
- **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve the resilience of water infrastructure.

  (35038)

- 90 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of compensation for water supply interruption in the Guaranteed Standards Scheme. (35039)
- 91 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2025 to Question 26353 on Tyres:

  Recycling, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the level of financial support available for increasing domestic tyre processing capacity. (35167)
- 92 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending the Flood Re-Programme to include properties built after 2009. (35070)
- 93 Jonathan Davies (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timeline is for introducing legislation to ban (a) trail hunting and (b) the import of hunting trophies.
  (35100)
- 94 Jonathan Davies (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what enforcement mechanisms his Department plans to introduce for the ban on trail hunting. (35101)
- 95 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to align with changes to the EU Honey Directive on labelling published on 14 May 2024. (35023)
- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Extender Producer Responsibility fee structure on the glass packaging industry; and whether he has considered adopting a units-based metric. (35104)
- 97 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the percentage of whisky distilleries in (a) England, (b) Northern Ireland, (c) Scotland and (d) Wales that mash, ferment, and distil on one site.
- 98 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the proportion of whisky distilled in England that is currently labelled as (a) English Whisky and (b) Single Malt English Whisky. (35063)
- 99 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of food procured by his Department is sourced in the UK. (34772)
- 100 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the value of single malt Scotch whisky to the economy. (35106)

- 101 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the value of single malt Welsh whisky to the economy. (35107)
- 102 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the value of single malt English whisky to the economy. (35108)
- Seamus Logan (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has (a) made an assessment and (b) commissioned analysis of the potential impact of a trade deal with the US on agriculture.
  (35116)
- 104 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his policy is on the potential inclusion of US (a) beef and (b) chicken products being included in a trade deal with the US. (35117)
- 105 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to protect chalk streams. (35081)
- 106 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of launching a review of animal testing in the UK. (35212)
- 107 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he plans to take with local authorities to reduce the amount of plastic pollution in public parks. (34785)
- 108 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential contribution of (a) science and (b) other innovation to the development of healthier staple food. (34805)
- 109 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of improving the nutritional content of foods through a Government Food Strategy.

  (34806)
- 110 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has been made of the adequacy of the lifespan of pumping station infrastructure in Cambridgeshire under the Middle-Level Commissioners.

  (35001)
- 111N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural 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. [Transferred] (34652)

- **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when the Environment Agency's guidance on the operation of crematoria will be (a) published and (b) brought into effect. (34858)
- **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of delays to the Environment Agency's guidance on the operation of crematoria on relevant stakeholders.

  (34859)
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the press release entitled Record investment to protect thousands of UK homes and businesses, published on 4 February 2025, what the 1,000 flood defence projects are that will receive funding in the next two years. (35014)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the press release entitled Record investment to protect thousands of UK homes and businesses, published on 4 February 2025, whether the 1,000 flood defence projects will include projects aimed at tackling surface water flooding. (35015)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to report on the (a) adequacy of and (b) potential impact of new free trade agreements on (i) fishing stocks, (ii) fishing fleets, (iii) nature conservation and (iv) natural capital at the outset of each new trade negotiation. (35032)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to establish new offshore Marine Protected Areas. (35033)
- 118 Mrs Elsie Blundell (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to take steps to help ensure private telecommunications infrastructure providers are unable to install hardware without consultation with local communities. (34993)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the broadcasting sector's contribution to telecoms resilience. (35158)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the contribution made by the terrestrial broadcasting sector to mobile phone coverage in (a) rural and (b) remote areas.
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions his Department has had with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on ensuring broadcast network resilience is considered in potential decisions on the future of television broadcasting. (35160)

- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the remit is of the (a) Information Commissioner's Office and (b) Ofcom for algorithmic recommender systems on social media. (34819)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent progress his Department has made on Project Gigabit. (34887)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking with Openreach to deliver Full Fibre broadband to homes and businesses. (34888)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the Counter Disinformation Data Platform does not restrict freedom of speech. (35195)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what (a) themes and (b) trends will be monitored by the Counter Disinformation Data Platform. (35196)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much money has been spent on the Counter Disinformation Unit in each year since 2021. (35197)
- **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 the Centre for Countering Digital Hate on monitoring online content. (35198)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding his Department plans to provide for countering disinformation online in each of the next three financial years. (35199)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much online content was flagged as disinformation by his Department in the last 12 months; and what the nature was of that content.

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- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many times his Department has met with the Centre for Countering Digital Hate; and when those meetings took place. (35201)
- 132 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department has met representative of Faculty AI. (35203)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the National Security Online Information Team: privacy notice, published on 16 April 2024, what steps his Department

- is taking to identify the potential risks to (a) public safety and (b) national security that the National Security Online Information Team focuses on; and what measures his Department has put in place to ensure that this process is politically impartial. (35204)
- 134 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the National Security Online Information Team on freedom of expression.

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- 135 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the processes used by the National Security Online Information Team in determining what online content is a risk to (a) national security and (b) public safety. (35206)
- 136 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will conduct a review of the work of the National Security Online Information Team. (35207)
- 137 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what personal data the National Security Online Information Team may (a) receive and (b) process in the course of its work. (35208)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the collection of (a) political and (b) philosophical opinions by the National Security Online Information Team. (35209)
- 139 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, what discussions his Department has had with the Welsh
  Government on the establishment of an AI Growth Zone in the Vale of Glamorgan. (34949)
- 140 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to improve road safety in South Holland and the Deepings constituency in the 2025-2026 financial year. (34774)
- Patrick Hurley (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the report by the Civil Aviation Authority entitled CAP3010: Annual Report & Accounts 2023/2024, published on 12 September 2024, if she will take steps to ensure (a) the accuracy of (i) drone operator (A) numbers and (B) projections and (ii) other information in that report and (b) that accurate data is used in future regulatory decisions affecting the drone industry.
- Mr Paul Kohler (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many additional miles of (a) public footpaths, (b) bridleways, (c) restricted byways and (d) other public walkways and cycleways her Department plans to deliver by 2030. (35174)

- **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with (a) statistical and (b) land registry authorities on the availability of land for use as public (i) walkways and (ii) cycleways. (35175)
- **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the number of miles of disused rail lines that could be developed into (a) cycleways and (b) walkways. (35176)
- **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of dedicated (a) cycleways and (b) walkways on the economy. (35177)
- **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of dedicated (a) cycleways and (b) walkways on public health. (35178)
- 147 Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 23556 on Bus Services: Timetables, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding the definition of privately organised trips to cover more closed-door home-to-school transport services.
- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will bring forward a bus workforce strategy. (35043)
- **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on allocations for the Bus Service Improvement Plan. (34938)
- **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the number of road traffic fatalities related to potholes in (a) Solihull Borough, (b) the city of Birmingham, (c) Warwickshire, (d) Oxfordshire and (e) Worcestershire in each of the last four years. (35072)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of existing enforcement of HGV restrictions. (35019)
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of installing noise cameras to tackle excessively noisy vehicles on rural roads in Bedfordshire. (35020)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential connection between excessively noisy vehicles and dangerous driving. (35021)

- Robin Swann (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 32525 on Airports, which airports are designated Level 3. (35173)
- 155 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has considered the introduction of an official ID scheme for (a) disabled people and (b) their carers. (35089)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's White Paper entitled Get Britain Working, published in November 2024, when she plans to publish details of the planned public consultation; and what the timeline will be for different mechanisms of stakeholder engagement. (35168)
- 157 **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall and Camberwell Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of local housing allowance rates. (34941)
- 158 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pensioners are living in poverty in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (34776)
- 159 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to increase transparency in her Department. (34764)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to increase awareness of PIP. (34765)
- Blair McDougall (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to review the (a) Approved Code of Practice and (b) guidance on the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 in the context of the provision of disposal facilities in workplace toilets. (34986)
- 162 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the annual expenditure on Personal Independence Payments for mental health conditions was in the most recent financial year for which data is available. (34908)
- 163 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people aged between 18 and 24 were in receipt of Personal Independence Payments for mental health conditions (a) this year and (b) in each of the last five years.
- 164 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the number of Personal Independence Payment claims for mental health conditions over the next three years. (34910)

- **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of Personal Independence Payment claims for mental health conditions are required to undergo reassessment. (34911)
- **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of Personal Independence Payment (a) claims are and (b) spending is for mental health-related conditions. (34912)
- **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of young people claiming Personal Independence Payments for mental health conditions receive enhanced support for (a) daily living and (b) mobility.

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- Stuart Andrew (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the 2025/26 NHS Payment Scheme Consultation on existing waiting times for an ADHD diagnosis. (34829)
- **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the 2025/26 NHS Payment Scheme Consultation on the ability of patients to access medication for ADHD. (34830)
- **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number and proportion of prostate cancer cases that had presented with stage 4 metastatic disease at first diagnosis in Leyton and Wanstead constituency in the most recent year that data are available.
- **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to stop the provision of (a) clinical and (b) therapy services by (i) unregulated and (ii) unregistered individuals. (35090)
- **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure food allergy labels are visible and legible; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a minimum type size. (35091)
- **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is for dyslexia assessments in (a) Yeovil, (b) Somerset and (c) the South West.
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of conducting a public consultation on the proposed changes to ADHD assessment procedures. (35143)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve (a) support services, (b) treatment access and (c) care pathways for people diagnosed with ADHD. (35144)

- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support social care providers in Newbury with changes to employer National Insurance contributions. (35147)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to increase funding for social care providers; and what assessment he has made of the adequacy of social care funding levels. (35148)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposed three-year implementation period for social care reforms on social care providers. (35149)
- Helena Dollimore (Hastings and Rye): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 24568 on Department of Health and Social Care: Media, which Ministers received media training. (35071)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of recently announced increases in Social Work England registration fees. (35189)
- **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to take steps to ring-fence funds levied through the statutory gambling levy for the research, treatment and prevention of gambling harms.

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- **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities will begin to distribute funding generated from the statutory Gambling Levy. (34943)
- Olly Glover (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of midwife training with respect to (a) pay and (b) conditions and (i) the impact to the profession and (ii) the care that expectant parents receive.
- **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase NHS patient choice within the field of ophthalmology.

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- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce resource disparities among NHS Trusts for cancer (a) care and (b) treatment. [R] (35077)
- **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Minister for Public Health and Prevention plans to respond to the letter from the hon.

  Member for Wokingham of 21 January 2025 on blood cancer. (35078)

- **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of a free trade agreement with the US on the NHS. (35114)
- **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support (a) the NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care System and (b) other NHS bodies with (i) financial deficits and (ii) cash flow. (35010)
- **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of NHS Greater Manchester's financial deficit on (a) patient care and (b) service delivery. (35011)
- **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help NHS Greater Manchester achieve financial balance by the end of the financial year. (35012)
- **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the supply of Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy medicines to patients in Wales. (34953)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2025 to Question 29223 on General Practitioners: Contracts, how many General Practice contracts have been retendered in each month since 4 July 2024.
- Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care,
   what steps his Department is taking to supporting people with Long Covid in the context
   of the closure of Long Covid clinics.
- **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's press release entitled 10-year study to shed light on youth vaping, published on 19 February 2025, what steps he plans to take to ensure all data reviewed is from the use of vapes compliant with UK regulations. (35185)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in the UK have genetic eye conditions impacting the AIPLI gene. (34840)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been hospitalised for Norovirus in the last six months. (34841)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve HIV testing across the UK. (34843)
- **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has considered making the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority a surrogacy regulator. (35188)

- 199 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the NHS Central Alerting System notification entitled Shortage of Pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT) Additional actions, published on 18

  December 2024, what steps his Department are taking with the devolved Administrations to tackle shortages in pancreatic enzyme replacement therapies. (35172)
- 200 Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) British nationals, and (b) foreign nationals were given residency positions in each year since 2020.
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- 201 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many domestically trained applicants were accepted for residency positions with NHS providers in each year since 2020. (34979)
- 202 Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many applicants trained abroad were accepted for residency positions with NHS providers in each year since 2020. (34980)
- 203 Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many applicants trained abroad were rejected for residency positions with NHS providers in each year since 2020. (34981)
- 204 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Hong Kong counterpart on Russian sanction evasion through Hong Kong. (34762)
- 205 Sir Iain Duncan Smith (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if his Department will impose secondary sanctions on Hong Kong financial institutions found to be supporting sanction evasion.
  (34763)
- 206 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with his international counterparts to (a) protect and (b) promote the freedom of religion or belief in Iran. (35103)
- 207 Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many social media accounts their Department operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years.
  (35130)
- 208 Mr Mark Francois (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
   Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to protect
   British journalists who have been arbitrarily detained abroad. (34788)

- 209 Mr Mark Francois (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
   Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to provide
   consular assistance for British nationals who are arbitrarily detained abroad. (34789)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to bring forward legislative
  proposals to provide a legal right to consular assistance to all British nationals facing
  arbitrary detention overseas. (34790)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of religious tensions between communities in Syria. (34854)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle the promotion of sectarianism in Syria. (34855)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help international aid agencies provide (a) humanitarian aid and (b) assistance to Syrian communities within areas occupied by Israeli forces since 8 December 2024. (34856)
- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his Department's policy is on the presence of Israeli armed forces in positions within Syria since 8 December 2024. (34857)
- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that sanctions placed on Russia by (a) the UK and (b) other countries are not being circumvented by Serbia. (34954)
- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to place sanctions on Naftna Industrija Srbije. (34955)
- **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has considered re-joining the EUFOR peacekeeping mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of a new security pact with the EU. (34956)
- James Naish (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department plans to support steps to help tackle malnutrition at the Nutrition for Growth Summit in Paris in March 2025; and whether he plans to maintain funding for such programmes in the official development assistance budget from 2027.

- **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department
  has made of the potential impact of Israel's decision to restrict access into Gaza on
  humanitarian outcomes in that area. (34948)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to resolve the dispute between the Republic of the Maldives's Economic Exclusion Zone and the British Indian Ocean Territory's (a) Fisheries Conservation and Management Zone and (b) Environment (Protection and Preservation) Zone in negotiations with the Government of Mauritius. (35006)
- Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether Mauritius has the right to define an Economic Exclusion
   Zone around the British Indian Ocean Territory. (35007)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has considered conducting an assessment of the potential impact of proposed Official Development Assistance cuts on children. (35124)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has met with pro-democracy campaigners in Iran since 4 July 2024. (34791)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has plans to send officials to monitor the upcoming Albanian parliamentary election. (34792)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has met with officials from the Westminster Foundation for Democracy since 4 July 2024. (34793)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department's China audit will consider (a) Chinese debt relief for low income countries and (b) China's belt and road initiative. (34794)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 23270 on Denmark: Politics and Government, whether the territorial integrity of Greenland was discussed in these meetings. (34795)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his New Zealand counterpart on the signed strategic agreement between the People's Republic of China and the Cook Islands. (34796)

- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his (a) Australian and (b) New Zealand counterpart on areas of mutual interest between the British Overseas Territories and the external territories of Australia and New Zealand. (34797)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with representatives of the British Overseas Territories on enhancing cooperation with the external territories of (a) Australia and (b) New Zealand. (34798)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to facilitate (a) environmental and (b) conservation cooperation between the British Overseas Territories and the external territories of (a) Australia and (b) New Zealand. (34799)
- 232 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has considered establishing formal mechanisms for dialogue between the British Overseas Territories and the external territories of (a) Australia and (b) New Zealand. (34800)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Pakistani counterpart on the rights of Ahmadi Muslims in that country. (34851)
- 234 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his European counterparts on (a) religiously motivated hate crimes and (b) hostility toward religious (i) figures and (ii) communities in Europe.
- **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the risk of interference by Russia in Georgia. (35074)
- **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham Hall Green and Moseley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the merits of establishing a medical evacuation team for children in Gaza requiring urgent treatment. (34923)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of time-limited visas on Ukrainian families that have relocated to the UK. (35140)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she will make an assessment of the potential merits of adjusting the duration of Ukrainian visas to align with the academic school year. (35141)

- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has plans to (a) extend and (b) modify the duration of the Ukrainian Visa scheme. (35142)
- 240 Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many social media accounts their Department operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years. (35129)
- **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people who are subject to a live deportation order have applied under the EU Settlement Scheme in Spelthorne. (35179)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of deportations for involvement in grooming gangs did not take place due to the individual renouncing non-UK citizenship. (35046)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of deportations did not take place due to the individual renouncing non-UK citizenship in each of the last five years. (35047)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Foreign criminals to be deported quicker, published on 3 March 2025, how many specialist front line staff have been hired and deployed to prisons as part of the immigration crack squad. (35048)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Foreign criminals to be deported quicker, published on 3 March 2025, if her Department will provide a breakdown of the £5 million investment, by allocation for (a) personnel, (b) training and (c) operational costs.

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- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Foreign criminals to be deported quicker, published on 3 March 2025, what estimate she has made of the long-term financial savings from this initiative. (35050)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Foreign criminals to be deported quicker, published on 3 March 2025, what steps she plans to take to mitigate potential challenges in deporting FNOs who originate from (a) countries with unstable political situations and (b) countries that lack repatriation agreements with the UK. (35051)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to ensure timely information sharing between prison authorities and immigration enforcement agencies. (35052)

- Parliament on the (a) progress and (b) outcomes of this deportation initiative.

  Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Foreign criminals to be deported quicker, published on 3 March 2025, how frequently her Department will report to
- 250 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what is the current backlog of deportation cases; and what estimate she has made of how long the average case takes. (35054)
- 251 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of Foreign National Offenders are eligible for deportation.

  (35055)
- 252 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information his Department holds on the number of deported foreign national offenders that have illegally re-entered the UK in the last 12 months. (35056)
- 253 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, is she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing lifetime entry bans for deported foreign national offenders. (35057)
- 254 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will provide a list of countries which have refused to accept the return of foreign national offenders from the UK.

  (35058)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
   Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential psychological impact of the updated good character guidance on (a) people in the asylum system and
   (b) people with leave to remain.
- 256 John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's Good character: caseworker guidance, updated on 13 February 2025, what definition her Department uses of exceptional, compelling, and mitigating circumstances. (34767)
- Joe Powell (Kensington and Bayswater): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
   Department, how much her Department has spent on supporting refugees from Ukraine in
   the 2023-24 financial year. (35086)
- 258 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department have made an assessment of the efficacy of the Government's illegal migration returns agreement with Albania. (34801)
- 259 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many illegal migrants originating from Albania have been returned to Albania since the signing of the Government's returns agreement in 2022. (34802)

- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many illegal migrants from Albania have been imprisoned in the last 12 months. (34803)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of reports of the illegal selling of weight loss drugs.

  (34844)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of support for the police to tackle breaches of HGV restrictions. (35022)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many heat pumps have been installed on the Parliamentary estate in each of the last three years. (34768)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, what assessment the Commission has made of the potential impact of the installation of heat pumps on the parliamentary estate on (a) noise and (b) electricity consumption. (34775)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Leader of the House, how many social media accounts their Department operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years.
- **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the armed forces on deploying troops to Ukraine. (34927)
- **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the UK has sufficient munitions stockpiles to support Ukraine. (34928)
- **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the UK has adequate military resources for a sustained presence in Ukraine. (34929)
- **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the UK will have to divert troops from other (a) theatres and (b) operations to maintain a presence in Ukraine. (34930)
- **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to increase his Department's support for (a)

  Commonwealth veterans and (b) British army veterans born outside of the UK. (34991)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of Boxer armoured vehicles will be primarily manufactured in (a) the United Kingdom and (b) Germany. (34895)

- 272 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Boxer armoured vehicles he plans to procure; and whether this figure has changed since 5 July 2024. (34896)
- 273 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of the workshare on M270 MLRS will be British; and whether this figure has changed since 5 July 2024. (34897)
- 274 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many M270 MLRS he plans to recondition; and whether this figure has changed since 5 July 2024.
  (34898)
- 275 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems he has ordered since 5 July 2024. (34899)
- 276 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which countries his Department classifies as threats with regards to offensive cyber operations.
  (34900)
- 277 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Military Aviation Authority is fully optimised for uncrewed testing. (34901)
- 278 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to allow SMEs greater access to ranges owned by his Department for the testing of uncrewed systems. (34902)
- 279 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the Defence SME Hub will be fully operational. (34903)
- 280 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's target is for direct SME spending in the 2024-25 financial year. (34904)
- 281 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans his Department has to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe. (34906)
- 282 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans his Department has to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Japan. (34907)
- 283 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2025 to Question 31001 on Veterans: War Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the level of the burden on British nuclear test veterans applying to the War Pension Scheme to prove they had experienced a radiation dose. (34824)
- 284 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what safeguarding training is provided to new instructors at the Army Foundation College before working with recruits. (35180)

- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 9 May 2024 to Question 24728 on Army Foundation College: Sexual Offences, how many (a) perpetrators were involved and (b) of the victims were recruits for each category of offence listed. (35181)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 9 May 2024 to Question 24727 on Army Foundation College:

  Staff, how many Army Foundation College staff found to have started sexual relationships with recruits since 2014 were allowed to continue working there.

  (35182)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's statistics entitled Murder, manslaughter and sexual offences in the Service Justice System: 2023, published on 28 March 2024, how many victims of sexual crimes under the age of 18 were based at the Army Foundation College.

  (35183)
- **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increasing defence spending to 2.5% of GDP on (a) security and (b) resilience in Vale of Glamorgan constituency. (34947)
- **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the Strategic Defence Review on employment opportunities for veterans in the Vale of Glamorgan; whether his Department has conducted an evaluation of the adequacy of support available to veterans in the constituency in securing fulfilling careers after leaving the Armed Forces; and what steps his Department is taking to improve access to training, reskilling, and career transition programmes for veterans in the Vale of Glamorgan as part of the Government's broader defence strategy.
- **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of the Government's defence innovation announcements on businesses in St Athan and the wider Vale of Glamorgan. (34951)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2025 to Question 33149 on Armed Forces: Protective Clothing, how many pairs of Peltor ComTac XP/XPI ear defenders his Department has (a) issued and (b) in store.
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2025 to Question 33149 on Armed Forces: Protective Clothing, what the difference in cost is between the Peltor ComTac XP/XPI and the legacy General Service Peltor Ear Muff. (34997)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which nation has control of base operations at Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia. (35009)

- 294 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans the Royal Navy has for the future of HMS Argyll. (35040)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of awarding the Victoria Cross to Robert Blair 'Paddy' Mayne.(34845)
- 296 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has a procedure for awarding gallantry awards previously refused because of an administrative error. (34846)
- 297 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reviewing the process by which gallantry awards can be awarded posthumously.
  (34847)
- 298 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reviewing the process by which gallantry awards can be awarded retrospectively.
  (34848)
- 299 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to review any evidence relating to the process through which a decision was made not to award Robert Blair Paddy Mayne a Victoria Cross. (34849)
- 300 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to review the adequacy of his Department's policy on the timescale within which a Victoria Cross can be awarded. (34850)
- 301 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): 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, how much and what proportion of the £13.4 billion increase in defence spending is new money. (34808)
- 302 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): 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, what the level of defence spending was due to be in the 2027-28 financial year prior to that announcement. (34809)
- 303 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the £13.4 billion for the armed forces was calculated based on NATO-qualifying spending; and what his Departmental budget will be in the 2027-28 financial year. (34810)
- 304 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if his Department will fully implement the findings of the Etherton Review. (35028)
- 305 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will hold discussions with PTSD Resolution on tackling (a) harassment and (b) sexual assault in the armed forces.

  (35029)

- **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what support her Department has offered local
  authorities to help facilitate local VE Day 2025 celebrations. (34964)
- **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): 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 trends in the level of rent for people living in houseboats
  with permanent moorings. (34853)
- **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how many social media accounts their Department
  operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and
  (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years. (35132)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether her Department engages with Greenpeace.
  (34860)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White
  Paper, CP 1218, published on 16 December 2024, what assessment she has made of the
  potential impact of the proposal to increase the number of town and parish councils on
  administration costs. (34861)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what processes and procedures apply to town and
  parish councils who are unable to set a balanced budget; and what guidance has been
  issued on town and parish council finances. (34862)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White
  Paper, CP 1218, published on 16 December 2024, what assessment he has made of the
  potential impact of the abolition of district councils on (a) the size of town and parish
  councils and (b) parish precepts on council tax. (34863)
- **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 30629 on Unitary Councils, whether there will be an allowed (a) minimum and
  (b) maximum variance of the proposed 500,000 population size for the new unitaries; and
  whether there is an absolute population size that should not be exceeded. (34864)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of (a) 7 February 2025 to Question 27249 and (b) 11 February 2025 to Question 28154 on MHCLG: Staff, if she

will publish figures for (a) each individual departmental office and (b) the number of aggregate, numeric staff attendances there were in an average week, for December 2024.

(34865)

- 315 **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 scheduled 2026 district
  council elections will be cancelled if a decision is taken in the two-tier area to move ahead
  with unitary local government restructuring.
  (34866)
- 316 **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 MHCLG: 23916 on MHCLG: Legal Costs, whether it is her Department's policy that
  (a) organisations may be classified as extremist but will not be publicly named as such,
  (b) organisations will not be classified as extremist, (c) Ministers may name organisations
  as extremist when covered by Parliamentary privilege.

  (34867)
- 317 **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 unitary local government elections will take place on the same day as the May 2026 combined authority mayors.

(34868)

- 318 **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 13622 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Industrial
  Disputes, what the issue relating to office attendance between HM Land Registry and PCS
  is. (34869)
- 319 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2025 to Question 23351 on Regulator of Social Housing: Translation Services, which document includes guidance to registered providers of social housing on supplying information in different languages. (34870)
- 320 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2025 to
  Question HL4177 on Local Government: Devolution and Elections, whether advice from the
  Local Government Boundary Commission for England will be public. (34871)
- 321 **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 26561 on HM Land Registry: Buildings, how many Land Registry staff assigned to work in the Croydon office attended that office in person on average in December 2024.

(34872)

- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2025 to
  Question 23793 on National Identity, for what reason establishing strategic authorities will
  augment (a) pride in England and (b) the English national identity. (34873)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, for what reason the consultations on establishing
  mayoral combined authorities, published on 17 February 2025, ask respondents for
  gender.

  (34874)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what the target number of affordable homes
  provided through the 2021-26 Affordable Housing Programme is; and how many of
  those homes are (a) social rent, (b) affordable rent, (c) affordable home ownership, (d)
  supported housing and (e) rural housing across (i) England and (ii) London. (34875)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to make use of Legislative Reform
  Orders to deliver changes to primary legislation. (34876)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, for what reason the invitation to restructure letter to

  Surrey has a deadline of May. (34877)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether (a) initial and (b) final proposals on local
  government restructuring should be agreed by consensus between local authorities within
  the two-tier area; and what steps she plans to take if proposals differ. (34878)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2025 to Question 30361 on Local Government: Elections, whether she had discussions with the district councils in (a) East Sussex, (b) West Sussex, (c) Essex, (d) Norfolk, (e) Suffolk, (f) Hampshire and (g) Surrey prior to the announcement of the cancellation of elections in those areas in May 2025.
- **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure national scale cavity nesting habitat is (a) preserved and (b) created to stabilise populations of red listed birds reliant on buildings to breed. (35184)
- **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to review the limit for adaptions under the Disabled Facilities Grant. (34884)

- 331 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to protect
  chalk streams in Wiltshire when building new developments. (35080)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of people (a) renting privately and (b) in the social rented sector were (i) born in the UK and (ii) not born in the UK in each region of England in each year since 1997.
- 333 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Renters' Rights Bill will place penalties on landlords who have been unable to sell their properties and want to re-rent. (34914)
- Michael Payne (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024 to Question 1176 on Rents:

  Aldershot, what her policy is on the longstanding concerns about the regulation of park home sites and the requirement to pay site owners a commission upon sale of a park home.
- 335 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will require housing developers to promptly complete remedial works required to new build properties after completion. (34807)
- 336 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of trends in the levels of house prices in the last 12 months.
  (34842)
- 337 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to (a) issue guidance and (b) strengthen regulations to ensure that landlords provide (i) transparent and (ii) fair billing when reselling utilities to tenants. (34983)
- 338 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether measures are in place to prevent private landlords from inflating the cost of electricity when reselling it to tenants. (34984)
- 339 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department made an assessment of the potential merits of holding a public consultation prior to the passing of the 2022 Private Parking Code of Practice.
- 340 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been (a) charged and (b) prosecuted with communications offences under the Online Safety Act 2023 by offence. (34769)

- 341 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of foreign national offenders released under the Early Removal Scheme have reoffended in each of the last five years. (35059)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many social media accounts their Department operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years. (35136)
- 343 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the long-term future of free-to-air terrestrial TV and radio services in Scotland. (35153)
- 344 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the expiry in 2034 of the licences for terrestrial (a) television and (b) radio on (i) all households (ii) households reliant on terrestrial signals in Scotland. (35154)
- 345 Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many social media accounts their Department operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years.
  (35134)
- 346 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which Finance Bill will contain the proposed changes to (a) Agricultural Property Relief and (b) Business Property Relief. (35097)
- 347 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many Boxer armoured vehicles he plans to procure; and whether this figure has changed since 5 July 2024.
  (34894)
- 348 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the revenues to the Exchequer will be from the application of Inheritance Tax to death in service payments in the (a) 2024-25 financial year and (b) each remaining financial year in this Parliament. (34905)
- 349 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 10 February 2025 to Question 27711 on Holiday Accommodation: Taxation, what quantitative information her Department holds on (a) the number of properties converting between longer-term rentals and short-term holiday lets, (b) comparative tax advantages between short-term holiday lets and longer-term rentals and (c) property investment patterns that demonstrate potential market distortion. (35166)

(35128)

- 350 Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies on VAT of the British Hair Consortium's report entitled Securing the future of UK hairdressing and beauty: The economic, fiscal & societal case for VAT reform, published in February 2025. (34826)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many 351 social media accounts their Department operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years.
- 352 Pippa Heylings (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Independent Review of the Loan Charge. (34988)
- 353 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will have discussions with Ray McCann on including the role of people who (a) recommended and (b) operated disguised remuneration schemes with the Loan Charge review. (34989)
- 354 Pippa Heylings (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she made an assessment of the potential merits of including the (a) role and (b) conduct of HMRC within the terms of reference of the independent review of the loan charge.
- 355 Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of Oversea Scale Rates on UK long-haul airline crew and other employees who rely on these allowances for subsistence costs. (35042)
- 356 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure the transparency of all spending related to the Government's response to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry. (35210)
- Kanishka Narayan (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made a comparative assessment of (a) levels of devolved health funding for Wales and (b) healthcare demand. (34946)
- Kanishka Narayan (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether 358 her Department has conducted an impact assessment of recent Barnett consequentials for health spending in Wales. (34952)
- 359 Anna Sabine (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made a comparable estimate of trends in the level of home insurance paid by homeowners with (a) mortgages and (b) no mortgages. (35122)
- 360 Anna Sabine (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had discussions with the home insurance industry on recent trends in the cost of home insurance for homeowners with a mortgage. (35123)

- 361 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of whether real-terms or nominal figures provide the most accurate metric for evaluating an increase in defence spending. (34811)
- 362 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Overseas Development Assistance budget will remain the only funding source for the increase in defence spending throughout this Parliament. (34812)
- 363 Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many social media accounts their Department operates; and how much their Department spent on social media (a) subscriptions and (b) advertisements on each social media platform in each of the last three years.
  (35135)

# Questions for Answer on Thursday 6 March

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department have included diversity quotas as selection criteria for contracts awarded since 5 July 2024. (34837)
- 2N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an estimate of the value of goods traded from (a) the UK to Russia via Georgia and (b) Russia to the UK via Georgia. (35105)
- 3N **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many and what proportion of public contracts awarded by his Department since 5 July 2024 have been awarded to (a) British SMEs and (b) companies based abroad. (34832)
- 4N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department have included mandatory commitments to equality, diversity and inclusion training in contracts awarded since 5 July 2024. (34838)
- 5N Jayne Kirkham (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the introduction of menstrual well-being education in the statutory guidance entitled Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education, published on 9 July 2020, on school leavers' knowledge of endometriosis.
- 6N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help maintain the landfill gas to energy sector.

(35111)

- 7N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of equalising the duty treatment of renewable liquid fuels, in the context of encouraging its uptake amongst consumers. (35112)
- SN Jayne Kirkham (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for its policies of decisions taken by the (a) Scottish Government, (b)

  Northern Ireland Executive and (c) Republic of Ireland Government to commit to using renewable liquid fuels as a key part of their decarbonisation strategies. (35113)
- 9N **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what information his Department holds on the number of public sector projects contracted by his Department that have had cost overruns due to mandatory net zero requirements since 5 July 2024. (34836)
- 10N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will consider granting protected geographic status to the Bedfordshire Clanger. (35013)
- 11N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of providing protected geographic food status for the Bedfordshire Clanger on Bedfordshire. (35016)
- 12N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to simplify the process of applying for protected geographic food status. (35017)
- 13N **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding the number of British pies with protected geographic food status. (35018)
- 14N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the criteria were for appointing members of the Digital Centre Design Panel; and whether those members will provide declarations of interests for publication. (34825)
- 15N **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussion he had had with the Secretary of State or Education on the (a) policy and (b) procurement decision to award a contract to Faculty AI in November 2024. (34880)
- 16N **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has recused himself in relation to decisions relating to Faculty AI. (34881)
- 17N **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will publish a copy of the full contract with Faculty AI from November 2024; and what the value of that contract is. (34882)

- 18N **Alan Mak** (Havant): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the Director General for Digital Centre Design was involved in the (a) policy and (b) procurement decision to award a contract to Faculty AI in November 2024. (34883)
- 19N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to ensure that (a) people and (b)
  businesses are not disrupted by loss of mobile phone network coverage in areas where
  coverage previously existed. (35137)
- 20N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, on what date bids for the next wave of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement funding should be submitted to her Department. (34783)
- 21N **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February to Question 32303 on Alexander Irvine, whether her Department plans to issue a response separate to the DVLA. (35109)
- 22N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of mandating new cars and buses to have engines which automatically switch off when in traffic. (35085)
- 23N Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the levels of corrosion on the Class (a) 150/0, (b) 150/1, (c) 150/2, (d) 155, (e) 156 and (f) 158 vehicles operated by Northern Trains. (35087)
- 24N Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 10 February 2025 to Question 28794 on Railways: Season Tickets, what the cost of a standard-class annual rail season ticket from (a) Longbridge,
   (b) Northfield and (c) Kings Norton stations to Birmingham New Street was between 03 March 2024 and 01 March 2025.
- 25N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to require periodic redeclaration of circumstances every six months for Universal Credit claimants from April 2025. (34940)
- 26N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that the results of the GBS3 trial are acted upon (a) quickly and (b) effectively. (35119)
- 27N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions his Department has had with the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation on the (a) development and (b) future rollout of a Group B Streptococcus vaccine.
- 28N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that Group B Streptococcus-specific enriched culture medium testing is available in hospital laboratories. (35121)

- 29N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plans to respond to the hon. Member for Wokingham in relation to the correspondence of 5 February 2025 from the Leader of the House on the number of newly-qualified GPs employed under the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme GP Sum [R] (35076)
- 30N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential (a) merits of including Tunbridge Wells in the High Cost Area Allowance and (b) impact of this proposals on staff (i) recruitment and (ii) retention for the NHS Trust. (35084)
- 31N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the UK's right to extend the 99-year lease on the Chagos Islands was renegotiated with the government of Mauritius in the period between his Oral Statement of 7 October 2024 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Negotiations, Official Report, column 45, and the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 25391 on Diego Garcia: Military Bases.
- 32N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure
  that Overseas Territories' registers of beneficial ownership accessible only to those with a
  legitimate interest (a) support transparency and (b) tackle illicit financial transactions.

  (34939)
- 33N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether money spent on the UK and Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership has been distributed to M23 militias in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

  (35118)
- 34N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2025 to Question 32380 on Cambridgeshire Constabulary: Allowances, what the difference in salary is between a Cambridgeshire police officer and officers from (a) Bedfordshire and (b) Hertfordshire at each rank when South-East allowance is included in the 2024-25 financial year. (34995)
- 35N **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 32327 on Asylum: Accommodation, if she will publish (a) the total capacity of (i) rooms and (ii) bed spaces used in each hotel to accommodate asylum seekers on 1 July 2024 and (b) the total capacity of each hotel currently in use for that purpose.
- 36N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has plans to introduce additional safe and legal routes, in the context of recent changes to its good character caseworker guidance. (34924)

- 37N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Remote Controlled Howitzer 155 mm (RCH 155) he plans to procure; and whether this number has changed since 5 July 2024. (34889)
- 38N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of the work undertaken on the development of the RCH 155 will be British; and whether this proportion has changed since 5 July 2024. (34890)
- 39N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of the RCH 155 will be primarily manufactured in (a) the United Kingdom and (b) Germany.

  (34891)
- 40N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the decision by the US Defence Secretary to suspend (a) operations and (b) planning for offensive cyber operations against Russia. (34892)
- 41N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2025 to Question 31001 on Veterans: War Pensions, what the minimum recordable level of radiation dose is for establishing radiation exposure. (34820)
- 42N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2025 to Question 31001 on Veterans: War Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of dose records kept by the Atomic Weapons Establishment.
- 43N Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2025 to Question 31001 on Veterans: War Pensions, how many and what proportion of British nuclear test veterans have a radiation dose record; how many and what proportion of veterans have a radiation dose record for every tour they undertook; and whether his Department plans to provide compensation to British Nuclear Test Veterans whose records are (a) missing and (b) otherwise unavailable. (34822)
- 44N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2025 to Question 31001 on Veterans: War Pensions, what the average acceptance rate is for applications made by (a) British nuclear test and (b) other veterans to the War Pension Scheme.
- 45N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours have been flown in each UK F35 since they entered full operational capability. (34922)
- 46N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the proposed agreement with Mauritius on the Chagos Islands contains a clause allowing other States to use the allocated electromagnetic spectrum in the British Indian Ocean Territory; what steps his Department is taking to help prevent risks to the Automated Digital Network System 3. (34787)

- 47N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what individual schemes for Afghan resettlement in the UK are available to be applied to under the Afghan Resettlement Programme. (34998)
- 48N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how Afghans who worked for British forces during Operation Herrick can apply for resettlement in the UK. (34999)
- 49N **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to make Almshouses eligible for the right to buy scheme.

  (35095)
- 50N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has taken steps to request the extradition of (a) Andrew and (b) Tristan Tate from the United States. (35002)
- 51N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he plans to amend the monitoring, analysis and reporting arrangements system for dealing with people who have been convicted of terror-related offences after their release from prison. (34786)
- 52N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the application of inheritance tax to death in service payments will apply to (a) fire, (b) police service and (c) any other emergency service payments. (34893)
- 53N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of (a) reducing the cash ISA limit to £4,000 and (b) creating incentives to put money into stocks and shares ISAs on the amount of money that will be put into stocks and shares ISAs [e.g. in each of the next three years]. (34831)
- 54N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 3.11 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of investments by occupational pension schemes on the (a) place, (b) people and (c) net zero pillars of the growth mission.
- 55N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding the Terms of Reference for the Independent Review of the Loan Charge to include (a) the effectiveness of the terms of the Loan Charge, (b) lessons learned by her Department in relation to the introduction of the Loan Charge and (c) the role of scheme promoters in promoting tax avoidance schemes.
- 56N **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many public contracts awarded by his Department since 5 July 2024 have been awarded to companies with offshore tax arrangements. (34833)

- 57N **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many procurement contracts awarded by his Department since 5 July 2024 have been awarded without competitive tendering. (34834)
- 58N **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many procurement contracts awarded by his Department since 5 July 2024 have been terminated due to non-performance. (34835)
- 59N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the overseas scale rates. (35138)

# Questions for Answer on Friday 7 March

## **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the level of (a) unemployment and (b) underemployment among healthcare professionals.
  (35190)
- 2N **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential causes of (a) unemployment and (b) underemployment among qualified healthcare professionals. (35191)
- 3N **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the utilisation of (a) unemployed and (b) underemployed healthcare professionals in the NHS. (35192)

# Questions for Answer on Monday 10 March

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to provide (a) clear routes for progression and (b) development in different subject areas to encourage recruitment and retention of teachers. (35061)
- 2N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of support for dyslexic students in mainstream education in (a) Somerset and (b) the South West. (35064)

- 3N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to improve (a) inclusivity and (b) expertise on dyslexia in mainstream schools in (i) Somerset and (ii) the South West. (35066)
- 4N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support children diagnosed with dyslexia in Yeovil constituency.

  (35067)
- 5N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure early diagnosis of dyslexia in schools. (35068)
- 6N **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of mandating CitizenAID training within the national curriculum. (35075)
- 7N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure all dog rescue organisations adhere to a standardised national framework for the safe rehoming of dogs.

  (34839)
- 8N **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to provide financial support to people in temporary accommodation.

  [Transferred] (34663)
- 9N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the diagnosis of dyslexia in children in (a) Somerset and (b) the South West. (35065)
- 10N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of facial recognition misidentifications on the public. (34934)
- 11N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what safeguards her Department has put in place to help protect people misidentified by facial recognition technology in shops. (34935)
- 12N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing legal safeguards for people wrongly flagged as criminals by private facial recognition systems.

  (34936)
- 13N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with (a) retailers and (b) trade unions on the risk of misidentifications by private facial recognition systems. (34937)

# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 11 March

## **Questions for Written Answer**

- IN **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an estimate of the number of people who will be affected by the increase in the national minimum wage in each (a) local authority and (b) parliamentary constituency in (i) Birmingham and (ii) Solihull broken; and what the average uplift to annual wages will be for people earning the minimum wage. (34781)
- 2N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, by how much funding allocations for breakfast clubs in schools will increase in each (a) local authority and (b) parliamentary constituency in (i) Birmingham and (ii) Solihull in each year for which data is available. (34779)
- 3N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of ensuring all (a) teachers and (b) support staff in SEND settings receive training on dysphagia. (35186)
- 4N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the prevalence of incidents relating to dysphagia in SEND settings; and what steps she is taking to manage dysphagia safely in those settings. (35187)
- Peter Prinsley (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for when councils will receive (a) transitional funding and (b) revenue support to develop food waste collection services compliant with new waste regulations in the Environment Act 2021. (35060)
- 6N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has asked HS2 Limited to make an assessment of the potential impact of the provision of funding for a railway station at East Birmingham on the regeneration of that area. (34782)
- 7N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pensioners are in receipt of the State Pension in each (a) local authority and (b) parliamentary constituency in (i) Birmingham and (ii) Solihull; and what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of the increase to the State Pension in the next financial year. (34780)

# Questions for Answer on Thursday 13 March

## **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to prevent the euthanasia of healthy animals without their owners' prior consent. (35139)
- 2N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, which bodies provide independent validation of organisations seeking Disability Confident Leader status or renewal of that status. (34931)
- 3N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department has taken to ensure that bodies providing independent validation of organisations seeking Disability Confident Leader status or to renewal of that status are fit for purpose. (34932)
- 4N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many complaints the Disability Confident policy team in her Department has had concerning a Disability Confident employer failing to comply with the Disability Confident criteria in the last three years. (34933)

# Questions for Answer on Monday 17 March

## **Questions for Written Answer**

Michael Wheeler (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the cost of a standard-class annual rail season ticket from (a) Eccles, (b) Moorside, (c) Patricroft and (d) Swinton to (i) Deansgate, (ii) Manchester Oxford Road, (iii) Manchester Piccadilly, and (iv) Manchester Victoria in 2010.
(35098)