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Questions tabled on Tuesday 11 March 2025

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 12 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions his Department had with ISG on its internal audit functions prior to that company going into administration; and what steps he is taking to ensure the adequacy of (a) audit and (b) governance legislation. [Transferred] (36792)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help resolve issues around the administration of ISG; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring construction firms awarded major public infrastructure projects to have an internal audit function. [Transferred] (36793)
- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to widen the definition of a public interest entity to include the largest companies not listed on the main London Stock Exchange. [Transferred] (36794)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring the largest (a) private and (b) public companies to publish a triennial Audit and Assurance Policy mandating them to report (i) internal audit and (ii) other assurance capabilities. [Transferred] (36795)
- 5 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of removing the business-level test from the Energy Intensive industry scheme eligibility requirements for UK ceramic manufacturers. [Transferred] (36727)

- 6 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many public libraries across England and Wales were open in the most recent 10 years for which data is available. [Transferred] (36739)
- 7 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Health and Safety Executive on the provision of waste disposal bins in male toilets for people experiencing incontinence due to (a) prostate cancer treatment and (b) other medical conditions. [Transferred] (36834)
- 8 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 21 February 2025 to Question 30440 on Housing: Construction, whether SANGS payments and other nature mitigation payments can be offset towards BNG payments. [Transferred] (36698)
- 9 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the affordability of public transport for (a) women and (b) children residing in women's refuges. [Transferred] (36781)
- 10 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what guidance her Department has issued to local authorities on whether a road in a new build development should be adopted by a local authority. [Transferred] (36683)
- 11 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Government has considered funding public health campaigns to educate young people on the risks of cannabis use within a regulated market. [Transferred] (36766)
- 12 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has considered raising the alcohol-free threshold from 0.05% ABV to 0.5% ABV. [Transferred] (37074)
- 13 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of (a) increasing the maximum mandatory disabled facilities grant and (b) reviewing means test arrangements for that grant. [Transferred] (36822)
- 14 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will extend the Fire Kills campaign to raise awareness of fatal carbon monoxide poisoning. [Transferred] (37061)
- 15 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to increase the transparency of the work of the Defending Democracy Taskforce. [Transferred] (36688)
- 16 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential risks to UK users of Apple's removal of its advanced data protection feature. [Transferred] (37000)

- 17 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's policy is on requiring technology companies to implement backdoors into encrypted services. [Transferred] (37001)
- 18 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of the proposed Chinese embassy on (a) national security and (b) the risk of transnational repression of diasporic (i) Hong Kong, (ii) Uyghur, (iii) Tibetan and (iv) other communities in the UK. [Transferred] (36630)
- 19 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will make an estimate of the potential annual public spending savings that could be achieved through the legal regulation of cannabis. [Transferred] (36756)
- 20 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of a regulated cannabis market on (a) public health and (b) drug-related harms. [Transferred] (36757)
- 21 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions her Department has had on the regulation of cannabis as a means to improve public health outcomes and reduce the burden on the NHS. [Transferred] (36758)
- 22 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of a legal cannabis industry on UK (a) job creation, (b) investment and (c) economic growth. [Transferred] (36762)
- 23 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent studies her Department has considered on the effectiveness of regulated cannabis markets in reducing adolescent cannabis consumption. [Transferred] (36764)
- 24 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of cannabis legalisation on racial disparities in drug-related arrests and sentencing. [Transferred] (36768)
- 25 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government has conducted an equality impact assessment on (a) the racial disparities in drug law enforcement and (b) how a regulated cannabis market could address these. [Transferred] (36769)
- 26 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has provided funding to children's therapists to support families residing in women's refugees. [Transferred] (36780)

- 27 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help improve the provision of (a) physical banks and (b) banking hubs in Ilford South constituency. [Transferred] (36948)
- 28 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to increase the level of child benefit in line with inflation. [Transferred] (37016)
- 29 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to Business Rates Relief on grassroots music venues. [Transferred] (36893)
- 30 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of removing grassroots music venues from the business rates system. [Transferred] (36894)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 13 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Solicitor General, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37126)
- 2 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 14712 on Honours: Public Appointments, who has been (a) appointed and (b) appointed by open and fair competition to the Parliamentary and Political Service honours Committee since 5 July 2024; and what recruitment is ongoing. (37424)
- 3 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the status is of the industrial action in the Office for National Statistics over workplace attendance. (37425)
- 4 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to lay a new Official Statistics Order to designate Great British Railways' statistical outputs as official statistics. (37426)
- 5 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 24653 on Arms Length Bodies, which financial years Phase 2 savings apply to; whether those savings are from the RDEL budget; what the baseline is for those savings; and whether those savings are in addition to Phase 1 savings. (37427)
- 6 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress he has made on the new integrated transparency platform. (37428)

- 7 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 29 January 2025 to Question 25452 on Cabinet Office: Staff, what the longest period of time is that a member of the Skills Match Hub has been signed up excluding maternity leave. (37429)
- 8 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to reduce barriers to making civil servants redundant who do not deliver efficiency savings. (37430)
- 9 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will list the full membership of each Mission Board. (37431)
- 10 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 7442 on Prime Minister: Communication, how many staff work on digital communications in Downing Street; and at what cost. (37432)
- 11 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled The Approvals Process for the Creation of New Arm's-Length Bodies, updated on 15 March 2018, whether his Department's public bodies team assessed the National Energy Systems Operator against the guidance that the creation of a new ALB should only be considered as a last resort; whether the Department provided evidence of whether alternative delivery models were considered; and which of the three tests outlined in chapter 2 of that guidance it met. (37433)
- 12 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if his Department will (a) make an assessment of and (b) have discussions with the National Cyber Security Centre on the potential impact of the decision of Apple to discontinue the advanced data protection facility in the UK on (i) cybersecurity for (A) individuals and (B) companies and (ii) UK-US cybersecurity international relations. (37434)
- 13 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department provides guidance to departmental social media accounts on liking party political posts by (a) Ministers and (b) hon. Members. (37435)
- 14 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much and what proportion of the Innovation Fund he plans to allocate to (a) staffing, (b) logistics, (c) management of the test-and-learn teams and (d) other administrative costs. (37436)
- 15 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37125)
- 16 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, whether the Church Commissioners have had discussions with local churches in coastal areas on steps to encourage young people to join church related (a) youth clubs and (b) weekend events. (37156)

- 17 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of foreign direct investment screening mechanisms on UK economic sovereignty. (37447)
- 18 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to promote exports from (a) defence and (b) aerospace manufacturers. (37448)
- 19 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take steps to help protect Post Office services in rural areas. (37273)
- 20 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many active businesses were registered in Wales on the Companies House register in each of the last five financial years. (37474)
- 21 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many active businesses were registered in (a) Powys and (b) Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe on the Companies House register in each of the last five financial years. (37475)
- 22N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the end of the US tariff rate quota on UK steel and aluminium exports from 12 March 2025 on (a) economic growth and (b) levels of exports in quarter (i) one and (ii) two of 2025. [Transferred] (36928)
- 23N **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of the implementation of the US reciprocal tariffs proposal on UK steel and aluminium exports from 12 March 2025 on (a) economic growth and (b) levels of exports. [Transferred] (36929)
- 24 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will meet with representatives from the Worker Support Centre to discuss reports of alleged non-payment of wages for workers on the Seasonal Worker Visa. (37204)
- 25 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of allegations of human rights violations by Israel, in the context of free trade negotiations between the UK and Israel. (37380)
- 26 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of a free trade agreement between the UK and Israel on the use of (a) surveillance and (b) cybersecurity technologies manufactured by UK businesses in Gaza. (37381)
- 27 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to encourage small and medium-sized enterprises to offer apprenticeships. (37179)

- 28 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps are being considered to reduce financial burdens on small and independent high street businesses. (37181)
- 29 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential (a) implications for his policies of international examples of state-run cannabis markets and (b) impact of those markets on (i) economic growth and (ii) public health. (37295)
- 30N **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of opening the Energy Intensive Industry Exemption scheme to all ceramics manufacturers. [Transferred] (36726)
- 31 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37116)
- 32 **John Whitby** (Derbyshire Dales): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the impact of informal and disguised employment in the beauty sector on the number of apprenticeship places available in hairdressing and beauty. (37517)
- 33 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34072 on Export Controls: Russia, if he will list every export licence granted by his Department for exports of medicinal and pharmaceutical to Russia since September 2023. (37401)
- 34 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34072 on Export Controls: Russia, if he will list every export licence granted by his Department for exports of insurance and pensions to Russia since September 2023. (37402)
- 35 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34072 on Export Controls: Russia, if he will list every export licence granted by his Department for exports of organic chemicals to Russia since September 2023. (37403)
- 36 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34072 on Export Controls: Russia, if he will list every export licence granted by his Department for exports of cars to Russia since September 2023. (37404)
- 37 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34072 on Export Controls: Russia, if he will list each export licence granted by his Department for exports of toilet and cleansing preparations to Russia since September 2023. (37405)

- 38 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34072 on Export Controls: Russia, if he will list every export licence granted by his Department for exports of travel services to Russia since September 2023. (37406)
- 39 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34072 on Export Controls: Russia, if he will list every export licence granted by his Department for exports of insurance and pensions to Russia since September 2023. (37407)
- 40 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34072 on Export Controls: Russia, if he will list every export licence granted by his Department for exports of Other business services to Russia since September 2023. (37408)
- 41 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34072 on Export Controls: Russia, if he will list each export licence granted by his Department for exports of telecoms and computer information services to Russia since September 2023. (37409)
- 42 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to promote the availability of funding for small charities. (37276)
- 43 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 5 March 2025, to Question 33995, on Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Internet what proportion of spending on the First Draft podcast was allocated to its (a) production and (b) promotion. (37319)
- 44 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the University of Manchester's blog entitled Addressing the UK's heritage skills crisis: why we must act now, published on 23 January 2025, what steps she is taking to preserve heritage buildings. (37498)
- 45 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will (a) digitise and (b) publish historic Northern Ireland command papers from 1921 onwards. (37412)
- 46 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to promote (a) youth arts and (b) cultural festivals in Surrey Heath Constituency. (37477)
- 47 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37117)

- 48 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Answer to the hon. Member for Cheltenham of 27 February 2025, Official Report, column 919, what the content was of her discussions with EU commissioners on reducing bureaucracy for artists touring EU countries. (37354)
- 49 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the oral contribution by the Minister for Sport, Media, Civil Society during the debate on gambling harms of 5 February 2025, Official Report, columns 373-377WH, if she will outline the conditions under which her Department would intervene to replace the self-regulating system in the gambling industry. (37357)
- 50 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the University of Manchester's blog entitled Addressing the UK's heritage skills crisis: why we must act now, published on 23 January 2025, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of including (a) heritage skills and (b) the Sloyd method in the national curriculum. (37499)
- 51 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she expects the first BSL GCSE course to begin. (37205)
- 52 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions her Department has had with Ofqual on the timing of the first teaching of the British Sign Language GCSE. (37206)
- 53 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to extend universal free school meals to all children in (a) Bradford East constituency and (b) other areas of high child poverty. (37186)
- 54 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which groups she has consulted during the decision-making process on the future of the adoption and special guardianship support fund. (37513)
- 55 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Adoption and special guardianship support fund on families with adopted children. (37514)
- 56 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of waiting times for the Adoption and special guardianship support fund. (37515)
- 57 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to simplify the re-application process for the Adoption and special guardianship support fund. (37516)
- 58 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what funding her Department has provided to local authorities for Special Educational Needs and Disability First-tier Tribunal hearings in the past 12 months. (37422)

- 59 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the potential cost to the public purse was of funding from her Department to Suffolk County Council to help pay for Tribunal fees for each year between 2019-2023. (37423)
- 60 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37118)
- 61 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) nurseries, (b) primary schools, (c) secondary schools and (d) 16-18 colleges identified as containing asbestos and listed on the Schools Rebuilding Programme (i) were scheduled to be and (ii) were (A) complete and (B) in progress by 1 March 2025. (37314)
- 62 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund permanent. (37398)
- 63 **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his Department's timetable is for publishing a consultation on the placement of solar canopies on outdoor car parks. (37459)
- 64 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions his Department has had with the utility companies on the ability of people living in (a) flats and (b) houses in multiple occupation to take advantage of reduced tariffs for off-peak electricity due to (i) the conditions of their tenancy agreement (ii) the potential impact on their neighbours. (37351)
- 65 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the Data Communications Company expand smart meter network coverage in the context of the Radio Teleswitch switch off. (37511)
- 66 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the sale of fossil fuels in international energy markets on his Department's support for North Sea oil operations. (37379)
- 67 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to take steps to protect green belt land from fire risks when developing battery energy storage systems. (37176)
- 68 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the anticipated impact of the growth in artificial intelligence and sovereign compute infrastructure on national energy demand; and what steps the Government is taking to ensure that the UK's energy security strategy addresses the power requirements of advanced computing and AI workloads. (37342)

- 69 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of banning the (a) import and (b) use of Chinese photovoltaic panels manufactured using forced Labour. (37365)
- 70 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many land transactions for nationally significant projects were via compulsory purchase order since 4 July 2024. (37369)
- 71 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of raising the threshold to qualify as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project in line with technological progress. (37370)
- 72 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 35839 on Infrastructure: Land, what is the largest quantity of best and most versatile land used for a nationally significant energy development infrastructure project that has been consented. (37375)
- 73 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to prioritise financial support for the energy costs of ceramic manufacturers. (37258)
- 74 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the report by Oxfam entitled Fast, Fair, Funded and Feminist: A pathway to a just and transformative climate transition within and beyond the UK, published on 10 March; and whether he plans to implement the recommendations on supporting lower-income countries in publicly funded energy transitions. (37115)
- 75 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37119)
- 76 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 21 February 2025 to Question 30643 on Nightclubs and Public Houses: Planning, what guidance his Department has issued on noise and statutory nuisance; and whether his Department has issued guidance on the agent of change principle. (37207)
- 77 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the answer of 17 January 2025, to Question 22329, on Noise: Pollution Control, whether his Department has published guidance on established use in statutory nuisance complaints for (a) long-standing chiming clocks and (b) church bells. (37208)

- 78 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March 2025 to Question 36002 on Solar Power: Reservoirs, which legislation could impact what can and cannot be done regarding installing solar panels on a reservoir. (37519)
- 79 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will meet with the Seasonal Worker Interest Group to discuss worker welfare on the Seasonal Worker visa. (37190)
- 80 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the regulation of tied-accommodation for seasonal agricultural workers. (37191)
- 81 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) encourage people to access nature and (b) ensure visitors to the countryside are informed about the statutory guidance entitled The Countryside Code: advice for countryside visitors, last updated 26 May 2023. (37413)
- 82 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the closure of the Border Inspection Post at Stansted Airport on the British horseracing industry; and whether he plans to take steps to ensure that horses are able to continue travelling to and from the UK by air. (37143)
- 83 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on reducing barriers to cross-border travel for thoroughbred horses since 6 February 2025. (37144)
- 84 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to improve the traceability of horses in Great Britain. (37145)
- 85 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the guidance entitled Single-use vapes ban, published on 20 January 2025, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) relevant enforcement authorities and (b) Trading Standards are informed of changes to the MHRA notified products list. (37453)
- 86 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's guidance on the single-use vapes ban, published on 20 January 2025, how the Department plans to enforce this guidance; and if he will consider placing it on a statutory footing through secondary legislation. (37454)

- 87 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37120)
- 88 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will (a) reopen and (b) ringfence funding for the (i) Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship and (ii) Landscape Recovery scheme in Devon. (37399)
- 89 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to review rules around burning solid fuels in (a) general and (b) smoke control zones. (37259)
- 90 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his planned timetable is for when patients with Myasthenia Gravis will have access to recently licenced products. (37488)
- 91 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help increase mobile phone coverage. (37275)
- 92 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many animals were housed in UK (a) laboratories, (b) breeding centres and (c) universities but not used in scientific procedures in 2023; and how many animals were not used in scientific procedures and euthanised in 2023. (37318)
- 93 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress his Department has made on establishing AI growth zones in the devolved nations. (37150)
- 94 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37121)
- 95 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve transport infrastructure within rural communities. (37277)
- 96 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to review her Department's decision to reduce the maximum weight limits for volumetric concrete mobile plants; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of this policy on (a) the number of skilled jobs in the construction industry, (b) the size of the construction sector and (c) the environment. (37497)
- 97 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed expansion of Heathrow Airport on future trends in respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses. (37491)

- 98 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of ride-hailing firms setting fares below local taxi tariff rates; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact this has on road safety due to excessive working hours. (37378)
- 99 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37122)
- 100 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing financial support to enable people on low incomes to buy healthy food. (37187)
- 101 **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of job centres on economic growth in Stafford. (37482)
- 102 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to increase support for (a) Citizens Advice and (b) other charitable organisations in (i) Norfolk and (ii) England. (37524)
- 103 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Worker Support Centre's Annual Report 2024, published on 14 February 2025, whether the Health and Safety Executive has plans to commission a review into (a) the use of personal protective equipment and (b) repeated injuries on farms employing seasonal workers. (37201)
- 104 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Health and Safety Executive Inspections of farms employing workers on the Seasonal Worker visa were conducted in each of the last five years in (a) Scotland, (b) England and (c) Wales. (37202)
- 105 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Health and Safety Executive have taken to prevent health and safety hazards on farms employing workers on the Seasonal Worker visa in each of the last five years in (a) Scotland, (b) England and (c) Wales. (37203)
- 106 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people with (a) neurological conditions and (b) multiple sclerosis are using the Access to Work scheme. (37382)
- 107 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average waiting time is for support to be granted to a claimant applying to the Access to Work scheme. (37383)
- 108 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the financial impact of the Access to Work scheme to the UK economy. (37384)

- 109 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people with Multiple Sclerosis who are on income-related Employment and Support Allowance. (37385)
- 110 **Margaret Mullane** (Dagenham and Rainham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps is she taking with Cabinet colleagues to reduce levels of poverty among migrant children. (37468)
- 111 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment her Department has made of the financial security of older women in (a) Vale of Glamorgan constituency and (b) the UK; and what steps she is taking to end discrimination due to (i) age and (ii) gender. (37343)
- 112 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help reduce youth unemployment rates in Surrey Heath constituency. (37478)
- 113 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37123)
- 114 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to improve waiting times for the Personal Independence Payment helpline. (37329)
- 115 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to increase patient access to new and innovative treatments for Myasthenia Gravis. (37487)
- 116 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the NHS 10 Year Plan will include steps to ensure healthcare professionals are adequately trained and supported in diagnosing and treating rare diseases like Myasthenia Gravis. (37489)
- 117 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve mental health support for residents in rural areas. (37279)
- 118 **Catherine Atkinson** (Derby North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number and proportion of NHS organisations that do not have adequate IT systems in place to support the delivery of the Accessible Information Standard. (37416)
- 119 **Catherine Atkinson** (Derby North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of NHS England's revision of the Accessible Information Standard on compliance among NHS organisations. (37417)

- 120 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) improve early diagnosis rates and (b) support the (i) development and (ii) availability of treatments for dementia. (37364)
- 121 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish funding by the Better Care Fund to support unpaid carers for (a) 2023 and (b) 2024, by region. (37470)
- 122 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) increase the capacity of and (b) reduce delays in medical examiner services. (37449)
- 123 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether funding has been allocated for the enabling works for Watford General Hospital. (37304)
- 124 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of the UK becoming a signatory to the World Health Organisation's resolution entitled Reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases through the promotion of kidney health and strengthening prevention and control of kidney disease. (37305)
- 125 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of (a) NHS Capital and (b) District Valuer Services rules in meeting demand for new primary care facilities. (37306)
- 126 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 July 2024 to Question 404 on Watford Hospital: Construction, whether he plans to visit West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust before 4 July 2025. (37307)
- 127 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of access to prophylactics for immunocompromised people for whom vaccines are not effective. (37308)
- 128 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to ensure that the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency uses (a) placenta-on-a-chip and (b) other modern test methods in drug testing. (37317)
- 129 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve (a) one year and (b) five year survival rates for cancers of the (i) liver, (ii) lung, (iii) pancreas, (iv) oesophagus and (v) stomach in Cheshire and Merseyside. (37352)

- 130 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to expand dietitian-led diabetes prevention programmes in (a) Bradford East constituency and (b) other constituencies with high prevalence rates. (37185)
- 131 **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing guidelines to social workers for parents with autism. (37480)
- 132 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to make (a) dental mouth guards and (b) other dental orthotics services available for free on the NHS for people who are on Pension Credit. (37466)
- 133 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the amount of (a) research into pancreatic cancer and (b) clinical trials into potential treatments for pancreatic cancer. (37506)
- 134 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to invest in developments in the treatment of pancreatic cancer. (37507)
- 135 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure patients diagnosed with pancreatic cancer access (a) relevant research and (b) clinical trials. (37508)
- 136 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer. (37509)
- 137 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve support available for families who have lost a relative to cancer. (37510)
- 138 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the Royal College of Physicians on the administrative error in the 2023/03 Membership of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK part two examinations. (37414)
- 139 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that hospice care services across England are sufficiently funded; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of an ageing population on demand for palliative care services. (37180)

- 140 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of people starting an (a) F1 and (b) F2 placement were international medical graduates in each deanery in each year since 2015. (37269)
- 141 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing electronic prescriptions for medicinal cannabis. (37268)
- 142N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposed increase in the certificate of sponsorship fee on the adult social care sector; and if he will hold discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on making more funding available to support the adult social care sector. (37283)
- 143 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential correlation between areas with higher levels of deprivation and trends in the level of cancer diagnosis. (37151)
- 144 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve NHS dental services. (37158)
- 145 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to stop violence against pregnant NHS healthcare professionals. (37159)
- 146 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37124)
- 147 **John Whitby** (Derbyshire Dales): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March 2025 to Question 35591 on Pharmacy: Finance, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of pharmacies using Pharmacy First. (37518)
- 148 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of qualified occupational therapists in (a) health, (b) social care and (c) community settings. (37355)
- 149 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of mandating principal occupational therapist roles within (a) local authorities and (b) NHS trusts. (37356)
- 150 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential (a) structural and (b) social causes of obesity. (37358)

- 151 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to better integrate occupational therapists in primary care; and whether occupational therapists will be included in any plans for a neighbourhood health service. (37359)
- 152 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the potential merits of continuing funding for the Blue Belt international marine conservation programme beyond 2025. (37160)
- 153 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia on (a) security and (b) regional stability in the western Balkans. (37162)
- 154 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to assist the continued freedom of movement of BN(O) visa holders whose passports have been cancelled by Hong Kong authorities. (37348)
- 155 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure its consular guidance raises awareness of cities with high levels of carbon monoxide. (37157)
- 156 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has received advice from the Attorney General on activity originating from military bases in Cyprus since July 2024. (37396)
- 157 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of any open arms licences granted for export to Israel since the partial arms licence suspension. (37397)
- 158 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many staff his Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37127)
- 159 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reasons will the renaming of civil injunctions as housing injunctions help housing associations tackle anti-social behaviour. (37350)
- 160 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many British citizens held dual citizenship in each of the last five years. (37110)
- 161 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number of British citizens who hold more than two passports. (37111)

- 162 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many British citizens gave up their citizenship in each of the last ten years. (37112)
- 163 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many British citizens had their citizenship revoked in each of the last ten years. (37114)
- 164 **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle drug related crime in Stafford constituency. (37481)
- 165 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will have discussions with the Seasonal Worker Interest Group on the welfare of workers on seasonal worker visas. (37192)
- 166 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority inspectors were operational in (a) Scotland, (b) England, (c) Wales, and (d) Northern Ireland in each of the last five years. (37193)
- 167 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority inspections on farms employing workers on the Seasonal Worker visa were carried out in each of the last five years in (a) Scotland, (b) England, (c) Wales, and (d) Northern Ireland. (37194)
- 168 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many UK Visas and Immigration Compliance Unit inspections were carried out in each of the last three years in (a) Scotland, (b) England, (c) Wales, and (d) Northern Ireland. (37195)
- 169 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has plans to formally respond to the Worker Support Centre Annual Report 2024, published on 14 February 2025. (37196)
- 170 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has plans to make an assessment of the potential impact of the Seasonal Worker visa scheme on recent trends in the level of worker exploitation. (37197)
- 171 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions has she had with police forces on preventing reoffenders from committing retail crimes. (37501)
- 172 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make a comparative assessment of recent trends in the level of retail worker assaults reported in (a) the East of England and (b) other regions of England in the last 12 months. (37502)

- 173 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of recent trends in the level of retail crime in Essex. (37503)
- 174 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support retail workers in reporting incidents of abuse, threats and violence to the police. (37504)
- 175 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to with retailers in Essex to increase (a) the provision of security personnel and (b) local police presence in stores to help deter (i) violence and (ii) abuse against staff. (37505)
- 176 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has allocated funding to support the (a) resettlement and (b) integration of Chagossians in the UK. (37161)
- 177 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to improve educational support and engagement for vulnerable young people at risk of becoming involved in knife crime. (37178)
- 178 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle the sale of illegal vapes in Surrey Heath constituency. (37479)
- 179N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of a legally regulated cannabis market on tax revenue. [Transferred] (36755)
- 180 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of reducing cannabis-related (a) arrests, (b) prosecutions and (c) court cases on the costs of the criminal justice system. (37290)
- 181 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of cannabis legalisation on (a) reducing county lines drug trafficking and (b) associated law enforcement costs. (37292)
- 182 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies on the level of police resources for tackling cannabis use of the report by TRANSFORM Drug Policy Foundation, entitled High returns: the economic benefits of UK cannabis legalisation, published on 18 February 2025. (37293)

- 183 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what measures her Department has put in place to prevent the misuse of police databases by (a) officers and (b) staff; and if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of those measures in the last five years. (37296)
- 184 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many instances of unauthorised access to police databases by (a) officers and (b) staff have been recorded in each the last five years; and what disciplinary actions were taken in each case. (37297)
- 185 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what training is provided to police (a) officers and (b) staff on the ethical use of police databases; and how frequently that training is updated. (37298)
- 186 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of cybercrime convictions involved (a) police (i) officers and (ii) staff and (b) other people in each of the last five years. (37299)
- 187 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle cybercrime perpetrated by police (a) officers and (b) staff. (37300)
- 188 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of whether there is a correlation between the (a) (i) roles and (ii) ranks of police personnel and (b) likelihood of committing cybercrimes; and what steps her Department is taking to help mitigate identified risks. (37301)
- 189 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what independent oversight mechanisms are in place to monitor and investigate the misuse of police databases by officers and staff. (37302)
- 190 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how often audits are conducted on police database access logs to detect and deter unauthorised access by officers and staff. (37303)
- 191 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of recent trends in the level of underage drug use across the UK. (37154)
- 192 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to improve the accessibility of online electronic travel authorisations for elderly people. (37155)
- 193 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37128)

- 194 **Matt Turmaine** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward further regulation of the sale of (a) crossbows and (b) crossbow arrow heads. [R] (37526)
- 195 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Leader of the House, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2024 to Question 8807 on Government Departments: Written Questions, whether her policy on Freedom of Information requests also applies to Environmental Information Regulation requests (37209)
- 196 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the availability of skilled workers for the defence manufacturing sector. (37439)
- 197 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to expand UK-based production of critical components for defence equipment. (37440)
- 198 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of domestic industrial capacity to support defence supply chains. (37441)
- 199 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing the levels of UK-produced components in defence procurement programmes. (37442)
- 200 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support the growth of UK-base defence (a) start-ups and (b) small businesses. (37443)
- 201 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of expanding UK-based (a) maintenance and (b) upgrading facilities for defence assets. (37444)
- 202 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) apprenticeships and (b) skills development in the defence manufacturing sector. (37445)
- 203 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of foreign investment on the UK defence industrial base. (37446)
- 204 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 34636 on HMS Northumberland: Decommissioning, what the target date is for the delivery of the Type 26 Frigates. (37233)

- 205 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 34636 on HMS Northumberland: Decommissioning, what the target date is for the delivery of the Type 31 Frigates. (37234)
- 206 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 34636 on HMS Northumberland: Decommissioning, what the target date is for the delivery of the multi-role support ships. (37235)
- 207 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 34636 on HMS Northumberland: Decommissioning, what the target date is for the delivery of the fleet solid support ships. (37236)
- 208 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 34904 on Defence: Procurement, whether the target for direct SME spending will be published separately to the Spending Review. (37237)
- 209 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 34904 on Defence: Procurement, whether he plans to publish the target for direct SME spending separately from the Defence Industrial Strategy. (37238)
- 210 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 34902 on Uncrewed Systems: Procurement, what the process is for issuing a Defence Infrastructure Organisation license for the use of uncrewed systems on the defence estate. (37243)
- 211 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 34902 on Uncrewed Systems: Procurement, whether he has plans to change the process for issuing Defence Infrastructure Organisation licenses for the use of uncrewed systems on the defence estate. (37244)
- 212 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 33511 on Intelligence Services: Departmental Responsibilities, whether funding for intelligence security services will be taken from his Department's budget. (37245)
- 213 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2025 to Question 33949 on Ministry of Defence: Public Appointments, whether he plans to have discussions with his European counterparts on the appointment of the next Supreme Allied Commander Europe. (37246)
- 214 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2025 to Question 33524 on Strategic Defence Review, what the cost envelope will for the Strategic Defence Review. (37247)

- 215 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 March 2025 to Question 33508 on Defence Serious Crime Unit, if he will publish the full membership of the Service Justice Board. (37248)
- 216 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 March 2025 to Question 33508 on Defence Serious Crime Unit, how frequently does the Service Justice Board meet. (37249)
- 217 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2025 to Question 33951 on Joint Expeditionary Force, if he will publish a summary of his discussions with his Norwegian counterpart on (a) 19-20 February 2025 and (b) 27 February 2025. (37250)
- 218 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Strategic Defence Review will include capability annexes for each of the single services. (37251)
- 219 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Royal Navy service personnel (a) retired and (b) left the profession for other reasons in each of the last ten years. (37113)
- 220 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason he approved Project Selbourne. (37483)
- 221 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the training provided by Capita to the Royal Navy. (37484)
- 222N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what provisional allocation of defence spending he has made to cover the costs associated with the (a) Chagos Islands deal and (b) the transfer of sovereignty to Mauritius. [Transferred] (36671)
- 223 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the number of war pension applications pending review on (a) 11 March 2025, (b) 11 March 2024 and (c) 11 March 2023; and what steps he is taking to tackle the backlog. (37345)
- 224 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to accelerate the review process for war pension application; and whether any changes to internal procedures or decision-making frameworks are being considered to reduce waiting times. (37346)
- 225 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether interim financial assistance is available for veterans awaiting a decision on their war pension applications; and what steps are being taken to support those experiencing financial hardship due to prolonged processing times. (37347)

- 226 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the delivery timeline is for the remaining F-35B jets ordered from Lockheed Martin. (37371)
- 227 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the Armoured Cavalry Programme will reach initial operating capability. (37372)
- 228 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Ajax armoured vehicles the Army will have taken delivery of by 31 December 2025. (37373)
- 229 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the status is of the Army's Warrior AFVs (37374)
- 230 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the NSN is of the (a) Peltor ComTac XP and (b) Peltor ComTac XPI. (37377)
- 231 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37132)
- 232 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much funding her Department has provided to help support the operation of mayoral combined authorities in each of the last five years. (37274)
- 233 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to support (a) prevention and (b) recovery efforts by local flood action groups. (37278)
- 234 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support she is providing to housing associations, in the context of costs associated with the Building Safety Act 2022. (37461)
- 235 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an estimate of costs for housing associations related to the remediation of aluminium composite material cladding. (37462)
- 236 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential reasons for housing associations selling homes previously let out for social rent. (37463)
- 237 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to (a) lower the threshold for right to manage applications and (b) increase the maximum proportion of commercial property permissible for right to manage applications to occur. (37464)

- 238 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to (a) continue and (b) expand to more towns the Plan for Neighbourhoods programme. (37473)
- 239 **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to support renters. (37336)
- 240 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Powers for landlords to collect rent from benefit payments to be re-examined, published on 25 January 2025, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of ending landlord deductions on (a) landlords' rent arrears, (b) evictions and (c) the supply of property in that part of the private rented sector. [R] (37210)
- 241 **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 26035 on Housing: Asylum, what information her Department holds on the average annual cost to local authorities for looking after (a) unaccompanied asylum seeking children who arrive in their area and (b) are transferred there under the National Transfer Scheme; and what funding her Department provides to local authorities for these. (37211)
- 242 **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 23144 on Housing: Migrants, whether her Department holds information on the potential impact of immigration on housing costs. (37212)
- 243 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 24 February 2025, to Question 30652, on Local Government: Disclosure of Information, if she will undertake an audit of the local government transparency data published by local authorities to ascertain whether data is (a) accessible, (b) published in open reuse formats and (c) published in a timely manner. (37213)
- 244 **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 29614 on Fire and Rescue Services: Police, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support (a) joint working between emergency services, (b) tri-service working between the three emergency services and (c) joint working between the police and fire service. (37214)
- 245 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the non-regression principle in the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement on her Department's ability to introduce deregulatory measures to increase housebuilding. (37215)

- 246 **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 30440 on Housing: Construction, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of enabling developers to meet biodiversity net gain through off-site credits. (37216)
- 247 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of minimum energy efficiency standards on the commercial viability of shops in (a) high street and (b) town centre locations. (37217)
- 248 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department has issued to local authorities on whether byelaws can be applied to regulate inside (a) the curtilage of private property, (b) a dwelling and (c) a business premises where there is no effect on local amenity outside the curtilage. (37218)
- 249 **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 23917 on MHCLG: Public Consultation, what the reference number is of each response that was published in response to a (a) Freedom of Information and (b) Environmental Information Regulations in the last three years. (37219)
- 250 **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 30632 on Admiralty House, whether any civil servants assisted her move into Admiralty House. (37220)
- 251 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 February 2025 to Question 23920 on MHCLG: Minister's Private Offices, if she will publish the invoices for these works. (37221)
- 252 **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 30336 on Parking: Regulation, for what reason a further consultation is required. (37222)
- 253 **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 25703 on MHCLG: consultants, what the monetary value is of the target to reduce spending by 50%. (37223)
- 254 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 February 2025 to Question 25703 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Consultants, what changes she has made to the neighbourhood planning contract. (37224)

- 255 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 18 February 2025 to Question 29152 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Equality, which (a) contractors and (b) organisations that funding went to. (37225)
- 256 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps through the next Spending Review to increase the level of funding for the provision of social housing for homeless people. (37188)
- 257 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on trends in the number of people who have been evicted from their homes following rent increases in each of the last five years. (37189)
- 258 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to increase funding to (a) Shelter and (b) other charities to support their work in (i) South West Norfolk constituency, (ii) Norfolk and (iii) England. (37525)
- 259 **Katie Lam** (Weald of Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much agricultural land her Department plans to compulsorily purchase in (a) Kent and (b) Weald of Kent constituency. (37476)
- 260 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will meet with representatives from the Worker Support Centre to discuss their 2024 Annual Report, published on 14 February 2025. (37198)
- 261 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the oral statement by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Growth and Building Safety of 4 March 2025 on Plan for Neighbourhoods, Official Report, columns 210-212, who will the new Neighbourhood Boards be accountable to; and what steps her Department plans to take to measure the effectiveness of the Boards. (37169)
- 262 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the oral statement by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Growth and Building Safety of 4 March 2025 on Plan for Neighbourhoods, Official Report, columns 210-212, what criteria will be used to determine the (a) geographical boundaries and (b) jurisdiction of the Neighbourhood boards. (37171)
- 263 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the oral statement by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Growth and Building Safety of 4 March

2025 on Plan for Neighbourhoods, Official Report, columns 210-212, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure Neighbourhood boards are representative of the community. (37172)

- 264 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to National Planning Policy Framework, published in December 2024, what role will local communities play in the assessment of land designated as grey belt. (37173)
- 265 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to take legislative steps to ensure there is consultation with local communities before any developments are approved on grey belt land. (37175)
- 266 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Education on the implementation of the recommendations of the report by British Future entitled Working it Out: Hong Kongers, Employment and the Cost of Living, published on 29 October 2024, that fall within the remit of the Department for Education. (37349)
- 267 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the introduction of a retailer licensing scheme, as outlined in the Tobacco and Vapes Bill. (37455)
- 268 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for (a) restructuring HM Land Registry fees, (b) tabling secondary legislation to restructure fees, prioritising free access to data and (c) ensuring HM Land Registry makes rapid progress towards enabling others to map land ownership data by linking title numbers with INSPIRE IDs. (37267)
- 269 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to Paragraph 182c of the National Planning Policy Framework, how she plans to enforce those maintenance arrangements. (37386)
- 270 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 182c of the National Planning Policy Framework, if she will publish guidance provided to local authorities on enforcement. [R] (37387)
- 271 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 182c of the National Planning Policy Framework, how she defines the lifetime of the development. (37388)

- 272 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 182c of the National Planning Policy Framework, what penalties can be imposed on developers that do not comply with agreed maintenance arrangements once the development is built. (37389)
- 273 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the average time was between completion of a development in areas at risk of flooding and installation of flood defences agreed at planning stage since 2019; and how many developments built since 2019 in areas at risk of flooding do not have flood defences required at planning stage completed. (37390)
- 274 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 7 of the ADAS and Stephenson Halliday report entitled Review of the implementation of National Planning Policy Framework para 186c, issued on 27 August 2024, what assessment she has made of the finding that the wholly exceptional reason needs to be better defined. (37391)
- 275 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the average number of planning permissions expected to be granted within 15 metres of ancient woodland each year for the next five years. (37392)
- 276 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 15 of the ADAS and Stephenson Halliday report entitled Review of the implementation of National Planning Policy Framework para 186c, issued on 27 August 2024, whether she will make an assessment of the potential merits of standardising the assessment of ancient woodland impacts. (37393)
- 277 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring (a) arboricultural reports and (b) impact assessments for major developments. (37394)
- 278 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to section 4.4 of the ADAS and Stephenson Halliday report entitled Review of the implementation of National Planning Policy Framework para 186c, issued on 27 August 2024, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a group of statutory consultees that planning officers should consult when considering planning applications that impact ancient woodlands. (37395)
- 279 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many staff her Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37133)

- 280 **Katie White** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce waiting times for social housing in Leeds North West constituency. (37465)
- 281 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34688 on Parking: Private Sector, if she will list the dates of each meeting her officials have had with parking (a) trade associations and (b) consumer groups since 4 July 2024; and when the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Local Growth and Building Safety is due to meet with these organisations. (37400)
- 282 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 February 2025 to Question 29983 on Parking: Fees and Charges, whether her Department has received representations on the potential impact of implementing a parking code of practice on businesses. (37410)
- 283 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 February 2025 to Question 29983 on Parking: Fees and Charges, whether her Department has received representations from businesses on the potential impact of implementing a parking code of practice on their operations. (37411)
- 284 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the annual cost of imprisonment due to cannabis-related offences. (37289)
- 285 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate her Department has made of the proportion of magistrates' court cases that involved cannabis possession in the last 12 months; and if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of legalising cannabis possession on the cost of these court cases. (37294)
- 286 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Unduly Lenient Sentence scheme. (37149)
- 287 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to support pregnant women in prison. (37153)
- 288 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37134)
- 289 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will ensure that Northern Ireland is included in legislative proposals to lower the voting age for UK elections. (37324)

- 290 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to include a legislative consent motion with legislative proposals to lower the voting age to allow 16 and 17 year olds in Northern Ireland to vote in (a) Assembly and (b) local government elections. (37325)
- 291 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reduce trade barriers between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. (37152)
- 292 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37129)
- 293 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on infected blood compensation payments. (37260)
- 294 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, when he last met with representatives of the Scottish seafood sector in Scotland. (37261)
- 295 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what he last met with representatives of the Scottish farming sector in Scotland. (37262)
- 296 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, if he will have discussions with the Scottish Government on the potential merits of banning first-cousin marriage in (a) Scotland and (b) the UK. (37263)
- 297 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what meetings he has had with Cabinet colleagues on increased Government defence spending in Scotland. (37264)
- 298 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37130)
- 299 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to allocate funding to support (a) sustainability and (b) innovation in the arts, tourism and leisure sector. (37280)
- 300 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of bank closures on access to (a) cash and (b) in-person banking services. (37281)
- 301 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the projected Official Development Assistance allocations are for the fiscal years 2025 and 2026; and whether these projections indicate a phased approach towards the planned reduction to 0.3% of Gross National Income in 2027. (37232)

- 302 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on levels of unemployment. (37471)
- 303N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the press notice entitled Major investment to boost growth and cement Britain's place as cultural powerhouse, published on 20 February 2025, what consequential funding through the Barnett formula will be provided to Wales. [Transferred] (36922)
- 304 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many days each Minister in her Department has spent working at the Darlington Campus since 5 July 2024. (37226)
- 305 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 February 2025 to Question 30146 on Business Rates, what estimate she has made of the change in overall cost of the retail, hospitality and leisure relief scheme without a cash cap. (37227)
- 306 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2025 to Question 31955 on Private Education: Business Rates, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of liability for business rates on the commercial viability of nurseries located within the premises of an independent school. (37228)
- 307 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February 2025 to Question 32153 on Airports: Business Rates, how airports will be valued in the 2026 business rates revaluation. (37229)
- 308 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many HMRC inspections of farms employing workers on the Seasonal Worker visa were conducted in each of the last five years. (37199)
- 309 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps HMRC have taken to ensure farms employing workers on the Seasonal Worker visa are being paid the National Living Wage in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (37200)
- 310 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 4 March 2025 to Question 33033 on Employers' Contributions: Apprentices, whether the employers' National Insurance contributions relief for under-21s and under-25 apprentices also applies to employed interns. (37163)
- 311 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has considered providing targeted relief or exemptions from employers' National Insurance contributions increases to (a) charities, (b) social enterprises and (c) other not-for-profit entities. (37165)

- 312 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 4 March 2025 to Question 33030 on Agriculture: Inheritance Tax, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of these reforms on the agricultural equipment and machinery sector. (37166)
- 313 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what consultation she has undertaken with agricultural stakeholders on the potential impacts of planned changes to Agricultural Property Relief. (37167)
- 314 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) reduced criminal justice costs and (b) increased tax revenue from legal cannabis on the economy. (37291)
- 315 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21417 on Equitable Life Assurance Society: Compensation, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing full financial redress in cases where the state has accepted responsibility for personal (a) injustice and (b) financial loss. (37315)
- 316 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what criteria was used to select the five areas in Wales set to receive funding through the Plan for Neighbourhoods. (37472)
- 317 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many staff their Department has seconded from Hakluyt since July 2024. (37131)
- 318 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether the Government's gender equality strategy will include measures to tackle discrimination against women in (a) healthcare, (b) work and (c) financial security. (37344)

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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 22 February 2023 to Question 146816 on Northern Ireland Protocol and Trader Support Service: Costs, what the cost to the public purse was of (a) Trader Support Services operations, (b) Movement Assistance Scheme operations and (c) the Digital Assistance Scheme between August 2020 and February 2025. (37523)
- 2N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 33871 on Government Departments: Digital Technology, whether these discussions included the digitalisation of Government. (37146)

- 3N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 5 March 2025 to Question 34611 on Microsoft: Prices, what assessment he has made of the implications for consumer. (37148)
- 4N **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if his Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of the long-term viability of the UK ceramics sector. (37257)
- 5N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on (a) the future availability of (i) international rugby tournaments and (b) Six Nations on free-to-air television in Wales and (b) including the Six Nations in Group A of listed sporting events. (37437)
- 6N **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate her Department has made of the contribution of the Scottish video games sector to the UK economy in the last three years. (37469)
- 7N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 4 March 2025 to Question 34259 on Cathedrals: Conservation, whether her Department recognises cathedrals as heritage assets. (37147)
- 8N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data her Department hold on the number of cases of adoption (a) disruption and (b) breakdown for each of the last five years; and if she will publish that data. (37457)
- 9N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that (a) regional adoption agencies and (b) local authorities meet with representatives of parents affected by adoption (a) disruption and (b) breakdown to help prevent further cases. (37458)
- 10N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what targets her Department has for the proportion of young people who should (a) go to university, (b) complete an apprenticeship and (c) take another form of higher education. (37327)
- 11N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many two year olds were recorded as eligible for 15 hours of free childcare in the academic year 2024-25; and how many were unable to take up those hours due to shortage of nursery places. (37309)
- 12N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) three and (b) four year olds were recorded as eligible for the additional 15 hours of free childcare in the academic year 2024-25; and how many were unable to take up those hours due to shortage of nursery places. (37310)

- 13N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) primary state-funded schools, (b) secondary state-funded schools, (c) sixth-form colleges, (d) 16-18 state-funded vocational colleges and (e) state-funded nursery schools closed in the last 12 months (i) in total and (ii) by region. (37311)
- 14N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) nurseries, (b) primary schools, (c) secondary schools and (d) 16-18 colleges listed on the Schools Rebuilding Programme (i) were scheduled to be and (ii) were (A) complete and (B) in progress by 1 March 2025. (37312)
- 15N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) nurseries, (b) primary schools, (c) secondary schools and (d) 16-18 colleges identified as containing reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete and listed on the Schools Rebuilding Programme (i) were scheduled to be and (ii) were (A) complete and (B) in progress by 1 March 2025. (37313)
- 16N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 35839 on Infrastructure: Land, what is the maximum permissible quantity of best and most versatile land allowed for an energy development classed as a nationally significant infrastructure project. (37376)
- 17N **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had discussions with ceramics manufacturers on the viability of hydrogen as a fuel for energy intensive industries. (37254)
- 18N **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had discussions with (a) Ceramics UK, (b) the Secretary State for Business and Trade and (c) the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the exclusion of imported ceramics from the scope of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. (37255)
- 19N **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of not including imported ceramics in the scope of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism from 1 January 2027 on UK ceramics manufacturers. (37256)
- 20N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made on the potential impact of extended producer responsibility for packaging on the glass industry. (37338)
- 21N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he plans to take to ensure hospitality businesses are not double charged for the handling of their waste, in the context of the introduction of extended producer responsibility for packaging. (37339)
- 22N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce a digitalised equine ID and traceability system to prevent illegal export of (a) horses, (b) donkeys (c) and ponies. (37340)

- 23N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department will publish the revised Environmental Improvement Plan for 2025. (37341)
- 24N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many dogs are registered on the Index of Exempted Dogs by (a) breed and (b) type. (37270)
- 25N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 February 2025 to Question 29014 on Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Written Questions, when he plans to respond to Question 24518 on Farming Recovery Fund, tabled on 16 January 2025 by the hon. Member for North Shropshire. (37334)
- 26N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to education people on the potential impact of (a) littering and (b) fly-tipping on local communities. (37328)
- 27N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of train platforms have tactile platforms. (37492)
- 28N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress she has made on the feasibility study for installing lifts at Raynes Park station under the Access for All programme; and what her planned timetable is for the completion of those lifts. (37493)
- 29N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential causes of the underspend of the Access of All Scheme. (37494)
- 30N **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to publish her Department's review of the Access for All Scheme. (37495)
- 31N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will hold discussions with rail companies on reopening of the Oswestry to Gobowen railway line. (37330)
- 32N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of (a) 24 July 2024 to Question 835 and (b) 25 November 2024 to Question 15073 on Whitchurch (Shropshire) Station: Access, what progress she has made on providing step-free access at Whitchurch Railway Station in Shropshire. (37331)
- 33N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average Personal Independence Payment was in the 2023-24 financial year, broken down by (a) total, (b) daily living part and (c) mobility part. (37230)

- 34N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number and proportion of disabled households that will be in poverty by financial year (a) 2025-26, (b) 2026-27, (c) 2027-28 and (d) 2028-29. (37231)
- 35N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the total amount paid per week is to people who have started claiming Pension Credit since the changes to the eligibility criteria for the Winter Fuel Payment were announced. (37135)
- 36N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2025 to Question 23268 on State Retirement Pensions, what information her Department holds on the number of people who are (a) eligible for the Category D pension payment and (b) live in the UK who have not yet applied for the pension. (37136)
- 37N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment on the potential merits of reviewing Universal Credit rates to provide a protected minimum amount of support based on the cost of essentials. (37438)
- 38N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people claiming benefits under special rules with a form SR1 have been claiming for (a) more than 12 months and (b) less than 12 months. (37253)
- 39N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to revisions to the Immigration Rules, updated on 19 February and 14 March 2024, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the potential impact of its salary calculations on the continued employment of staff from her Department on workplace visas. (37320)
- 40N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average household income is of people who receive the Personal Independence Payment in (a) Wales and (b) the UK. (37363)
- 41N **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to support NHS patients on the waiting list with Cardiovascular Disease. (37335)
- 42N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the annual cost of cannabis-related health conditions to the NHS. (37284)
- 43N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of cannabis-related mental health admissions on NHS finances. (37285)

- 44N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of directing tax revenue from regulated cannabis into NHS mental health services. (37286)
- 45N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has reviewed international evidence on the impact of legal cannabis markets on (a) healthcare costs and (b) service demand. (37287)
- 46N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the adequacy of access to gluten-free products on people with coeliac disease in rural areas. (37485)
- 47N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what criteria his Department uses to assess applications to the John Bunyan Fund. (37266)
- 48N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Minister for Development's oral contribution of 25 February 2025, Official Report, column 873, which international courts and tribunals could issue a legally binding judgment on UK sovereignty over the British Indian Ocean Territory. (37137)
- 49N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with his European counterparts to help tackle anti-Christian hate crimes in Europe. (37271)
- 50N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the use of artificial intelligence to target minority religious communities on freedom of religion or belief globally. (37272)
- 51N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Defence of the potential merits of appointing a cross-departmental co-ordination unit to oversee efforts to (a) liaise with other countries on initiatives to support Ukraine and (b) maximise (i) efficiency and (ii) productivity in supplying (A) weapons and (B) ammunition to the Ukrainian armed forces. (37106)
- 52N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of (a) Russian advocacy of and (b) US support for holding elections in Ukraine as part of any agreement to cease fighting on the risk of (i) installing a pro-Russian government in Kiev and (ii) facilitating Russian control of the entirety of the country. (37107)

- 53N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the willingness of the US administration to (a) consult with and (b) include in peace negotiations representatives of (i) the UK, (ii) France and (iii) other allied NATO member states. (37108)
- 54N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 35007 on British Indian Ocean Territory: Mauritius, what access the UK would have to any economic exclusion zone implemented by Mauritius around the British Indian Ocean Territory. (37368)
- 55N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much direct bilateral financial aid to Rwanda has been paused; and whether this funding will be reallocated for urgent humanitarian assistance in Eastern DRC. (37182)
- 56N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to his Bangladeshi counterpart on the attack on the 98th Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Panchagarh district. (37183)
- 57N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a single independent inquiry into the (a) effectiveness of the Prevent programme and (b) adequacy of the handling of the cases involving (i) Axel Rudakubana and (ii) Ali Harbi Ali. (37105)
- 58N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support community-led initiatives focused on preventing knife crime. (37177)
- 59N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to enter a reciprocal agreement with the EU to enable visa-free travel entry for six months to EU Member States for UK citizens. (37420)
- 60N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the annual cost of policing cannabis-related offences. (37288)
- 61N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has authorised changes to the financial threshold for procurement contracts since 25 February 2025. (37239)
- 62N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with the Prime Minister on the publication date for the Strategic Defence Review since 25 February 2025. (37240)

- 63N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 33948 on Ministry of Defence: Lost Property and Theft, where phones were last located before being (a) misplaced and (b) stolen by region since 5 July 2024. (37241)
- 64N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March to Question 33948 on Ministry of Defence: Lost Property and Theft, if he will provide details on the two specific incidents referred to in the answer. (37242)
- 65N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 33956 on Defence: Finance, what the increase to defence spending is in real terms. (37252)
- 66N **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 personnel in the (a) Royal Navy, (b) Army and (c) Royal Air Force have a pair of Peltor ComTac XP/XPI issued to them. (37366)
- 67N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost of the Tactical Hearing Protection System has been (a) since 2015, (b) in 2023-24 and (c) in 2024-25. (37367)
- 68N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to protect Royal Navy war graves in international waters. (37109)
- 69N **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the debate following her oral statement of 5 February 2025 on English Devolution and Local Government, Official Report, column 780, if she will meet the hon. Members for constituencies in Surrey to discuss the potential impact of council debt in Surrey on her proposals for local government reorganisation before 21 March 2025. (37490)
- 70N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will provide capital funding to support the regeneration of Whitchurch Civic Centre. (37332)
- 71N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support she is providing to local authorities which own buildings in need of repair due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. (37333)
- 72N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the oral statement by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Growth and Building Safety of 4 March 2025 on Plan for Neighbourhoods, Official Report, columns 210-212, what (a) involvement and (b) engagement the Neighbourhood boards will have with (i) Councillors, (ii) Mayors and (iii) hon. Members. (37170)

- 73N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the National Planning Policy Framework published in December 2024, whether her Department has conducted an environmental impact assessment on the proposed development of grey belt land. (37174)
- 74N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people serving imprisonment for public protection sentences were (a) classified as Category A prisoners and (b) in Category A prisons on 11 March 2025. (37323)
- 75N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when he has held meetings with the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland to discuss his policy on legacy since July 2024; and what was discussed at each meeting. (37265)
- 76N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to help support mortgage prisoners. (37337)
- 77N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential (a) impact of (i) banks, (ii) finance and (iii) debt collection companies' practices on consumers and (b) merits of bringing forward regulation to prevent overcharging when debts are reclaimed. (37282)
- 78N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help improve access to cash. (37326)
- 79N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what impact assessment she has undertaken on the potential impact of the planned increase in employers' National Insurance contributions on levels of employment. (37164)
- 80N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has considered implementing a phased introduction of planned Inheritance Tax changes for agricultural properties, in the context of support for smaller farms. (37168)
- 81N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department is taking steps to support early years providers with increases in employer National Insurance contributions. (37421)

Questions for Answer on Monday 17 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) protecting consumers from planned obsolescence in (i) video games and (ii) other digital software and (b) requiring publishers to make game content available for offline use upon server shutdown. (37451)

- 2N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether applications received before March 2025 for therapeutic services under the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund will be considered for therapies beginning in the (a) current and (b) 2025-26 financial year. (37316)
- 3N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 11 March 2024 to Question HL2323 on Import Controls: Northern Ireland, how much and what proportion of the funding allocated to the construction of those posts has been disbursed as of 11 March 2025. (37520)
- 4N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 11 March 2024 to Question HL2323 on Import Controls: Northern Ireland, what recent progress he has made on the construction of those border control posts; and what recent estimate he has made of when the construction of those posts will be completed. (37521)
- 5N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, where in Northern Ireland border control posts have (a) been and (b) are being constructed for the purpose of complying with the Windsor Framework. (37522)
- 6N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with BT on the speed of the Digital Voice rollout; and what steps he is taking to ensure (a) elderly people, (b) vulnerable people and (c) people reliant on medical alarm systems are given support. (37452)
- 7N **Mr Paul Foster** (South Ribble): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the number of road traffic accidents leading to a fatality on the M6 motorway within Lancashire since 2022. (37362)
- 8N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the introduction of Universal Credit on the ease of applying for (a) the Limited Capability for Work and Work-Related Activity element and (b) other incapacity benefits. (37360)
- 9N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the impact of the removal of the additional Limited Capability for Work payment in 2017 on the likelihood of claimants applying for the Limited Capability for Work and Work-Related Activity payment. (37361)
- 10N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the gender breakdown is for Universal Credit claimants who are single parents. (37321)
- 11N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many women have been granted an exemption to the two-child limit as a result of non-consensual conception since April 2017. (37322)

- 12N **Catherine Atkinson** (Derby North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an estimate of the number of NHS patients who have registered to have adjustments made to their patient record under the Accessible Information Standard. (37415)
- 13N **Jonathan Davies** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including nanopore sequencing-based brain tumour methylome classification in the National Genomic Test Directory. (37460)
- 14N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 27118 on NHS England: Pay, whether the annual salary of the Regional Director of NHS East of England is within the maximum exception zone for the salary band. (37138)
- 15N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 27118 on NHS England: Pay, whether the annual salary of the Finance Director of NHS East of England is within the maximum exception zone for the salary band. (37139)
- 16N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 27118 on NHS England: Pay, whether the annual salary of the Chief Operating Officer of NHS East of England is within the maximum exception zone for the salary band. (37140)
- 17N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 27118 on NHS England: Pay, whether the Strategy Director of NHS East of England is remunerated with an annual salary within the maximum exception zone salary band. (37141)
- 18N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 February 2025 to Question 27118 on NHS England: Pay, which posts within NHS East of England are remunerated at the ESM 1 salary band. (37142)
- 19N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will initiate a judicial review against the findings of the Clonoe inquest. (37500)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- 1 **Will Stone** (Swindon North): What assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of recent trends in levels of Disability Living Allowance cases that have been incorrectly reduced to a lower rate without an explanation. (903193)
- 2 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): What steps she is taking to support young people into employment, education or training in Portsmouth North constituency. (903194)

- 3 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): What assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of removing the two-child benefit cap. (903195)
- 4 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): Whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on employment rates. (903196)
- 5 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): What steps she is taking to support young people into employment, education or training in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency. (903197)
- 6 **Mr Jonathan Brash** (Hartlepool): What steps she plans to take to ensure that disabled people are adequately financially supported in her planned reforms to benefit entitlements. (903198)
- 7 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What steps her Department is taking to support disabled people with increases in the cost of living. (903199)
- 8 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of incentives to seek employment. (903200)
- 9 **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): What steps her Department is taking to help increase uptake of Pension Credit. (903201)
- 10 **Andrew Lewin** (Welwyn Hatfield): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of job centres on economic growth. (903202)
- 11 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What assessment she has made of recent trends in levels of unemployment. (903203)
- 12 **Chris Curtis** (Milton Keynes North): What steps she is taking to support young people into employment, education or training in Milton Keynes. (903204)
- 13 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle fraud in the welfare system by serious and organised criminal gangs. (903205)
- 14 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): What assessment she has made of the impact of the pensions triple-lock on pensioners in North Durham constituency. (903206)
- 15 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): What steps her Department is taking to help reduce levels of unemployment in Stoke-on-Trent. (903207)
- 16 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): What steps she is taking through the benefits system to support disabled people. (903208)
- 17 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the welfare system in supporting disabled people into work. (903209)
- 18 **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): What steps she is taking to support young people into employment, education or training in North Warwickshire and Bedworth constituency. (903210)
- 19 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): What steps her Department is taking to support care leavers into employment. (903211)

- 20 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): Whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on employment rates. (903212)
- 21 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): What steps she is taking to improve her Department's customer service. (903213)
- 22 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): Whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the potential impact of means testing the Winter Fuel Payment on NHS services. (903214)
- 23 **Sarah Smith** (Hyndburn): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the welfare system in supporting families with disabled children. (903215)
- 24 **Baggy Shanker** (Derby South): What steps she is taking to support young people into employment, education or training in Derby. (903216)
- 25 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the welfare system in supporting disabled people into work. (903217)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- T1 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (903218)
- T2 **Mr Jonathan Brash** (Hartlepool): (903219)
- T3 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): (903220)
- T4 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): (903221)
- T5 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): (903222)
- T6 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): (903223)
- T7 **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): (903224)
- T8 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): (903225)
- T9 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): (903226)
- T10 **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): (903227)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 18 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to protect the (a) creative, (b) video game and (c) animation industries from the potential impact of AI-generated content on jobs and educational programs. (37419)
- 2N **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department holds data on the number of ransomware attacks against schools and colleges in the last three years. (37450)
- 3N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of 18 year olds achieving three or more A level passes in (a) Bolsover constituency and (b) its neighbouring constituencies. (37353)
- 4N **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what steps his Department is taking to (a) support a repair and reuse economy and (b) prioritise waste reduction measures; and whether his Department plans to help reduce advertising of disposable products. (37467)
- 5N **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support the growth of the (a) electric vehicle and (b) lithium salts supply chains. (37418)
- 6N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential cost savings to the NHS arising from the implementation of the Hub and Spoke model in community pharmacy. (37184)
- 7N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total cost to the public purse was of prescribing Ozempic to NHS patients without a diagnosis of diabetes, heart disease or kidney disease in 2024-25. (37512)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 19 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Lauren Edwards** (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what proportion of British Business Bank funding is dedicated to supporting female entrepreneurs by sector. (37486)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to (a) reduce the time taken to (i) investigate and (ii) review research and development tax credit claims and (b) support small businesses to access tax relief schemes available to them. (37456)

