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Questions tabled on Monday 17 March 2025

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 18 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of inadequate infrastructure near army barracks on local communities' ability to install smart meters.
[Transferred] (38523)
 - 2 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to work with energy suppliers to improve energy infrastructure in the South of England to enable communities near army bases to install smart meters.
[Transferred] (38524)
 - 3 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of adjusting the annual limits for VCT investee companies alongside inflation.
[Transferred] (38505)
 - 4 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of changing the UK VCT rules on the age limit for qualifying companies in line with EU regulations.
[Transferred] (38506)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 19 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38863)
- 2 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service has a role in approving contracts issued by the Cabinet Office. (38758)
- 3 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2025 to Question 26831 on Civil Servants: Recruitment, what assessment he has made of the compatibility of the publication of job titles in transparency data with his data protection obligations. (38759)
- 4 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 20 February 2025 to Question 30473 on Prime Minister: Press Conferences, how many people attended the event. (38760)
- 5 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Office for Veterans' Affairs provides oversight of military charities. (38724)
- 6 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many public procurement contracts issued by the Crown Commercial Service have included mandatory commitments to trade union recognition since July 2024. (38874)
- 7 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what proportion of procurement training for his Department has been delivered by organisations affiliated with trade unions since 5 July 2024. (38875)
- 8 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many public contracts awarded by the Crown Commercial Service have included mandatory commitments to publish suppliers' gender and ethnicity pay gaps since 5 July 2024. (38876)
- 9 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many public contracts awarded by his Department have been awarded to companies with offshore tax arrangements since 5 July 2024. (38877)
- 10 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many procurement contracts awarded by his Department have been awarded without competitive tendering since 5 July 2024. (38878)
- 11 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many procurement contracts awarded by his Department have been terminated due to non-performance since 5 July 2024. (38879)

- 12 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many suppliers have been excluded from public contracts for failing to meet environmental procurement criteria since 5 July 2024. (38881)
- 13 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many public contracts awarded by his Department have been subject to investigations for (a) fraud or (b) corruption since 5 July 2025. (38882)
- 14 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the National Procurement Policy Statement, published on 13 February 2025, what steps he is taking to ensure that enhanced procurement obligations do not increase public spending. (38889)
- 15 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the National Procurement Policy Statement, published on 13 February 2025, what guidance he has issued to contracting authorities on the (a) National Procurement Policy Statement's procurement priorities and (b) Employment Rights Bill's mandate for statutory probation periods. (38890)
- 16 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the National Procurement Policy Statement published on 13 February 2025, what steps the Government has taken to support small-to-medium-sized businesses to adapt to new procurement processes. (38892)
- 17 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the National Procurement Policy Statement, published on 13 February 2025, what steps he is taking to monitor the potential impact of the (a) National Procurement Policy Statement and (b) Employment Rights Bill on small-to-medium-sized business participation in public procurement. (38895)
- 18 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the National Procurement Policy Statement, published on 13 February 2025, what estimate he has made of the cost for contracting authorities of implementing (a) that Statement and (b) the Employment Rights Bill. (38897)
- 19 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the National Procurement Policy Statement, published on 13 February 2025, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) that Statement and (b) the Employment Rights Bill on public sector procurement timelines. (38899)
- 20 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38864)
- 21 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to increase trade between the UK and Canada. (38659)

- 22 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of Universal Service Obligation reform on the affordability of postal services for consumers. (38569)
- 23 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans his Department has to ensure parliamentary oversight of reforms to the Universal Service Obligation. (38570)
- 24 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans his Department has to ensure that changes to Universal Service Obligation requirements create an (a) adequate and (b) effective postal service. (38571)
- 25 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment with local authorities of the potential merits of introducing a unified regime for the (a) licences, (b) permits and (c) certificates needed to operate (i) restaurants and (ii) pubs. (38613)
- 26 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to prevent the sale of human remains (a) on e-commerce sites and (b) at auctions. (38667)
- 27 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether any contracts awarded by his Department have included diversity quotas since 5 July 2024. (38901)
- 28 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what proportion of contracts awarded by his Department have been to British SMEs since 5 July 2024. (38903)
- 29 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate he has made of the trends in the level of footfall on high streets since 1 January 2025. (38581)
- 30 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of aligning UK General Product Safety Regulations with those in the EU to remove the need for an EU Responsible Person when trading with the EU. (38748)
- 31 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38865)
- 32 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many individual representations her Department has received from Staffordshire County Council in relation to the ceramics industry in North Staffordshire in each of the last five years. (38757)

- 33 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what funding was available to Sure Start (a) in each year and (b) adjusted for inflation. (38716)
- 34 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help support (a) the tourism industry and (b) small businesses affected by seasonal trends. (38751)
- 35 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the number of racial attacks in football game settings in the last 12 months. (38579)
- 36 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much and what proportion of the Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme will be spent on (a) tennis and (b) padel facilities in each of the next three years. (38612)
- 37 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help promote reading for fun in schools. (38666)
- 38 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38858)
- 39 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to provide additional funding for teachers' pay increases. (38628)
- 40 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take legislative steps to require independent schools to (a) identify SEND pupils and (b) provide support to those pupils in line with the (i) SEND Code of Practice and (ii) Children and Families Act 2014. (38739)
- 41 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to make the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund a permanent initiative. (38694)
- 42 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for establishing Skills England on a statutory basis. (38542)
- 43 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the permanent cost of pay rises for primary school teachers implemented in September 2024 has been factored into school budgets beyond April 2025. (38799)

- 44 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the timing of the start of the school budget year in April and the academic year in September on schools' ability to budget effectively for staffing needs when pupil numbers increase in September. (38800)
- 45 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure the sustainability of funding for maintained nursery schools. (38915)
- 46 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to increase funding for schools in the Stockport constituency. (38673)
- 47 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to enable (a) Social, Emotional and Mental Health provisions and (b) Pupil Referral Units to extend (i) academic and (ii) vocational education to post-16 students on the same site. (38839)
- 48 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of post-16 transition arrangements on students in (a) Social, Emotional and Mental Health provisions and (b) Pupil Referral Units unable to access (i) mainstream and (ii) specialist post-16 education. (38840)
- 49 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has considered allowing (a) Social, Emotional and Mental Health provisions and (b) Pupil Referral Units to offer post-16 education within existing frameworks. (38841)
- 50 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the application of VAT on private school fees on the (a) accessibility and (b) quality of state education. (38596)
- 51 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help support state schools with trends in the level of demand for state school places following the application of VAT to private school fees. (38597)
- 52 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the teaching of religious education on (a) community relations and (b) preparing pupils for work in a global economy. (38703)
- 53 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to help ensure that schools meet their statutory requirement to teach religious education to pupils at all stages of their schooling. (38704)
- 54 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether any procurement contracts awarded by her Department have included mandatory commitments to equality, diversity, and inclusion training since 5 July 2024. (38902)

- 55 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 18 February 2025 to Question 30796 on Childcare: Finance; if she will collect data from councils on (a) how childcare providers deliver entitlements and (b) how many and what proportion of childcare providers allow parents to stretch the 38 weeks of paid childcare to cover 52 weeks. (38750)
- 56 **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to increase British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme pensions in line with the changes made to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme. (38804)
- 57 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38866)
- 58 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when the Minister for Industry last met trustees of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme. (38869)
- 59 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will publish a timeline for the release of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme investment reserve. (38870)
- 60 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, on what dates his Department has met with trustees of the (a) British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme and (b) Mineworkers' Pension Scheme since 4 July 2024. (38871)
- 61 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of creating national fire safety (a) standards and (b) regulations for battery energy storage sites to help support (i) fire and rescue services and (ii) local authorities to conduct risk assessments. (38809)
- 62 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to (a) develop and (b) adopt UK-specific fire safety regulations for battery energy storage systems. (38810)
- 63 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to develop UK-specific regulations for (a) fire suppression systems, (b) ventilation and (c) emergency response procedures for battery energy storage system facilities. (38811)
- 64 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of zonal electricity pricing on (a) households and (b) businesses in Sussex. (38771)

- 65 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of zonal electricity pricing on (a) households and (b) businesses in the south of England. (38772)
- 66 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of zonal electricity pricing on the defence industry. (38773)
- 67 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of zonal electricity pricing on the life sciences industry. (38774)
- 68 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of zonal electricity pricing on the aerospace industry. (38775)
- 69 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of zonal electricity pricing on the automotive industry. (38776)
- 70 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of zonal electricity pricing on consumer energy bills. (38777)
- 71 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Mayor of London on reducing pollution in (a) London and (b) Ilford South constituency. (38779)
- 72 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help meet (a) climate and (b) nature targets. (38782)
- 73 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the composition of the Industry Expert Panel for the National Food Strategy aligns with the Government's (a) obesity strategy and (b) public health objectives. (38686)
- 74 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38861)
- 75 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 5 September 2022 to Question 41982 on Sewers, whether he will launch a consultation with stakeholders on the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals on the adoption of private sewerage assets by sewerage companies. (38687)

- 76 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of establishing regional Circular Economy Champions to support the Circular Economy Taskforce. (38573)
- 77 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what changes to legislation the Circular Economy Taskforce is considering to help increase the size of the repair and reuse economy. (38574)
- 78 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's blog post entitled Update on the farming budget, published on 12 March 2025, whether the £2.4 billion budget for the 2025-26 financial year will be used for farming; whether the split between budget lines is subject to change; and whether any other factors might affect the size of the budget. (38562)
- 79 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department decided to cap the Sustainable Farming Incentive at £1.05 billion for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years. (38563)
- 80 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has set a timeline for the approval of wild release licences for beavers in England. (38815)
- 81 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of wild beaver releases on the (a) economy and (b) environment. (38816)
- 82 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of making Cornwall a priority location for a wild beaver release. (38817)
- 83 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of beaver reintroductions on flood resilience in areas where they have been trialled. (38818)
- 84 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the reduction in the Rural England Prosperity Fund for 2025/26 on rural businesses. (38795)
- 85 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will consider the potential merits of granting protected geographical status for Lincolnshire sausages. (38541)
- 86 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve the water quality of (a) the River Test, (b) the River Itchen and (c) other chalk streams nationally. (38936)

- 87 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to (a) add all resident pinniped species to Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and (b) protect all pinniped and cetacean species from each offence under Section 9 of that Act. (38872)
- 88 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish his response to the Joint Nature Conservation Committee's 7th Quinquennial Review of Schedules 5 and 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 relating to marine mammals; and whether he plans to consider the potential impact of this review on his review of the Environmental Improvement Plan. (38873)
- 89 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has considered introducing a temporary dispensation for newly-purchased fishing vessels awaiting Maritime and Coastguard Agency inspection. (38904)
- 90 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency on increasing inspection capacity. (38905)
- 91 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the time take for Maritime and Coastguard Agency inspections on the economic sustainability of inshore fishing businesses in rural coastal communities. (38906)
- 92 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what criteria his Department uses to assess funding applications for the Water Restoration Fund. (38825)
- 93 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how the criteria for the Water Restoration Fund ensure the prioritisation of projects with the highest impact on the environment. (38826)
- 94 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how he (a) monitors and (b) evaluates the effectiveness of projects financed by the Water Restoration Fund. (38827)
- 95 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that Water Restoration funded projects achieve intended outcomes. (38828)
- 96 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the level of water bills for consumers. (38832)

- 97 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that water bill increases provide value for money to consumers. (38833)
- 98 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what penalties exist for owners of private sewage systems which leak into (a) soil and (b) watercourses. (38835)
- 99 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how often inspections are conducted on private sewage systems to prevent environmental contamination. (38836)
- 100 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support is available to help homeowners with private sewage systems to meet environmental standards. (38837)
- 101 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what regulations exist to prevent leakage from private sewage systems into (a) soil and (b) groundwater. (38838)
- 102 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to introduce a national digital equine ID system. (38565)
- 103 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many incidents of fly-tipping have been reported in the 2024-25 financial year. (38600)
- 104 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to provide additional financial support to local authorities to meet the cost of disposing of fly-tipped waste. (38601)
- 105 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): 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 Sustainable Farming Incentive scheme on farmers who had planned to transition to the new land management practices under the Environmental Land Management scheme; and what plans his Department has to support those farmers. (38603)
- 106 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department had discussions with (a) farming groups and (b) stakeholders prior to the decision to close the Sustainable Farming Incentive scheme. (38604)
- 107 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 March 2025 to Question 36866 on Internal Drainage Boards: Cambridgeshire, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the pumping infrastructure at St Germans Pumping Station in King's Lynn. (38725)

- 108 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 March 2025 to Question 36866 on Internal Drainage Boards: Cambridgeshire, what the nature is of the Bevill's Leam Pumping Station Resilience Works Phase 1; and when they are scheduled for completion. (38726)
- 109 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve the mental health of farmers. (38585)
- 110 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 March 2025 to Question 36586 on Water Companies: Infrastructure, what estimate she has made of the potential impact of each Direct Procurement for Customers scheme on the annual cost of water bills of households in Yorkshire. (38543)
- 111 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help protect children from (a) deception, (b) bullying, (c) abuse and (d) harmful content online. (38791)
- 112 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help reduce misogynistic content online. (38792)
- 113 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the Road Traffic Act 1991 to include the mandated reporting of cats that are (a) struck and (b) killed by vehicles. (38761)
- 114 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with the Mayor of London on improving the running of the Elizabeth line. (38783)
- 115 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with the Mayor of London on improving accessibility on the London Underground. (38784)
- 116 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38859)
- 117 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the collision between the Solong and Stena Immaculate on plastic pellet pollution. (38589)
- 118 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress she has made on the preparation of the third Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy. (38844)

- 119 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to amend the Road Traffic Act 1988 to require drivers to stop and report accidents involving cats. (38533)
- 120 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of motor vehicle accidents that have taken place between junctions 12 and 16 of the M6 in each of the last five years. (38756)
- 121 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of the cost of railcards; and what steps her Department is taking to ensure rail travel remains affordable for (a) young people, (b) older passengers and (c) people on lower incomes. (38933)
- 122 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of Gatwick Airport expansion on the (a) capacity and (b) reliability of the rail network serving that airport; and what steps she is taking to mitigate potential disruption to (i) passengers and (ii) local communities. (38935)
- 123 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many fast charging points for electric vehicles are operational in West Dorset constituency. (38822)
- 124 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has to increase the number of fast charging points for electric vehicles in West Dorset constituency over the next five years. (38823)
- 125 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to support local authorities in west Dorset to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure. (38824)
- 126 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when her Department plans to publish an update on the work of the Motor Insurance Taskforce. (38829)
- 127 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has set a timetable for future meetings of the Motor Insurance Taskforce. (38830)
- 128 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps the Motor Insurance Taskforce is taking to help reduce the cost of motor insurance. (38831)
- 129 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March 2025 to Question 36079 on Bus Services and Railways: Employers' Contributions, what estimate her Department has made of the potential impact of the increase in employer's National Insurance contributions on the (a) operating costs of bus operators and (b) viability of bus routes. (38593)
- 130 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) reduce waiting times on her Department's helplines and (b) prevent calls from being cut off after long waiting periods. (38762)

- 131 **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the Child Maintenance Service calculation formula for the (a) use of pre-tax earnings from the previous financial year for determining payments and (b) exemption from maintenance payments for non-resident parents on benefits; and whether she plans to review that formula. (38802)
- 132 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce levels of poverty among children in Ilford South constituency. (38780)
- 133 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the level of youth unemployment in (a) Ilford South constituency and (b) London. (38786)
- 134 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38860)
- 135 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of people aged 66 and over who were in paid employment as of 1 January 2025. (38611)
- 136 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will take steps to provide financial support for unpaid carers through the social care system. (38702)
- 137 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking through the child poverty strategy to ensure child poverty is lower in 2029 than 2024. (38821)
- 138 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support low-income households with water bills. (38834)
- 139 **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that lung health is prioritised in the NHS 10-Year Health Plan. (38803)
- 140 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with (a) hospices and (b) charities on improving end of life care. (38785)
- 141 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve preventative HIV care in London. (38787)

- 142 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the effectiveness of HIV health promotion campaigns in reaching (a) under served and (b) at risk communities. (38788)
- 143 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle racial inequalities in access to healthcare. (38793)
- 144 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38856)
- 145 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support people with Sjogrens to work and (b) implement a multi-disciplinary care system. (38796)
- 146 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help increase awareness of the symptoms of cancer amongst young people. (38916)
- 147 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet young people with cancer to discuss their experiences. (38917)
- 148 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of young people with cancer were entered into clinical trials in March 2025. (38918)
- 149 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to tackle inequalities faced by young people with cancer through the national cancer plan. (38919)
- 150 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department collects data on how many young people with cancer were diagnosed at stage (a) one and (b) two. (38920)
- 151 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Government collects data on how many young people with cancer were diagnosed in A&E. (38921)
- 152 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking help support community organizations to tackle HIV stigma. (38929)
- 153 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking with his counterparts in other countries to share best practice for reducing HIV stigma. (38930)

- 154 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to measure the effectiveness of the steps his Department is taking to reduce HIV stigma. (38931)
- 155 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the report by Young Lives vs Cancer entitled Young Cancer Patient Travel Fund, published in February 2024. (38847)
- 156 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made in determining which body will be responsible for (a) commissioning and (b) providing strategic direction for (i) community engagement, (ii) prevention and (iii) early intervention for gambling harms. (38812)
- 157 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that gambling harm (a) prevention and (b) early intervention services will receive support following the transition of gambling harm treatment commissioning to the NHS (i) in isolated communities and (ii) for vulnerable and higher-risk groups in Cornwall. (38813)
- 158 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to allocate funding for community-based programmes for gambling harm (a) prevention and (b) early intervention in (i) rural, (ii) hard-to-reach and (iii) other areas. (38814)
- 159 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the accessibility of face-to-face GP appointments (a) in general and (b) for people less digitally literate. (38575)
- 160 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve care pathways for young people with ADHD in Lincolnshire. (38531)
- 161 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 March 2025 to Question 32470 on Radiotherapy: Medical Equipment, if he will publish the funding allocation for the investment for replacing older radiotherapy machines. [R] (38768)
- 162 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve diagnostic rates for cardiovascular conditions and diseases in young people in (a) Southampton and (b) England. (38932)
- 163 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce the time taken for people displaying symptoms of inherited cardiac condition to receive a diagnosis from (a) GPs and (b) cardiac specialists. (38654)

- 164 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with his Welsh counterpart on levels of diagnosis of inherited cardiac conditions in Wales. (38655)
- 165 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support and (b) ensure equitable access to new treatments for people with inherited cardiac conditions. (38656)
- 166 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the uptake of (a) existing and (b) new treatments for people with inherited cardiac conditions. (38657)
- 167 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to include reform of inherited cardiac conditions in the 10-year plan for the NHS. (38658)
- 168 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that care homes meet high standards of (a) hygiene, (b) cleanliness and (c) quality of care. (38675)
- 169 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to ensure the accountability of care homes providing care below acceptable standards. (38676)
- 170 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that NHS Data Security and Protection Toolkit (a) guidance and (b) training is adequate to ensure that NHS staff are compliant with the UK General Data Protection Regulation when working (i) at their place of work and (ii) remotely. (38661)
- 171 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the most recent new NHS radiotherapy centre was built that was not linked to the closure of an existing centre in (a) England and (b) the North East. (38567)
- 172 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that British dentists have access to Licence in Dental Surgery examinations. (38753)
- 173 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that British dentists are prioritized when allocating Licence in Dental Surgery examination places. (38754)
- 174 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to reduce instances of clinical negligence by NHS medical staff. (38721)

- 175 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence to establish full clinical guidelines for the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of people with Tourette's syndrome. (38664)
- 176 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Fourth Report of Session 2021–22 of the Health and Social Care Committee, The safety of maternity services in England, HC 19, published on 6 July 2021, whether he plans to implement the recommendation on the development of guidance for maternity services on (a) proactively involving fathers in those services and (b) using fatherhood to engage men in the health service. (38755)
- 177 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help increase public preparedness for out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest. (38578)
- 178 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of drug deaths in the last 12 months. (38582)
- 179 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of misuse of prescription drugs. (38583)
- 180 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of closing the Suicide Prevention Grant Fund on organisations engaged in suicide prevention activities. (38706)
- 181 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2025 to Question 24312 on Health Services: Pensioners, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of holding that data centrally. (38738)
- 182 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help develop a dedicated diagnostic pathway for sepsis. (38880)
- 183 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to help develop a national Sepsis Registry using (a) interoperable and (b) patient-level data. (38883)
- 184 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mechanisms to support the (a) adoption and (b) clinical systems integration of (i) novel and (ii) rapid diagnostics into clinical pathways. (38884)
- 185 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department provides to people who survive sepsis to be signposted to commissioned services in sepsis (a) after-care, (b) support and (c) rehabilitation. (38885)

- 186 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to make an assessment of the potential merits of including rapid diagnostics as part of the five-year action plan for antimicrobial resistance. (38886)
- 187 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether there is a dedicated communications budget within his Department for sepsis awareness. (38887)
- 188 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to ask the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence to recognise chronic urinary tract infections as a distinct illness in its guidelines. (38740)
- 189 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase the number of lower urinary tract symptoms service clinics. (38741)
- 190 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide training for (a) GPs and (b) urologists on recognising the symptoms of chronic urinary tract infections. (38742)
- 191 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help make it easier for patients with chronic urinary tract infections to receive referrals from their GPs. (38743)
- 192 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with Gloucestershire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on the potential impact of the Big Space Cancer Appeal on cancer care at Cheltenham General Hospital. (38697)
- 193 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Big Space Cancer Appeal on funding for cancer care at Cheltenham General Hospital. (38698)
- 194 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of ending enhanced payments for NHS nurses covering staff shortages on the finances of nurses; and what estimate his Department has made of the potential change in agency staffing costs of ending those payments. (38744)
- 195 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that ending enhanced payments for NHS nurses covering staff shortages does not increase reliance on agency staff. (38745)
- 196 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of ending enhanced payments for NHS nurses covering staff shortages on staffing levels at (a) Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, (b) North Devon District Hospital and (c) Torbay Hospital. (38746)

- 197 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that NHS nurses providing additional cover for staff shortages are adequately compensated. (38747)
- 198 **Yuan Yang** (Earley and Woodley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of future funding allocations to NHS eating disorder services. (38888)
- 199 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his (a) Middle Eastern and (b) Palestinian counterparts on reducing the impact of damage to (i) educational and (ii) cultural facilities in Gaza. (38781)
- 200 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38867)
- 201 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the UN Commission on the Status of Women's decision to (a) change its climate change commitments from the declaration and (b) remove sexual and reproductive health rights from the declaration on levels of international support for women and girls. (38586)
- 202 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking with international organizations to help improve access to HIV prevention tools in Africa. (38927)
- 203 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that (a) marginalized and (b) high-risk populations in (i) low and (ii) medium-income countries receive adequate HIV prevention support. (38928)
- 204 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to provide funding to help (a) track and (b) return children kidnapped following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. (38926)
- 205 **John Glen** (Salisbury): 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 the adequacy of levels of freedom of religion or belief in Cameroon; and what steps he is taking to support this right in that country. (38577)
- 206 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has banned the use of DeepSeek. (38536)

- 207 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the approach taken by the Bahrain Government to (a) pro-democracy protests and (b) social media content critical of the government. (38707)
- 208 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in Bahrain on allegations relating to (a) human rights violations, (b) arbitrary arrest, (c) prolonged detention without a fair trial and (d) the alleged torture of children. (38708)
- 209 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in Bahrain on allegations relating to the detention of minors in relation to peaceful protests. (38709)
- 210 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help support Australia following Cyclone Alfred; and whether he has held discussions with his Australian counterpart on natural disaster relief. (38546)
- 211 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 34796 on China: Cook Islands, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of that strategic agreement on (a) his policies and (b) the policies of the Overseas Territories in the Indo-Pacific. (38547)
- 212 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations his Department have made to the interim government of Syria on the protection of (a) Alawite, (b) Christian and (c) Druze people. (38548)
- 213 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Turkish counterpart on reports of the deaths of minorities in Syria. (38549)
- 214 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help promote freedom of religion and belief in Syria. (38550)
- 215 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in (a) Europe and (b) the United States on (i) the lifting of sanctions on Syria and (ii) reported mass killings of minorities in Latakia Governorate. (38551)

- 216 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2025 to Question 34791 on Iran: Democracy, whether he has met with Iranian pro-democracy campaigners in (a) the United Kingdom and (b) elsewhere since 4 July 2024. (38552)
- 217 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with other signatories to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action on the future of the Iran nuclear deal, in the context of the withdrawal of the United States from that agreement. (38553)
- 218 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the Crown Dependencies to tackle illegally-operated online gambling in the (a) Isle of Man and (b) Channel Islands. (38554)
- 219 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he plans to take to protect British businesses against the effects of grey zone attacks on undersea cable communication infrastructure between Taiwan and Europe. (38555)
- 220 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to ensure that underwater fibreoptic cables in the (a) Mediterranean, (b) North Sea and (c) Baltic Sea are strengthened to help prevent sabotage. (38556)
- 221 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken as a member of the Peace Implementation Council for Bosnia and Herzegovina. (38662)
- 222 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterparts in (a) Germany, (b) France, (c) Italy and (d) the US on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. (38663)
- 223 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle domestic abuse. (38789)
- 224 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38855)
- 225 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions her Department has had with police forces on supporting families in relation to criminal cases that have been open for over a decade. (38808)

- 226 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to ban the use of DeepSeek by her Department. (38532)
- 227 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many cryptoassets were seized from criminals in the last year.(38537)
- 228 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were fined under the clandestine entrant civil penalty scheme in each of the last ten years. (38539)
- 229 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much was raised by fines from the clandestine entrant civil penalty scheme in the last ten years. (38540)
- 230 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason Ministers in her Department met with Elbit Systems on 16 December 2024. (38765)
- 231 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which company was awarded the contract for Coastal Radar Data Integration, advertised on 26 September 2023. (38766)
- 232 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had meetings to discuss Palestine Action since July 2024. (38767)
- 233 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of police officers in Greater Manchester. (38674)
- 234 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help improve the effectiveness of the (a) collection and (b) dissemination of neighbourhood crime data. (38605)
- 235 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the annual quota for each of the Youth Mobility Scheme partner countries (a) was in 2024 and (b) is in 2025. (38610)
- 236 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the backlog of settled status applications. (38584)
- 237 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of making the Telecommunications Fraud Sector Charter compulsory. (38668)

- 238 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will review the adequacy of its policies on police forces supporting foreign jurisdictions, in the context of the case of Ali Kololo. (38749)
- 239 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38868)
- 240 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects the sustainment contract for E-7 Wedgetail to be signed. (38638)
- 241 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many E-7 Wedgetail aircraft are expected to enter service in the Royal Air Force. (38639)
- 242 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the procurement of a medium range precision strike system. (38641)
- 243 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his target date is for delivering a medium range precision strike system. (38642)
- 244 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has placed any orders for cheap loitering munitions since 5 July 2024. (38643)
- 245 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has a target date for Proteus to reach minimum deployable capability. (38644)
- 246 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has placed any orders for decoy cruise missile-like weapons since 5 July 2024. (38645)
- 247 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the target in service date is for MQ-9B Protector. (38646)
- 248 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there has been a delay to the in-service date for MQ-9B Protector. (38647)
- 249 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when MQ-9B protector will reach (a) initial and (b) full operating capability. (38648)
- 250 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the out of service date is for MQ-9 Reaper. (38649)
- 251 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has set a formal target date for the decommissioning of all conventional crewed mine hunting vessels in use by the Royal Navy. (38650)

- 252 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his target date is for RNMB ARIADNE to reach (a) Initial Operating Capability and (b) Full Operating Capability. (38651)
- 253 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of replacing retiring Tranche 1 Typhoon aircrafts with foreign-built aircraft on (a) BAE Systems sites at (i) Warton and (ii) Samlesbury and (b) the UK aerospace sector. [R] (38677)
- 254 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help support councils to provide temporary accommodation in London. (38778)
- 255 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) local government reorganisation and (b) housing targets on (i) air quality, (ii) parks per capita, (iii) household waste volume, (iv) recycling rates, (v) greenhouse gas emissions and (vi) annual energy consumption in Gosport. (38572)
- 256 **Daniel Francis** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's timetable is for notifying applicants to the Night Shelter Transformation Fund of the outcome of their application. (38763)
- 257 **Daniel Francis** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to provide additional funding for the Night Shelter Transformation Fund in the 2025-26 financial year. (38764)
- 258 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the adequacy of the service provided by First Port property management. (38576)
- 259 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to payroll costs from the Autumn Budget 2024 on self funders in social care. (38564)
- 260 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the number of sharia courts in the UK. (38614)
- 261 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March 2025 to Question 34877 on Local Government: Reorganisation, for what reason Surrey's unitary reorganisation has been placed on a quicker timetable than other two-tier areas. (38615)

- 262 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March 2025 to Question 34860 on MHCLG: Greenpeace, and of 11 March 2025 to Question HL5100 on Community Relations, whether her Department's decision not to engage with (a) Greenpeace, (b) XR and (c) Just Stop Oil is due to (i) her Department's engagement principles or (b) other reasons. (38616)
- 263 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the written statement of 3 March 2025 on Anti-Muslim Hate/Islamophobia Definition Working Group, HCWS487, to which Minister that group will report; and if the report will be laid before the House. (38617)
- 264 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34283 on Freeports: Trade Unions, whether freeport boards members are subject to a similar fiduciary duty. (38618)
- 265 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, if she will make it her policy to allow a representative from foundation strategic authorities that will not have a Mayor to have a seat on the Council of Nations and Regions. (38619)
- 266 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34284 on Empty Property: Shops, how many programmes in addition to the High Street Rental Auction fund are operating bidding schemes for local authorities to receive funding. (38620)
- 267 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34874 on Combined Authorities, for what reason that consultation asks respondents for their gender rather than their sex; and what her Department's policy is on the use of the phrase gender, as opposed to the phrase sex. (38621)
- 268 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the affordability of the average band D Council Tax bill, in the context of recent increases. (38622)
- 269 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34616 on Voting Rights: Foreign Nationals, what checks are undertaken to ensure that Commonwealth citizens seeking to sign up to an electoral roll are qualifying Commonwealth citizens. (38623)

- 270 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for publication of Environmental Delivery Plans; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of that timetable on developments paused due to nutrient neutrality. (38624)
- 271 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 34287 on Unitary Councils, what criteria she plans to use to decide whether to request a formal review by the Local Government Boundary Commission England, following the receipt of restructuring proposals by local authorities of the unitary wards and boundaries in a proposed new unitary council. (38625)
- 272 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 March 2025 to Question 33490 on Tower Hamlets Council, if she will take steps to ensure that the Conservative group is represented on the Board. (38626)
- 273 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 5 March 2025 to Question 33487 on Democracy and Elections, when she expects political parties to be consulted. (38627)
- 274 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that critical cavity nesting bird habitat is mandated in new developments in line with nature recovery targets. (38672)
- 275 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of Natural England's resources to run the Nature Restoration Fund, as outlined in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill. (38629)
- 276 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she had with (a) NGOs and (b) district licensing scheme providers other than Natural England on the potential impact of the inclusion of species in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill on (i) protected species and (ii) farming revenues. (38630)
- 277 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Nature Restoration Fund on the size of populations of (a) great crested newts, (b) bats, (c) dormice and (d) other protected species. (38631)
- 278 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Nature Restoration Fund on district licensing schemes. (38632)

- 279 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what impact neighbourhood plans will have on planning decisions following reforms to the national planning process. (38770)
- 280 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to implement the provisions of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024. (38606)
- 281 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to ensure that housing developments agreed through the accelerated planning process under the Planning and Infrastructure Bill align with the unique needs of local communities. (38607)
- 282 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Planning and Infrastructure Bill, what steps she plans to take to ensure that new electricity transmission infrastructure is integrated with local development plans. (38608)
- 283 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on plans to reform the Local Government Pension Scheme. (38609)
- 284 **Margaret Mullane** (Dagenham and Rainham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has issued guidance on the use of offsite manufacture in house building. (38805)
- 285 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has adopted trade union representation requirements in procurement processes since July 2024. (38900)
- 286 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Bureaucratic burden lifted to speed up building in growth agenda, published on 10 March 2025, which statutory consultees she plans to consult on removing. (38729)
- 287 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Bureaucratic burden lifted to speed up building in growth agenda, published on 10 March 2025, whether there will be a dedicated statutory consultee assessing the potential impact of development on historic (a) parks, (b) gardens and (c) designed landscapes following the removal of the Gardens Trust. (38730)
- 288 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Bureaucratic burden lifted to speed up building in growth agenda, published on 10 March 2025, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the removal of Sport England as a statutory consultee on new sports facilities. (38731)

- 289 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Bureaucratic burden lifted to speed up building in growth agenda, published on 10 March 2025, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of removing the Theatres Trust as a statutory consultee on the creative industries. (38732)
- 290 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of green space maintenance standards by developers after the construction of new housing developments. (38733)
- 291 **Jas Athwal** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on steps to help tackle image-based abuse. (38790)
- 292 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of leaving the European Convention on Human Rights, in the context of average times taken to extradite foreign national offenders. (38854)
- 293 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether they have made an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion roles in their Department on annual staffing costs. (38857)
- 294 **Lewis Cocking** (Bromsbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make it her Department's policy to remove all foreign national offenders from UK prisons. (38695)
- 295 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of sentencing guidelines for banned drivers causing harm to (a) children, (b) animals and (c) other vulnerable road users; and whether she plans to review those guidelines. (38934)
- 296 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what funding is available to the Male Rape Fund in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (38717)
- 297 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department provides support to SurvivorsUK's webchat. (38718)
- 298 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the budget for victim and witness support services was in 2024-25. (38719)
- 299 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department provides support to Safeline's national male rape helpline. (38720)
- 300 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has considered expanding the definition of assault of a retail worker to include retail home delivery drivers. (38705)

- 301 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the hon. Member for Warrington North, representing the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, whether she has made an estimate of the potential savings to the public purse of abolishing diversity, equality and inclusion roles. (38862)
- 302 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to tackle cryptocurrency fraud. (38534)
- 303 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the amount of money lost by people in the UK to cryptocurrency fraud since 2019. (38535)
- 304 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has banned the use of DeepSeek. (38538)
- 305 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to (a) streamline application processes and (b) use technology for digital proof of IDs for pension claims made through the Government Gateway. (38891)
- 306 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the (a) accessibility and (b) convenience of (i) setting up and (ii) using the Government Gateway. (38907)
- 307 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many complaints her Department has received on the difficulty of (a) accessing and (b) using the Government Gateway. (38908)
- 308 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to support people to access Government Gateway accounts without physical documentation. (38909)
- 309 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to improve support available for people to (a) access and (b) use Government Gateway accounts. (38910)
- 310 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to make an assessment of the potential impact of the application of VAT to private school fees on the long-term finances of (a) private and (b) state education sectors. (38599)
- 311 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of planned changes to (a) income and (b) inheritance tax on people who inherit more than £1 million. (38752)

- 312 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing tax breaks to employers who train apprentices. (38580)
- 313 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 12 February 2025 to Question 28608 on Employers' Contributions: Public Sector, whether the funding provided will offset the full impact. (38734)
- 314 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2025 to Question 29193 on Hospitality Industry: Employment, whether her Department has done a sector specific analysis of the projected impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on employment in hospitality. (38735)
- 315 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 17 February 2025 to Question 29957 on Bank Services and Banking Hubs, if her Department will direct the Financial Conduct Authority to require the creation of banking hubs in new towns without banking services. (38736)
- 316 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support university-partnered venture capital investment companies outside the Oxford, Cambridge and London triangle; and whether Ministers in her Department have met with those companies. (38737)
- 317 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential cumulative impact of her Department's (a) economic forecasting and (b) fiscal rules on economic policy. (38699)
- 318 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential (a) merits of reducing taxes on developers of brownfield sites and (b) impact of doing so on the regeneration of town centres. (38700)
- 319 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of reducing taxes on the developers of brownfield sites on the development of new homes in town centres. (38701)
- 320 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of losing eligibility for Personal Independence Payment on the financial security of disabled people. (38848)
- 321 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the Limited Capability for Work and Work-Related Activity group on disabled people in residential care. (38849)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 20 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that retailers (a) provide (i) clear, (ii) accurate and (iii) impartial information on the nutritional sufficiency of infant formula products in (A) retail outlets and (B) online shopping channels and (b) display brands of infant formula together on retail shelves. (38820)
- 2N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2025 to Question 30065 Trade Promotion: Israel and Occupied Territories, if he will list his department's current priorities identified for (a) export and (b) investment services in (i) Israel and (ii) the Occupied Palestinian Territory. (38558)
- 3N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2025 to Question 30065 on Trade Promotion: Israel and Occupied Territories, how much of his Department's budget has been allocated to each of the Trade Envoys for (a) Israel and (b) the Occupied Palestinian Territory in the (i) 2024-25 and (ii) 2025-26 financial years. (38559)
- 4N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2025 to Question 30065 on Trade Promotion: Israel and Occupied Territories, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the role of the Trade Envoys to (a) Israel and (b) the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (38560)
- 5N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of (a) family finding, (b) befriending and (c) mentoring programmes. (38633)
- 6N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will extend funding for (a) family finding, (b) befriending and (c) mentoring programmes to 2025-26. (38634)
- 7N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of Lifelong Links on (a) children and young people in care and (b) care leavers. (38635)
- 8N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of children who transferred from private to state schools in the first three months of (a) 2024 and (b) 2025. (38595)
- 9N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help tackle anti-Palestinian racism in (a) schools and (b) universities. (38689)

- 10N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, on what date GB Energy's annual report and accounts will be published. (38665)
- 11N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many solar farms have been approved as nationally significant infrastructure projects by (a) size in acres and (b) capacity in megawatts in each year since 2008. (38728)
- 12N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the French Government's Third National Climate Adaptation Plan. (38842)
- 13N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will take steps to prepare for temperature rises that could reach 4C by the end of the century. (38843)
- 14N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many people in his Department are working on the implementation of the Windsor Framework (Implementation) Regulations 2024. (38806)
- 15N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure the effective prosecution of people who commit environmental crimes. [Transferred] (903321)
- 16N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his department conducted an impact assessment before the decision to close the Sustainable Farming Incentive scheme was made. (38602)
- 17N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, Pursuant to the Answer of 10 February 2025 to Question 28458 on Life Sciences: Northern Ireland, what the geographical spread was of the projects that received funding up to the summer of 2024. (38545)
- 18N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with relevant stakeholders on tackling the use of modified number plates designed to evade detection by automatic number plate recognition cameras, also known as ghost plates. (38711)
- 19N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many fixed penalty notices were issued for vehicle registration offences in each of the last three years. (38713)
- 20N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the DVLA on tackling the use of modified number plates designed to evade detection by automatic number plate recognition cameras, also known as ghost plates. (38715)

- 21N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress she has made on completing feasibility studies to provide step-free access to platform six at Upminster Station. (38660)
- 22N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 14 March 2025 to Question 37331 on Whitchurch (Shropshire) Station: Access, what her Department's timetable is for its review of the option selection reports on step-free access at stations produced by Network Rail. (38692)
- 23N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March 2025 to Question 36079 on Bus Services and Railways: Employers' Contributions, how much and what proportion of the £1 billion additional funding for buses will be spent on the increase to employer's National Insurance contributions. (38592)
- 24N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will list the non-departmental public bodies overseen by his Department he plans to abolish. (38851)
- 25N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that healthcare settings provide (i) timely, (ii) clear, (iii) accurate and (iv) impartial information on the nutritional sufficiency of infant formula products and (b) implement standardised infant formula labelling on products. (38819)
- 26N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps action he is taking to help reduce waiting times for mental health treatment in (a) Shropshire and (b) England. (38693)
- 27N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to (a) decentralise the commissioning of radiotherapy and (b) give English regions more control over (i) treatment pathways and (ii) new radiotherapy technologies. (38566)
- 28N **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, who the designated board-level executive leads are for Down Syndrome in each ICB in England. (38557)
- 29N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Peruvian counterpart on that country's new law expanding the powers of the Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation. (38587)
- 30N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Peru's new law expanding the powers of the Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation on (a) civil society and (b) indigenous peoples in that country. (38588)

- 31N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which Minister has responsibility for ensuring that the proceeds from the sale of Chelsea Football Club are spent in support of humanitarian causes in Ukraine. (38922)
- 32N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has had legal advice on its powers to enforce the agreement with Roman Abramovich on the sale of Chelsea Football Club on the spending of proceeds in support of the victims of the war in Ukraine. (38923)
- 33N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the proceeds from the sale of Chelsea Football Club remain in the UK. (38924)
- 34N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent estimate he has made of when the proceeds from the sale of Chelsea Football Club will be disbursed to support victims of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. (38925)
- 35N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Colombia on the potential renewal of the UK-Colombia Bilateral Investment Treaty. (38794)
- 36N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of abolishing non-departmental public bodies on (a) her Department's costs and (b) democratic accountability. (38853)
- 37N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were identified as not being in possession of a valid Electronic Travel Authorisation in Northern Ireland in the first two months since its introduction. (38544)
- 38N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the use of modified number plates designed to evade detection by automatic number plate recognition cameras on levels of crime. (38712)
- 39N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what number and proportion of vehicle number plates were unreadable by automatic number plate recognition cameras in each of the last three years. (38714)
- 40N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to (a) tackle hate crime against LGBTQ+ people and (b) make LGBTQ+ related hate crime an aggravated offence. [Transferred] (38181)

- 41N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle the use of catapults against (a) people, (b) animals and (c) property in Ashford constituency. (38801)
- 42N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March 2025 to Question 36082 on Neighbourhood Policing: Finance, how much and what proportion of the funding allocated for the financial year 2025-26 has been allocated to cover the increase in employer National Insurance contributions. (38594)
- 43N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress she has made on the implementation of her planned coalition to tackle knife crime. (38722)
- 44N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the outcome was of her Department's consultation on the accountability of social media executives for not removing adverts for weapons and knives. (38723)
- 45N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to ban the wearing of balaclavas in public spaces. (38911)
- 46N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the police in Hertfordshire on tackling the driving of (a) motorbikes and (b) mopeds on (i) pavements and (ii) other public spaces in Hertfordshire. (38912)
- 47N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions his Department has had with the Department for Education on promoting careers in the armed forces in (a) schools and (b) other educational settings. (38852)
- 48N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase UK sovereign capability in the defence space sector. (38636)
- 49N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase the retention of engineers in the (a) Royal Navy, (b) British Army and (c) Royal Air Force. (38637)
- 50N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 March to Question 37252 on Defence: Finance, what the real terms equivalent of that cash figure is. (38640)
- 51N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 17 March 2025 to Question 37236 on Fleet Solid Support Ships: Procurement, whether that answer should refer to Multi Role Support Ships. (38652)

- 52N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he plans to have discussions with local government on the implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant. (38653)
- 53N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the increase to employer National Insurance contributions on the defence industry. (38688)
- 54N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what information his Department holds on career progression for non-UK personnel by nationality. (38568)
- 55N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what vehicles are held at MOD Ashchurch; and what their readiness state is. (38727)
- 56N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help reduce the time it takes for (a) Army and (b) RAF applicants to complete the recruitment process. (38690)
- 57N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to introduce local referenda on local government reorganisation in Leicestershire. [R] (38850)
- 58N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to reconstitute the Islands Forum. (38807)
- 59N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to set a target date to achieve a representative (a) judiciary and (b) magistracy. (38590)
- 60N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Sentencing Council's guidance entitled Imposition of community and custodial sentences - Effective from 1 April 2025, whether her Department has made an (a) estimate of the (i) additional number of pre-sentence reports required and (ii) costs of those reports and (b) assessment of the potential impact of that guidance on the (A) quality of pre-sentence reports, (B) probation service, (C) time taken for sentencing and (D) number of appeals of sentencing decisions. (38591)
- 61N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Prime Minister, when he plans to respond to the letter of 13 February 2025 from the hon. Member for Arundel and South Downs. (38691)
- 62N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure that funding for port infrastructure through the National Wealth Fund is allocated according to the needs of each region. (38913)

- 63N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her Department's timeline is for the allocation of funding to ports through the National Wealth Fund. (38914)
- 64N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue the Exchequer has raised from the application of VAT to private school fees since 1 January 2025. (38598)

Questions for Answer on Monday 24 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many meetings he has had with representatives of (a) small and medium-sized enterprises, (b) large food manufacturers and (c) public health organisations on the composition of the Industry Expert Panel for the National Food Strategy in the last six months. (38681)
- 2N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what eligibility criteria his Department is using to appoint members to the Industry Expert Panel for the National Food Strategy. (38682)
- 3N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will take steps to ensure that the Industry Expert Panel for the National Food Strategy includes representation from businesses involved in the production of (a) legumes, (b) nuts and seeds, (c) fresh, frozen and dried fruits and vegetables and (d) plant-based alternatives. (38683)
- 4N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to conduct a public consultation before finalising appointments to the Industry Expert Panel for the National Food Strategy. (38684)
- 5N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to publish a list of members of the Industry Expert Panel for the National Food Strategy. (38685)
- 6N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to direct funding from fees through the Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme towards recycling (a) infrastructure and (b) awareness campaigns. (38769)

- 7N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of treating military compensation for injury in the same way as civil compensation for the purposes of means testing for benefits. (38671)
- 8N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what percentage of Gross National Income he plans to allocate to overseas spending in the 2025-26 financial year. (38893)
- 9N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the 0.3% of Gross National Income figure for official development assistance is a (a) target figure or (b) minimum budget spend. (38894)
- 10N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to retain his Department's role overseeing (a) in-country migration costs and (b) other official development assistance. (38896)
- 11N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the value is of the humanitarian reserve (a) as of 17 March 2025 and (b) in each of the next three years. (38898)
- 12N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many defence jobs (a) supported by direct expenditure by his Department and (b) in SMEs in the supply chain there are in Bolsover constituency. (38696)
- 13N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many overdue tree preservation order appeal cases are outstanding. (38710)
- 14N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many paid support workers working in (a) prisons and (b) probation had criminal convictions in each of the last five years for which figures are available. (38678)
- 15N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many volunteer support workers working in (a) prisons and (b) probation had criminal convictions in each of the last five years for which figures are available. (38679)
- 16N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average cost is for processing (a) a fixed term and (b) an emergency recall to prison. (38680)
- 17N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the Answer of the 14 March 2025 to Question 37022 on Business: Northern Ireland, whether his Permanent Secretary briefed him prior to the announcement. (38845)

- 18N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether the Northern Ireland Public Sector Transformation Board has (a) permanent or (b) interim status. (38846)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of employees receiving Statutory Sick Pay whose period of sickness absence reaches (a) one, (b) four, (c) six, (d) eight, (e) sixteen and (f) twenty-eight weeks. (38798)
- 2N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many hernia mesh surgeries have taken place in each of the last 20 years; and what steps his Department is taking to ensure that patients are informed of the risks of mesh complications. (38561)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 31 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the abolition of NHS England on the (a) consultation on NHS Right to Choose ADHD changes and (b) use of feedback from that consultation. (38797)
- 2N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the levels of compliance by overseas territories on providing public registers of beneficial ownership. (38669)
- 3N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he plans to take to ensure that Overseas Territories adopt open and public registers of beneficial ownership. (38670)