

### **PUBLISHED - FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2025**

# Questions tabled on Thursday 20 March 2025

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 24 March

- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Solicitor General, what steps she is taking to help ensure effective prosecution rates (a) serious and (b) violent crime in Birmingham Edgbaston constituency.

  [Transferred] (39541)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Solicitor General, what steps she is taking to help ensure effective prosecutions in cases of violence against women and girls in Birmingham, Edgbaston constituency.

  [Transferred] (39546)
- 3N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent estimate he has made of the number of people aged 66 and over who are in (a) full time employment and (b) part time employment. [Transferred] (38944)
- 4 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish a list of all senior service posts forecast to earn above £200,000 in financial year 2025-2026. (39926)
- 5 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason the National Security Council Economic Subcommittee has been abolished.

  (40000)
- 6 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many employees in the civil service have a learning disability. (39970)
- 7 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with Meta on preventing the sale of illegal e-bikes on their marketplace platform.

  [Transferred] (39769)

- 8 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) AI-enabled and (b) other cyber attacks on economic (i) security and (ii) competitiveness. [R] (40035)
- 9 Dan Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of including measures to require boards to report on cyber resilience in the draft Audit Reform and Corporate Governance Bill.
  [R] (40036)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the number of welders to meet demand in the (a) infrastructure, (b) construction and (c) manufacturing sector.

  (39948)
- 11 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to prevent streaming platforms from monopolising digital sports content. (39978)
- 12 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the recent European Commission decision to extend anti-dumping duties on e-bikes from China for another five years. (39957)
- Afzal Khan (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with representatives from (a) the cycle manufacturing industry and (b) cycle manufacturing industries outside the UK on anti-dumping duties on (i) e-bikes, (ii) bicycles and (iii) bicycle components from China. (39958)
- 14 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with representatives from the metals sector on the trade of scrap metal. (40010)
- Vikki Slade (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on recruitment by businesses. (40084)
- Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to improve regulatory oversight of company directors with a history of multiple liquidations. (39989)
- 17 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to introduce stricter limits on the number of businesses that an individual can (a) incorporate and (b) manage after multiple company liquidations within a defined period. (39990)

- Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of Frontier Economics' report entitled Modelling the effects of closer UK-EU cooperation and of US tariffs, published on 10 February 2025.
- 19 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department plans to take to help promote maritime tourism for both (a) ferry and (b) cruise markets. (40003)
- 20N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure that World War Two veterans are able to attend (a) VE day and (b) VJ day commemorative events (i) in the UK (ii) overseas. [Transferred] (39494)
- 21N James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has allocated separate funding to support World War Two veterans travelling overseas to attend (a) VE day and (b) VJ day commemorative events

  (i) in the UK (ii) overseas.

  [Transferred] (39495)
- 22N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what funding has been allocated by her Department to support the delivery of (a) VE day and (b) VJ day commemorative events (i) in the UK (ii) overseas. [Transferred] (39496)
- 23N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has held discussions with the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust on funding used to sponsor World War Two veterans attending (a) VE day and (b) VJ day commemorative events (i) in the UK (ii) overseas.

  [Transferred] (39497)
- 24 Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent steps she has taken to help increase the number of tourists from Canada.
  (39945)
- Pippa Heylings (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has had recent discussions with the grant making agencies on the potential merits of providing additional financial support to buildings with projects valued at over £25,000 that are (a) underway and (b) about to commence work that will not be able to claim back VAT under the proposed changes to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.
- Pippa Heylings (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will (a) publish the results of the user survey for the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme and (b) use those results in future policy development. (39997)
- 27 **Iqbal Mohamed** (Dewsbury and Batley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to help fund the repair and reopening of Dewsbury Sports Centre.

  [Transferred] (39752)

- 28N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department made an assessment of the potential impact of changes made to (a) National Insurance and (b) the National Living Wage at the Autumn Budget 2024 on the number of apprenticeships offered by high street businesses. [Transferred] (39407)
- 29 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support the well-being of children returning to school following a period of home education in South Suffolk constituency. (39918)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her

  Department has plans to establish a new framework for independent institutions. (39919)
- 31 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including political education in the national curriculum. (40044)
- 32 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to improve teacher (a) recruitment and (b) retention in Somerset. (40040)
- Adam Dance (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to improve the (a) mental health and (b) wellbeing of teachers in Somerset. (40041)
- 34 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of recent trends in the levels of welding training courses available.

  (39949)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the number of young people not in education, employment or training in (a) Birmingham and b) Birmingham, Edgbaston constituency.

  [Transferred] (39542)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her

  Department has made of the potential impact of reductions in funding for level seven
  healthcare apprenticeships on the delivery of the NHS long-term workforce plan. (39819)
- 37 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reductions in funding for level seven healthcare apprenticeships on the availability of Advanced Clinical Practitioners in the NHS.
  (39820)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reductions in funding for level seven apprenticeships on the availability of Chartered Town Planners in local government. (39821)

- **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of the graduate route in promoting the UK as an international study destination. (39959)
- **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which higher education institutions have been made subject by the Office for Students to (a) enhanced monitoring, (b) investigation, (c) a quality assessment report and (d) other quality related interventions; and when these interventions took place. (39962)
- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of amending the assessment only route to Qualified Teacher Status to allow applications from unqualified teachers who have worked in one school throughout their careers on teacher recruitment and retention. (40091)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the national curriculum for encouraging physical education in mainstream schools. (40068)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she has taken to help improve awareness of (a) apprenticeships and (b) sponsored degree programs in Surrey Heath constituency. (40070)
- Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support children with special educational needs to access transport to educational settings in Surrey Heath constituency. (40080)
- **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to take steps to identify alternative sources of funding for the university sector. (40087)
- Vikki Slade (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the (a) changes to employer National Insurance contributions, (b) increase in the National Minimum Wage, (c) removal of the ability to charge for (i) consumables and (ii) compulsory extras and (d) requirement to extend funded hours of childcare provision to younger children as a standard rate on early years providers. (40126)
- **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is planning to take to provide support to (a) lowincome and (b) vulnerable households through the Warm Homes Plan. (39999)
- **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure the Warm Homes Plan reaches low-income households. (39961)

- 49 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the capacity for solar energy generation is; and what his target capacity is in each year between 2025 and 2030. (40012)
- Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2025 to Question 38728 on Solar Power: Infrastructure, what the average size was of consented nationally significant infrastructure projects (a) between 4 July 2008 and 2024, (b) since 4 July 2024 and (c) since 4 July 2008. (40013)
- Rebecca Paul (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending eligibility for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme to include property developers seeking to install air source heat pumps into new builds.

  (40090)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the cost was of redesigning the Great British Energy logo (a) in total, (b) for design, (c) for consultancy and (d) for legal fees. (40054)
- Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions his Department has had with the Scottish government on (a) reforms to Energy Performance Certificates and (b) how Energy Performance Certificates measure the performance of traditionally constructed buildings.

  (39931)
- 54 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the cost was of redesigning GB Energy's (a) branding and (b) logo. (39984)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many graphic designers work in his Department. (39985)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the design of (a) branding and (b) logos for (i) his Department and (ii) arms-length bodies is outsourced to third parties. (39986)
- 57 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what number and proportion of farms are part of the Sustainable Farming Incentive in South Suffolk constituency. (39920)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of the Sustainable Farming Initiative was spent on familyowned farms in financial year 2024-2025. (39921)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the expected return on investment from the Sustainable Farming Incentive. (39922)

- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to update data provided to the Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels. (40050)
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the autoclearance system on the UK's ability to enforce (a) bans on the import of live (i) cattle, (ii) pigs and (iii) sheep and (b) restrictions on products of animal origin from (A) Germany, (B) Hungary and (C) Slovakia. (40051)
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) products of animal origin and (b) products containing products of animal origin have entered the UK from (i) Germany, (ii) Slovakia and (iii) Hungary since imports have been restricted following outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in those countries. (40052)
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether weather warnings were issued ahead of the high air pollution episode expected in the South East on 10 March 2025. (39812)
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reviewing the system for forecasting air pollution episodes. (39813)
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he expects all areas of the UK to comply with the nitrogen dioxide annual mean limit. (39814)
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which (a) cities, (b) zones and (c) agglomerations in England exceeded the nitrogen dioxide annual mean limit value in 2023. (39815)
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when each (a) city, (b)(b) zone and (c) agglomeration in England which exceeded the nitrogen dioxide annual mean limit value in 2023 will comply with that limit.
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) calls and (b) emails his Department received from the media on (i) 5 March 2025 prior to the publication of the report entitled Report: Air Quality Information System Review: Final Report and Recommendations and (ii) the previous seven days.
- **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the Mayor of London's report entitled London-wide Ultra Low Emission Zone One Year Report, published on 7 March 2025. (39818)

- **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that common land can enter (a) Sustainable Farming Incentive and (b) Countryside Stewardship schemes.

  (39980)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the estimated cost is to the public purse of compliance with the Aarhus Convention.

  [Transferred] (39475)
- 72 Imran Hussain (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many staff are employed by the Marine Management Organisation to carry out (a) catch certificate verifications and (b) refusals for seafood consignment imports to the UK; and whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of staffing levels to ensure effective oversight of high-risk seafood imports. (39862)
- **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the water quality of water from places with floating solar panels on the source.

  [Transferred] (39741)
- Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of sanctions applied by the Animals in Science Regulation Unit for incidents of non-compliance with licence conditions or with the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.

  (40026)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the safety of nitrate compounds used to colour preserved meat pink. (39839)
- 76 Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of requiring water companies to report on the volume of sewage discharged into rivers in Surrey Heath constituency. (40069)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of sewage discharge on local ecosystems in Surrey Heath constituency. (40071)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to protect (a) wildlife and (b) plant life in heathland in Surrey Heath constituency. (40076)
- **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help improve the availability of feedstocks for the production of renewable fuels. (40022)

- Dan Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the increased use of AI by (a) cyber-criminals and (b) nation state actors on cyber security risks to the UK.

  [R] (40031)
- Dan Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to include provisions within the Cyber Security and Resilience Bill on requiring regulated organisations to adopt cybersecurity to help tackle AI-enabled threats.

  [R] (40032)
- Dan Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of (a) cyber security laws and (b) supporting regulatory guidance in preventing supply chain attacks on critical (i) services and (ii) infrastructure.

  [R] (40033)
- Ban Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the Cyber Security and Resilience Bill will ensure that data centres are (a) secure and (b) resilient.

  [R] (40034)
- Dan Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help tackle the threat posed by quantum computing to cybersecurity infrastructure.

  [R] (40037)
- Dan Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what (a) guidance and (b) resources he is providing to (i) small and medium enterprises and (ii) other businesses to help (A) prepare for and (B) mitigate quantum cyber risks.

  [R] (40038)
- Dan Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the UK's contingency plans to tackle quantum cyber threats; and if he will conduct a comparative assessment on the effectiveness of these measures compared to those used by his international counterparts.
- Jade Botterill (Ossett and Denby Dale): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
   Innovation and Technology, what progress his Department has made on the rollout of
   Project Gigabit in Ossett and Denby Dale constituency. (40046)
- 88 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department is following The UK's International Technology Strategy, published on 22 March 2023, CP 810. (40001)
- 89 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department is following the UK Science and Technology Framework, published on 6 March 2023; and whether he plans to implement the objectives of that framework by 2030. (40002)

- 90 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help increase the numbers of leading international scientists who choose to undertake their research in the UK. (39946)
- 91 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State
  for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs on the implications of the use of Artificial
  Intelligence on the water supply. (39953)
- 92 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the number of data centres built in England in each of the last five years. (39954)
- 93 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment he has made of the availability of full-fibre broadband in Slough constituency. (39955)
- 94 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he has taken to increase coverage of full-fibre broadband availability in Slough constituency. (39956)
- 95 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Succession Select AI tool published by his Department on 17 December 2024, whether the First Civil Service Commissioner was consulted about the use of AI for Civil Service appointments. [Transferred] (39577)
- 96 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department is funding research into (a) sensory processing sensitivity and (b) mitigations for that sensitivity. (39829)
- 97 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department monitors (a) UK research and development capacity and (b) the impact of reductions in funding by university departments on that capacity. (39830)
- 98 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has carried out an impact assessment for the decision to delay implementation of measures in the Online Safety Act 2023 on fraudulent advertising for Category One services. (39832)
- 99 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether Ofcom has made an estimate of the reduction in fraud on in-scope platforms from the Illegal Content Codes of Practice. (39833)

- 100 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had discussions with (a) his international counterparts and (b) regulators in (i) Germany and (ii) Romania on (A) Online Safety Act 2023 and (B) foreign interference in elections. (39834)
- 101 Mr Peter Bedford (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help promote the uptake of hydrogen powered cars. (40106)
- 102 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to support the use of shore power technology to aid maritime decarbonisation. (40004)
- 103 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to help increase awareness of careers in the maritime sector. (40005)
- Jade Botterill (Ossett and Denby Dale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help ensure that the transport system supports economic growth in
   Ossett and Denby Dale constituency. (40047)
- 105 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee on establishing a crime and policing working group to help tackle disability hate crime on public transport. (40049)
- Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Under 17 Car Club on the geographical scope of the Pathfinder Initiative; and whether she has plans to hold such discussions. (40141)
- 107 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of toll charges at the Tamar crossings on the (a) profitability and )b) sustainability of local businesses in South East Cornwall constituency.

  [Transferred] (39683)
- 108 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of restoring Birmingham's Cross City service to four trains per hour on the economy. (39928)
- 109 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, will she make an assessment of the potential merits of delivering the next stage of the Midlands Rail Hub. (39929)
- 110 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is for when Northern Powerhouse Rail will be complete. (40027)

- Andy MacNae (Rossendale and Darwen): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made with the Secretary of State for Transport on the potential impact of safe walking and cycling routes on rates of economic inactivity. [Transferred] (39662)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will consider extending funding for disabled bus passes to include journeys made before 9:30am. (39863)
- **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has plans to introduce a private parking code of practice. (40045)
- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of remote enforcement letters on coach operators. (40024)
- Tristan Osborne (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the Blue Badge scheme to include statutory requirement to expand the offer on a shorter fixed-term basis to people with temporary mobility problems or conditions.

  [Transferred] (39739)
- Manuela Perteghella (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Access for All programme. (40023)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department has taken to reduce congestion at the meeting of the A322 with the M3

  Junction 3 in Surrey Heath constituency. (40072)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if Ministers in her Department will meet with the hon. Member for Surrey Heath to discuss national infrastructure improvements where the A322 meets the M3 Junction 3. (40073)
- **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of vehicular accidents involving drivers who have not disclosed age-related health conditions on their driving license renewals in each of the last five years. (40086)
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 9 August 2024 to Question HL407 on Rodenticides: Safety, to which species the Government Oversight Group is considering extending the monitoring of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide residues.

  [Transferred] (39686)
- **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper, published on 18 March 2025, on the work of the Child Poverty Task Force. (40099)

- Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of children in poverty as a result of the Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper, published on 18 March 2025.
  (40100)
- Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of households that will receive (a) up to £25, (b) between £25 and £50, (c) between £50 and £75, (d) between £75 to £100 and (e) more than £100 less per week as a result of proposals in Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper, published on 18 March 2025. (40101)
- 124 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to hold a public consultation ahead of the reapproval process for glyphosate in December 2025. [Transferred] (39684)
- 125 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reason the (a) equality and (b) poverty impact analysis were not published with the green paper entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working. (39843)
- 126 Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the change in number of recipients of the health element of universal credit in Middlesbrough and Thornaby East constituency as a result of the green paper entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working.
- 127 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the change in number of recipients of personal independent payments in Middlesbrough and Thornaby East constituency as a result of the green paper entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working.
- 128 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of future (a) applicants and (b) recipients for the health element of universal credit in Middlesbrough and Thornaby East constituency as a result of the green paper entitled Pathways to Work:

  Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working. (39846)
- 129 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of future (a) applicants and (b) recipients of personal independence payments in Middlesbrough and Thornaby East constituency as a result of the green paper entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working.

- 130 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will launch a consultation on proposals to (a) end the Work Capability Assessment and (b) use the single Personal Independence Payment assessment to assess entitlement for the Universal Credit health element. (39848)
- Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will launch a consultation on proposals to rebalance Universal Credit (a) standard allowance, (b) health element and (c) new payment rates. (39849)
- 132 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will launch a consultation on proposals to introduce an additional requirement for people to score at least four points in one daily living activity to be eligible for the daily living part of PIP. (39850)
- 133 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the green paper entitled Pathways to Work:

  Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working, if she will publish the membership of the panel to ensure that the views of (a) disabled people and (b) people with health conditions are used in the (i) design and (ii) delivery of reforms. (39851)
- 134 Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the green paper entitled Pathways to Work:

  Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working, if she will publish the criteria for membership of the panel to ensure that the views of (a) disabled people and (b) people with health conditions are used in the (i) design and (ii) delivery of reforms. (39852)
- Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are in receipt of the health element of universal credit in Middlesbrough and Thornaby East constituency. (39853)
- 136 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are in receipt of personal independence payments in Middlesbrough and Thornaby East constituency. (39854)
- 137 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the cost to her Department was of payments for the health element of Universal Credit to people aged below 22 in the latest period for which data is available.

  (39855)
- Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people below the age of 22 are in receipt of the health element of Universal Credit in Middlesbrough and Thornaby East constituency. (39856)
- 139 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the child poverty strategy will consider the potential merits of removing the (a) two-child limit and (b) benefit cap. (40016)

- 140 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the planned changes to welfare benefits on (a) families, (b) children and (c) families in poverty. (40017)
- 141 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to extend the child poverty strategy beyond the planned 10-year timeframe to set longer term goals to help tackle child poverty. (40018)
- 142 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of her proposed changes to disability benefits on people in Surrey Heath constituency. (40077)
- Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support disabled people with increases in the cost of living in Surrey Heath constituency. (40078)
- 144 Vikki Slade (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of enabling carers receiving Carer's allowance who defer drawing state pension to receive the same uplift as those who do not. (40083)
- 145 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of provision for people discharged from mental health units. (40102)
- 146 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to establish national (a) testing and (b) screening for prostate cancer. (40104)
- 147 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support General Practitioners to use new technologies. (40114)
- 148 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the NHS Triage system. (40115)
- 149 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the effectiveness of the NHS Triage system. (40116)
- Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to reduce hip replacement waiting lists. (40029)
- 151 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is for a hip replacement. (40030)

- 152 **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve early breast cancer diagnosis. (39861)
- 153 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help safeguard young people from (a) drug and (b) alcohol addiction. (40042)
- Steve Darling (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department has on the (a) number of unfilled vacancies, (b) cost for using (i) locum and (ii) bank staff to fill vacancies at Torbay Hospital in the most recent period for which data is available.
- 155 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) timeliness and (b) quality of medical equipment delivered to community care facilities for recently discharged hospital patients.

  (39941)
- 156 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions has he had with stakeholders within the medical equipment industry on the provision of medical equipment to care facilities. (39942)
- 157 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to help tackle maternal health inequalities in (a) Slough and (b) Berkshire. (39943)
- 158 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve adult social care provision. (39944)
- 159 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of people requiring osseointegration transfemoral surgery in England. (39979)
- Zöe Franklin (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of treatment of trans patients in primary care; and whether those patients receive adequate treatment for biological health needs.
  (40124)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of funding changes for level 7 apprenticeships on skills shortages in the NHS; and what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Education on funding for those apprenticeships. (39822)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will increase funding for biomedical research as part of the cross-Government delivery plan for Myalgic encephalomyelitis. (40019)

- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure the delivery plan for myalgic encephalomyelitis will contain mechanisms for (a) scruitnising and (b) measuring progress. (40020)
- **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of myalgic encephalomyelitis on the economy.

  (40021)
- Susan Murray (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of patients prescribed medicinal cannabis by (a) the NHS and (b) private clinics in the last 12 months. (40028)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to treat individuals with sensory processing sensitivity. (39836)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to involve young cancer patients in discussions about clinical trial designs. (39837)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to improve clinical trial availability across different cancer types. (39838)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of NHS dental capacity in Surrey Heath constituency. (40063)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) retain, (b) recruit and (c) train NHS dentists in Surrey Heath constituency. (40064)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of NHS dentistry in Surrey Heath constituency. (40065)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the (a) well-being, (b) morale and (c) working conditions of midwives at NHS hospitals in Surrey Heath constituency. (40074)
- **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Spanish
  counterpart on increasing the number of days British citizens with property can stay in
  Spain without a residence permit. (40103)

- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much funding he plans to allocate to the Tackling Deadly Diseases in Africa 2 programme in the (a) 2025-26, (b) 2026-27 and (c) 2027-28 financial year.
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2025 to Question 37160 on Blue Belt Programme: Finance, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of reducing funding for the Blue Belt programme on the UK's commitments under the Global Biodiversity Framework at COP15.
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his Israeli

  counterpart on whether UK-made (a) arms and (b) arms components for (i) F35

  aircraft and (ii) other arms have been used in the Israeli Defence Force air strikes that

  commenced in Gaza on 18 March 2025. (40053)
- **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what criteria will be used to determine

  allocations from the John Bunyan Fund.

  (39952)
- **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle (a) violence and (b) abuse against retail delivery drivers. (40006)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help protect young people from drink spiking. (40043)
- Amanda Hack (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many animals housed in (a) UK laboratories, (b) breeding centres and (c) universities were not used in scientific procedures in 2023. [Transferred] (39797)
- Amanda Hack (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many unused animals originally acquired for scientific procedures were euthanized in 2023 due to (a) a surplus to requirement and (b) any other reason. [Transferred] (39798)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has considered removing the exemption for both parties being within the dwelling in section 31 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988.

  [Transferred] (39762)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the number of foreign nationals from (a) Guinea-Bissau and (b) Portugal that have been convicted in the UK since 2010. (40011)

- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
  Department, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2025 to Question 31403 on Animal
  Experiments: Licensing, when that project licence application was refused; for what
  reason it was refused; and what the intended purpose of the project licence was. (40056)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
  Department, how many (a) inspectors were responsible for assessing project licence
  applications and (b) project licence applications were approved for licences to use
  animals under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in 2024. (40057)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

  Department, how many applications for project licences to use animals under the Animals

  (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 were approved on average in each week in 2024. (40058)
- Dr Roz Savage (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

  Department, whether she has plans to allocate additional funding to fire and rescue
  services to improve their wildfire and flood response rates.

  [Transferred] (39693)
- Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 14 February 2025 to Question 28325 on Parliamentary Estate: Detergents, if he will list the cleaning products used on the parliamentary estate that are not certified as cruelty-free. (40025)
- Alex Burghart (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release on the award of a £1.6 billion contract to Thales in Belfast for the manufacture of lightweight-multirole missiles, published on 2 March 2025, whether (a) an open prior information notice or (b) a voluntary ex-ante transparency notice was published in relation to the procurement. (39935)
- 190 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release on the award of a £1.6 billion contract to Thales in Belfast for the manufacture of lightweight-multirole missiles, published on 2 March 2025, what relative weight was given to (a) technical capability, (b) cost, (c) delivery timelines and (d) risk assessment when awarding the contract. (39937)
- 191 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release on the award of a £1.6 billion contract to Thales in Belfast for the manufacture of lightweight-multirole missiles, published on 2 March 2025, under what circumstances the contract could be terminated. (39939)
- 192 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Ponteland Ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (40138)

- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Hythe Range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (40139)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Redesdale Ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39874)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Holbeach Air Weapons Range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Longmoor Ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39876)
- 197 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Bellshiel demolition range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Lydd Range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39878)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Moody's Down Range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.

  (39879)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Pirbright Ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39880)

- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Otmoor Range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39881)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Westdown ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39902)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Chickerell range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39903)
- 204 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Dartmoor Training Area due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
  (39904)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Langport Range and dry training area due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- 206 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Lulworth ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39906)
- 207 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Bodmin Training Area due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
  (39907)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Millpool Range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39908)

- 209 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Salisbury Plain Training Area due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Larkhill ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39910)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Imber Range 2 due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39911)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Imber Range 3 due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by members of the public, (b) physical incursion into the range danger area by animals, (c) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (d) any other reason since 5 July 2024.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated initial cost to the public purse is of a single ncrewed Air Vehicle Loyal Wingman platform.

  (39916)
- 214N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many military drones in (a) logistics, (b) strike and (c) ISR roles were purchased by his Department since 5 July 2024. (39917)
- 215 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how frequently does he plan to meet with the new National Armaments Director. (39923)
- 216 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) parameters and (b) performance targets are that will inform whether the new National Armaments Director will be entitled to receive a bonus. (39924)
- 217 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the National Armaments Director Candidate brief, published by his Department, what the restrictions on political activities are. (39925)
- 218 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to reduce the duration of submarine patrols. (39947)
- 219 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the number of vacancies for welders within the defence industry. (39950)

- 220 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking tackle skills gaps within the defence industry. (39951)
- 221 Graeme Downie (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with (a) the RAF and (b) defence suppliers on he future of the RAF fast jet training aircraft. (40060)
- 222 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with (a) the RAF and (b) defence industry suppliers on the replacement of the Hawk training jet. (40061)
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what support his Department provides to (a) service personnel and their families and (b) people leaving the services to improve financial resilience. (40110)
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps
  he is taking to increase awareness that military compensation should not be treated as
  income in means tests for statutory support. (40111)
- 225 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to his Answer of 18 March 2025 to Question 37774 on Armed Forces: Protective Clothing and his Answer of 11 March to Question 36209 on Armed Forces: Protective Clothing what level of protection is provided by (a) Peltor Comtac XPI and (b) Peltor General Service ear muffs.

  (40007)
- 226 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 March 2025 to Question 37371 on F-35 Aircraft: Procurement, whether he has considered taking steps to start procuring the F-35A variant in future tranches. (40008)
- 227 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, if she will issue guidance to local authorities on
  allowing homeless people with pets into sheltered accommodation. (40105)
- 228 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to increase available social housing in the Forest of Dean.

  (40137)
- David Chadwick (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to allow (a) town, (b) community and (c) parish councils to be eligible complainants to ombudsman services.

  [Transferred] (39811)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle hate crimes based on religion in (a) the West Midlands, (b) Birmingham and (c) Birmingham Edgbaston constituency.
  [Transferred] (39538)

- **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether the housing strategy will include measures
  to help tackle (a) poor quality and (b) unsafe housing stock. (39998)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether she plans she to postpone unitary council
  elections in 2026.
  (39864)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, whether (a) her Department and (b) Homes England

  award affordable housing funding based on the Affordable Rent model. (39865)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, which unitary local authority areas she is
  considering restructuring. (39866)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how many Government Procurement Cards are held
  by each Ministerial private office in her Department. (39867)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's guidance
  entitled Green Belt, published on 27 February 2025, whether she carried out a (a)
  consultation and (b) impact assessment on the guidance for villages. (39868)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question
  33041 on Local Government: Reorganisation, if she will require the (a) interim and (b)
  final response to an invitation to restructure to be endorsed by a full council of the local
  authority before being considered by Ministers.

  (39869)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what (a) capital and (b) resource funding was
  allocated to freeports (i) in 2024-25 and (ii) as of 20 March 2025. (39870)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how much (a) capital and (b) resource funding was
  allocated to Investment Zones in the 2024-25 financial year; and how much funding has
  been allocated for the 2025-26 financial year. (39871)
- 240 Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
   Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question
   31935 on Civil Society: Islam, how such decisions are (a) recorded and (b) communicated
   to teams within her Department.

- **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the benefit
  of including measures to repair (a) poor-quality and (b) unsafe unsafe existing housing
  stock in the upcoming housing strategy,.
  (39960)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help support young people to get onto the housing ladder in Surrey Heath constituency. (40062)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to increase the availability of (a) affordable and (b) energy-efficient housing in Surrey Heath constituency. (40067)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's press release entitled Bureaucratic burden lifted to speed up building in growth agenda, published on 10 March 2025, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, on the potential impact of removing the Theatres Trust as a statutory consultee on the creative industries.

[Transferred] (39783)

- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Ministry of Housing,
  Communities and Local Government's press release entitled Bureaucratic burden lifted
  to speed up building in growth agenda, published on 10 March 2025, if she will make
  an assessment of the potential impact of removing the Theatres Trust as a statutory
  consultee on the creative industries.

  [Transferred] (39785)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Ministry of Housing,
  Communities and Local Government's press release entitled Bureaucratic burden lifted
  to speed up building in growth agenda, published on 10 March 2025, if she will make an
  assessment of the potential impact of removing Sport England as a statutory consultee on
  grassroots sport.

  [Transferred] (39788)
- Yuan Yang (Earley and Woodley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's consultation outcome document entitled Provisional local government finance settlement 2025 to 2026 consultation: summary of responses, published 3 February 2025, for how long will the multi-year settlements from financial year 2026-27 last. (40059)
- **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that rent review tribunals have access to sector-specific data on market rents in retirement communities. (39927)

- 249 Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Education on improving literacy education in prisons. (40130)
- 250 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made a comparative assessment of the relationship between literacy improvement and re-offending rates. (40131)
- 251 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her
  Department is taking to improve literacy rates amongst prisoners. (40132)
- 252 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department provides support for prisoners to help them continue improving their literacy skills after release. (40133)
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her
  Department is taking to (a) measure and (b) evaluate the effectiveness of literacy
  programs in prisons.

  (40134)
- 254 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what training is provided to prison staff to support literacy education. (40135)
- 255 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of literacy programs in prisons. (40136)
- 256 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has had recent discussions with the Welsh Government on the provision of speech and language therapy in youth justice services in Wales. (39940)
- 257 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of effectiveness of her Department's programmes for supporting offenders in returning to employment in Surrey Heath constituency. (40066)
- 258 **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support (a) low and (b) middle-income households with the cost of living. (39840)
- Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer,
   what recent discussions she has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on the National
   Wealth Fund investment in Northern Ireland. (39973)
- 260N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of differentiating the emissions associated between pre- and post-consumer scrap metal in the UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism.

  [Transferred] (39564)

- Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of bank branch closures on local (a) residents and (b) businesses in market towns in Surrey Heath constituency. [Transferred] (39780)
- 262 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to take steps to help support older people to use self-checkout kiosks in banks in Surrey Heath constituency. (40075)
- 263 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increases to employer's National Insurance contributions on the (a) hospitality and (b) leisure sectors in Surrey Heath constituency.

  (40079)
- 264 Vikki Slade (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of linking stamp duty thresholds to regional house prices. (40085)

# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 March

- 1N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to respond to the letter of 17 February 2025 from the hon.

  Member for Henley and Thame on the ongoing closure of the Thames Path National Trail at Marsh Lock near Henley on Thames. (40119)
- 2N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of the adoption and special guardianship and support fund on looked after children's access to mental health (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment in South Cambridgeshire. (39991)
- 3N **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for confirming 2026-27 funding for (a) the PE and sport premium and (b) School Games Organisers. (40082)
- 4N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reductions in funding for level seven healthcare apprenticeships on the delivery of the NHS long-term workforce plan. (39857)
- 5N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reductions in funding for level seven healthcare apprenticeships on the availability of Advanced Clinical Practitioners in the NHS. (39858)

- 6N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reductions in funding for level seven apprenticeships on the availability of Chartered Town Planners in local government. (39859)
- 7N Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reductions in funding for level seven apprenticeships on the availability of skilled workers in the NHS; and whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on this matter.
- 8N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the level of areas without childcare providers in England; and what estimate her Department has made of the number of early years providers that have closed since September 2024. (40127)
- 9N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much his Department spent on redesigning the logo for Great British Energy in 2025.

  (39968)
- 10N **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether external (a) firms and (b) individuals were hired for the Great British Energy logo redesign. (40055)
- 11N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to continue to provide funding for biosecurity checks onsite at the Port of Dover. (39976)
- 12N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to integrate his planned updates to the (a) Environmental Improvement Plan and (b) Carbon Budget Delivery Plan. (39981)
- 13N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to implement the chalk stream recovery pack. (39982)
- 14N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the letter of 12th February 2025 from the Hon. Member for Henley and Thame on a meeting to discuss the ongoing closure of the Thames Path National Trail at the Marsh Lock Horsebridge in Henley-on-Thames. (40120)
- 15N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to ensure that Ofcom publishes details of (a) meetings and (b) correspondence with large social media companies. (39831)

- 16N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has plans to instruct Ofcom to conduct an impact assessment of the decision to designate end-to-end encryption as a risk factor in their Illegal Harms Codes of Practice and illegal content risk assessment guidance. (39835)
- 17N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of Virgin Media v NTL Pension Trustees Ltd on the pension market. (40107)
- 18N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of a pensions adequacy review.

  (40108)
- 19N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans a review into pension adequacy. (40109)
- 20N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the Pension Protection Fund levy. (40112)
- 21N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to reform the Pension Protection Fund through the Pension Schemes Bill. (40113)
- 22N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's Pathways to work: reforming benefits and support to get Britain working green paper, published on 18 March, when accessible versions will be published.

  (39988)
- 23N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has considered pausing the creation of new Carer's Allowance overpayment debts until after the independent review into Carer's Allowance overpayments has published its recommendations. (39974)
- 24N Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the Institute of Cancer Research's report entitled Cost-utility analysis of adding abiraterone acetate plus prednisone/prednisolone to long-term hormone therapy in newly diagnosed advanced prostate cancer in England: Lifetime decision model based on STAMPEDE trial data, published on 2 June 2022. (40092)
- 25N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 19 March 2025 to Question 38437 on NHS: Negligence, what the tariff system used to determine payments for medical negligence by NHS Resolution is.

  (40009)

- 26N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the letter of 17 February 2025 from the hon.

  Member for Henley and Thame on the closure of the Thames Path National Trail at the Marsh Lock Horsebridge in Henley on Thames. (40118)
- 27N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the letter of 5 February 2025 from the Hon.

  Member for Henley and Thame on building a new Royal Berkshire Hospital. (40121)
- 28N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Oral Statement of 17 March
  2025 on G7, Official Report, column 41 and 46, what steps he is taking to ensure that the
  UK is fulfilling its obligations under international humanitarian law. (40094)
- 29N Calum Miller (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department held discussions
  with the EU Commission on the development of the ReArm Europe plan; and whether his
  Department is taking steps with the EU Commission to establish a means through which
  the UK can (a) contribute to and (b) be supported through this plan.

  (40095)
- 30N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with
  the EU Commission on the potential role of the UK in supporting the development of a (a)
  pan-European rearmament bank and (b) similar institution aimed at enabling financing
  for (i) the ReArm Europe programme and (ii) other defence programmes. (40096)
- 31N Calum Miller (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has held discussions
  with the EU Commission on the potential establishment of a new forum to enable joint
  UK-EU decision making on the development of (a) a pan-European rearmament bank and
  (b) similar institution aimed at enabling financing for (i) the ReArm Europe programme
  and (ii) other defence programmes.

  (40097)
- 32N **Priti Patel** (Witham): 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 statements made by the Prime Minister of Mauritius on the Chagos Archipelago in the Mauritius National Assembly on 4 February 2025. (39823)
- 33N Calum Miller (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish a timetable for the piloting of domestic violence specialists in every 999 control room; and when she plans to roll this out to (a) Thames Valley and (b) other constabularies not included in the pilot. (40098)
- 34N **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether His Majesty's Passport Office has considered introducing an option for payment for passports in instalments over 10 years. (40123)

- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Barry Buddon due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39882)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Blackdog Range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39883)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Cape Wrath Training Centre due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Castlelaw Ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39885)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Donna Nook Air Weapons Range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- 40 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Dreghorn Training Area due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.

  (39887)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Yoxter Range and dry training area due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Fort George Range Control due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.

- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Tregantle ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39890)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Kirkcudbright Range Control due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
  (39891)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Garelochhead Range Control due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Woodbury Common Training Area due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Tain Air Weapons Range due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Straight Point Ranges Complex due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5
  July 2024.
- 49 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Air Defence Range Manorbier due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Imber Range Four due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39897)

- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Castlemartin training area due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Imber Range One due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39899)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Warminster ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39900)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many hours of firing time have been lost at Bulford ranges due to (a) physical incursion into the range danger area by (i) members of the public and (ii) animals, (b) aerial incursion into the range danger area by drones and (c) for other reasons since 5 July 2024. (39901)
- 55N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 March to Question 36712 on Ministry of Defence: Public Appointments, whether his Department had (a) agreed and (b) finalised the remuneration package for the new National Armaments Director (i) before or (ii) on 13 March 2025. (39912)
- 56N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated cost to the public purse is of a single Global Combat Air Programme Tempest platform. (39915)
- 57N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take through the National
  Planning Policy Framework to ensure the adequate provision of M4(2) and M4(3)
  compliant housing in Henley and Thame constituency. (40122)
- 58N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the average time taken for applicants to the Duty Reimbursement Scheme to be reimbursed for duty paid on goods brought into Northern Ireland. (39932)
- 59N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of claims that have been (a) made and (b) paid under the Duty Reimbursement Scheme for goods brought into Northern Ireland since the scheme was established. (39933)
- 60N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Office for Value for Money was consulted on the recently advertised remuneration package for the National Armaments Director. (39913)

- 61N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Office for Value for Money was consulted on the recently advertised remuneration package of the National Security Adviser. (39914)
- 62N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse of the Bank of England's Quantitative Tightening programme (a) since July 2024 and (b) since its commencement in November 2022. (39963)

## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 26 March

- 1N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to review firework legislation. (39983)
- 2N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for an announcement on future funding for the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund. (39992)
- 3N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help reduce the number of unresolved Teacher Regulation Agency teacher misconduct cases. (39993)
- 4N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to increase funding rates for early years provision of three and four year olds. (40128)
- 5N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to review the upper threshold for small business rates relief for early years providers. (40129)
- 6N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to introduce community benefit measures for solar developments as part of the Plan for Change. (39971)
- 7N Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has plans to introduce minimum community compensation funding for communities impacted by (a) Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project solar developments and (b) solar developments assessed through the local planning system.

- 8N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2025 to Question 37760 on Solar Power, how many new solar installations excluding those below 50kW have been consented since 2008; and what capacity each one had. (40014)
- 9N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase the level of primary care core funding to help support GP practices to hire more staff. (39994)
- 10N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of closing Long Covid clinics on patients with Post-Covid syndrome. (39995)
- 11N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many mental health workers will be recruited in Cornwall by 2029. (40093)
- 12N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS medical staff were struck off for clinical negligence in each year between 2019 and 2024. (40015)
- 13N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to help retain alternatives to digital booking systems for GP appointments for those that cannot access online systems. (40089)
- 14N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of HM Passport Office accepting multilingual standardised birth certificates as part of passport applications for the children of British parents born in Europe. (40088)
- 15N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has considered (a) removing the tapering-off of the personal allowance and (b) reducing the threshold for the additional rate of tax. (40117)

### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

- Sarah Owen (Luton North): What steps he is taking to help tackle technology-enabled violence against women and girls. [R] (903444)
- 2 **Frank McNally** (Coatbridge and Bellshill): If he will have discussions with Cabinet colleagues on providing additional support for research into motor neurone disease. (903445)
- 3 **Douglas McAllister** (West Dunbartonshire): What plans his Department has to support a UK space launch. (903446)
- 4 **Claire Hughes** (Bangor Aberconwy): What assessment he has made of the effectiveness of Ofcom's reporting of mobile coverage. (903447)

- **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): What steps his Department is taking to ensure that smaller platforms are adequately regulated to protect children from online harms. (903448)
- **Michelle Welsh** (Sherwood Forest): What recent progress his Department has made on improving digital inclusion in Sherwood Forest constituency. (903449)
- **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to encourage social media companies to tackle animal abuse content online. (903450)
- **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): What steps his Department is taking to help improve mobile network signal in North Somerset constituency. (903451)
- **Torcuil Crichton** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): What steps he is taking to help improve broadband connectivity in rural communities. (903452)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): What steps his Department is taking to support the development of the space industry in the UK. (903453)
- **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): What steps his Department is taking to help ensure the safety of children online. (903454)
- **Jeremy Hunt** (Godalming and Ash): What steps he is taking to help improve mobile phone coverage in rural areas. (903455)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): What steps he is taking to increase online safety for children and young people. (903456)
- **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): What steps his Department is taking to support innovation in the manufacturing of optics equipment. (903457)
- **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): What his planned timetable is for responding to the recommendations of the report entitled Creating a safer world: the challenge of regulating online pornography, published on 27 February 2025. (903458)

## Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

T1	<b>Dame Meg Hillier</b> (Hackney South and Shoreditch): If he will make a statement departmental responsibilities.	on his (903459)
T2	Laura Kyrke-Smith (Aylesbury):	(903460)
T3	Liam Conlon (Beckenham and Penge):	(903461)
T4	Satvir Kaur (Southampton Test):	(903462)
T5	Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West):	(903463)
T6	Peter Lamb (Crawley):	(903464)
T7	Sarah Owen (Luton North):	R] (903465)

# T8 Alistair Strathern (Hitchin): (903466)

#### Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

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1	John Slinger (Rugby): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 26 March. (903467)				
2	Chris Vince (Harlow):	(903468)			
3	<b>Sir Julian Lewis</b> (New Forest East): For what reason the Government has ordered tha UK's two shale gas wells be permanently sealed.	t the (903469)			
4	Sojan Joseph (Ashford):	(903470)			
5	Steve Race (Exeter):	(903471)			
6	Andrew Ranger (Wrexham):	(903472)			
7	Kim Leadbeater (Spen Valley):	(903473)			
8	Jacob Collier (Burton and Uttoxeter):	(903474)			
9	Bradley Thomas (Bromsgrove):	(903475)			
10	John Cooper (Dumfries and Galloway):	(903476)			
11	Blair McDougall (East Renfrewshire):	(903477)			
12	Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough):	(903478)			
13	Irene Campbell (North Ayrshire and Arran):	(903479)			
14	Chris McDonald (Stockton North):	(903480)			
15	Frank McNally (Coatbridge and Bellshill):	(903481)			

# Questions for Answer on Thursday 27 March

- 1N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of (a) a legal code of conduct for and (b) mandatory inspections of the premises of funeral directors. (39964)
- 2N **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the access to (a) sport and (b) physical education for (i) primary and (ii) secondary school-aged children. (40081)

- 3N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund (ASGSF) on the (a) well-being and (b) development of (i) adopted children and (ii) those with Special Guardianship Orders; and if she will consider making the ASGSF permanent. (39824)
- 4N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support families using the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund; and if she will make an announcement on the future of that fund.
- 5N **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the brewing industry of extended producer responsibility fees on glass beer bottles. (40125)
- 6N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of prohibiting the use of weed killers such as glyphosate. (39966)
- 7N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to provide mental health support to farmers. (39975)
- 8N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease in Hungary. (39977)
- 9N Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answers of 6 March 2025 to Question 36136 on Geothermal Power: County Durham and to Question 36137 on Data Centres: Energy, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing funding for AI hubs in County Durham by using geothermal energy production. (39965)
- 10N Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the availability of autism assessments.

  (39967)
- 11N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proportion of the funding for the
  Bangladesh Collaborative, Accountable and Peaceful Politics programme is allocated to
  supporting individuals facing violations of freedom of religion or belief. (39873)

12N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release on the award of a £1.6 billion contract to Thales in Belfast for the manufacture of lightweight-multirole missiles, published on 2 March 2025, whether the contract was awarded under a single-source procurement route.

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## Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): What steps she is taking to help ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (903409)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of public transport in Newcastle-under-Lyme. (903410)
- **Gurinder Singh Josan** (Smethwick): What steps she is taking to support the aviation sector. (903411)
- **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): What steps she is taking to promote active travel. (903412)
- **Bambos Charalambous** (Southgate and Wood Green): What steps she is taking to help improve road safety for gig economy couriers using two wheeled vehicles. (903413)
- **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): What steps she is taking to promote active travel. (903414)
- **Douglas McAllister** (West Dunbartonshire): What steps she is taking to help ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (903415)
- **Matt Turmaine** (Watford): What steps she is taking to improve local bus services. (903416)
- **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): What steps she is taking to improve passenger rail performance. (903417)
- **Olivia Bailey** (Reading West and Mid Berkshire): What steps she is taking to improve local bus services. (903418)
- **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What steps she is taking to increase capacity on the railways. (903419)
- **Will Stone** (Swindon North): What steps she is taking to support the proposed railway line between Swindon and Oxford. (903420)
- Cameron Thomas (Tewkesbury): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of eastward transport links from Gloucestershire. (903421)
- **Katie Lam** (Weald of Kent): What recent assessment she has made with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government of the potential impact of suspending the Rural Services Delivery Grant on transport services in rural areas. (903422)

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15	<b>Gill Furniss</b> (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): What steps she is taking to decarbonise the transport sector.	(903423)
16	<b>Tony Vaughan</b> (Folkestone and Hythe): What steps she is taking to improve the accessibility of bus services in Kent.	(903424)
17	<b>Natasha Irons</b> (Croydon East): What steps she is taking to improve passenger rail performance.	(903425)
18	Chris Vince (Harlow): What steps she is taking to support the aviation sector.	(903426)
19	Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): If she will make it her policy to allow holders of cate B driving licenses to drive community buses.	egory (903427)
20	<b>Edward Morello</b> (West Dorset): What assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of bus services in West Dorset constituency.	(903428)
21	<b>Sam Rushworth</b> (Bishop Auckland): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleague help support people to use electric vehicles.	s to (903429)
22	<b>Tessa Munt</b> (Wells and Mendip Hills): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of passenger rail performance.	(903430)
23	<b>David Davis</b> (Goole and Pocklington): What assessment her Department has made of effectiveness of the rollout of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.	f the (903431)
24	<b>Dr Lauren Sullivan</b> (Gravesham): What steps she is taking to support the maritime se	ector. (903432)

Kevin McKenna (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): What steps she is taking to help ensure that

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the transport system supports economic growth.

T1	<b>Julia Buckley</b> (Shrewsbury): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities.	(903434)
T2	Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury):	(903435)
Т3	Emma Foody (Cramlington and Killingworth):	(903436)
T4	Rachel Taylor (North Warwickshire and Bedworth):	(903437)
T5	Jenny Riddell-Carpenter (Suffolk Coastal):	(903438)
Т6	Jon Pearce (High Peak):	(903439)
T7	Claire Hughes (Bangor Aberconwy):	(903440)
T8	Dame Meg Hillier (Hackney South and Shoreditch):	(903441)

T9 Oliver Ryan (Burnley): (903442)

T10 Catherine Atkinson (Derby North): (903443)

# Questions for Answer on Friday 28 March

## **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure households in (a) Skipton and Ripon constituency and (b) northern England can access reliable smart meter signal. (39826)
- 2N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure 4G coverage across Skipton and Ripon constituency in the context of (a) the Shared Rural Network and (b) future smart meter network upgrades. (39827)
- 3N **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether any properties in Skipton and Ripon constituency have been identified as very hard to reach by Project Gigabit. (39828)
- 4N Alex Burghart (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release on the award of a £1.6 billion contract to Thales in Belfast for the manufacture of lightweight-multirole missiles, published on 2 March 2025, whether a value-for-money assessment was conducted before awarding the contract.

# Questions for Answer on Monday 31 March

## **Questions for Written Answer**

1N Alex Burghart (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release on the award of a £1.6 billion contract to Thales in Belfast for the manufacture of lightweight-multirole missiles, published on 2 March 2025, whether specific contractual provisions allow for the potential extension of the contract. (39938)

# Questions for Answer on Thursday 3 April

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding has been allocated to (a) Salford City Council and (b) Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council.for road maintenance in (i) 2024-25 and (ii) 2025-26. (40048)
- 2N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 167 of the National Planning Policy Framework published on 12 December 2024, whether she has plans for local planning authorities to take a proactive approach to facilitating domestic decarbonisation. (39930)