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## Questions tabled on Friday 28 March 2025

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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Monday 31 March

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps his Department has taken to support the food and beverage sector in the West Midlands. [Transferred] (41795)
- 2 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how Extended Producer Responsibility fees collected will be allocated to local authorities. [Transferred] (41870)
- 3 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with each local authority in England on how collected Extended Producer Responsibility fees will be allocated. [Transferred] (41871)
- 4 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to implement the public service pensions remedy for retired firefighters. [Transferred] (42111)
- 5 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether appointments to the National Wealth Fund will be included in the Public Bodies Order in Council; and whether the chair will be classified as a significant appointment. [Transferred] (42047)
- 6N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the projected cost of establishing and operating the Defence Growth Board is; and how it will be funded within the constraints of the fiscal rules and his Department's existing budget. [Transferred] (41396)

- 7 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to end the digital services tax. [Transferred] (42193)

## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 1 April

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason the National Procurement Policy Statement exempts the Ministry of Defence defence and security contracts from the priority on delivering social value. (42236)
- 2 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to (a) protect and (b) maintain water supply infrastructure from hostile actors. (42363)
- 3 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of establishing a UK-wide Future Generations Commissioner to promote (a) long-term policy planning and (b) intergenerational fairness across Government departments. (42365)
- 4 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the oral statement by the Prime Minister of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, column 634, if he will list the reviews relevant to national security that are taking place across the Government that will be included in the development of a new National Security Strategy. (42369)
- 5 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has a strategy for identifying people for the future award of honours and dignities. (42237)
- 6 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2025 to Question 26195 on European Court of Justice, what discussions he has had with the European Commission on the jurisdiction of European Court of Justice rulings in the UK. (42238)
- 7 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether officials in his Department are allowed to use DeepSeek. (42239)
- 8 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support car manufacturers in the UK, in the context of US tariffs. (42311)
- 9 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with his US counterparts on tariffs. (42312)

- 10 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he is considering retaliatory tariffs in response to US tariffs on UK car imports. (42313)
- 11 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of US tariffs on the UK car industry. (42328)
- 12 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the effectiveness of proposed exemptions to cooling-off rights within the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 subscription regime for preventing consumers from accessing digital content for free. (42221)
- 13 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Spring Statement of 26 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to her Department's planned budget for the 2025-26 financial year on access to sport. (42226)
- 14 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Spring Statement of 26 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to her Department's planned budget for the 2025-26 financial year on access to sport for young people. (42227)
- 15 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Spring Statement of 26 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to her Department's planned budget for the 2025-26 financial year on access to sport for disabled people. (42228)
- 16 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Spring Statement of 26 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to her Department's planned budget for the 2025-26 financial year on the National Youth Strategy. (42229)
- 17 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Spring Statement of 26 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to her Department's planned budget for the 2025-26 financial year on listed places of worship. (42230)
- 18 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Spring Statement of 26 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to her Department's planned budget for the 2025-26 financial year on support for charities. (42231)

- 19 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Spring Statement of 26 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to her Department's planned budget for the 2025-26 financial year on support for the creative industries. (42232)
- 20 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Spring Statement of 26 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to her Department's planned budget for the 2025-26 financial year on support for independent cinemas. (42233)
- 21 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when her Department plans to respond to Question 35061 on Teachers: Career Development, tabled by the hon. Member for Aldershot on 3 March 2025. (42360)
- 22 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of trends in the levels of teacher recruitment and retention. (42339)
- 23 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of local authorities in England offer independent travel training for young people with SEND. (42340)
- 24 **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Multiply Programme on adult numeracy skills; and whether she plans to introduce further funding or alternative provisions to support (a) adults with learning difficulties and (b) other adults improve their maths skills following the programme's conclusion. (42358)
- 25 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help people in rural areas with energy costs. (42310)
- 26 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has considered providing free (a) insulation and (b) heat pumps to low-income households; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of such provision on (i) fuel poverty and (ii) carbon emissions. (42376)
- 27 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to consult on a statutory target for food production self-sufficiency. (42309)
- 28 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of Extended Producer Responsibility fees on businesses in the UK compared to similar schemes in (a) France, (b) Germany and (c) Canada. (42346)

- 29 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with international counterparts on best practices for balancing the environmental benefits of Extended Producer Responsibility with economic sustainability for affected industries. (42347)
- 30 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential financial impact of Extended Producer Responsibility fees on the beer and pub sector. (42348)
- 31 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he plans to take to support the horticultural sector in the peat free transition. (42315)
- 32 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many agri-tech businesses the Minister of State for Food Security and Rural Affairs has visited since his appointment. (42384)
- 33 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of invoices from UK suppliers his Department paid within 10 days of receipt between September 2024 and February 2025. (42223)
- 34N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of new legislation to facilitate the transition to non-animal methods of testing. [Transferred] (42178)
- 35 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing stricter regulations on UK-licensed satellite operators to ensure the safe deorbiting of satellites at the end of their operational life. (42364)
- 36 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many (a) in person and (b) online meetings he has had with organisations representing the creative industries since July 2024. (42366)
- 37 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the pay gap between men and women working at UK Research and Innovation; and what steps he is taking to tackle that pay gap. (42267)
- 38 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the blue badge digital service for applicants with disabilities. (42306)
- 39 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she is taking steps to reduce administrative requirements for local authorities handling the blue badge digital service. (42307)

- 40 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to reduce processing times for applications to the blue badge digital service. (42308)
- 41 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the availability of driving tests in Windsor. (42377)
- 42 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to update guidance on the deployment of fixed speed cameras to allow their proactive use. (42355)
- 43 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's report entitled Spring Statement 2025 health and disability benefit reforms - Impacts, published on 26 March 2025, what financial support her Department plans to provide to Personal Independent Payments claimants affected by the proposed changes to the entitlement rules. (42351)
- 44 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's Green Paper entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working, published on 18 March 2025, by what date she expects to publish accessible formats of that Green Paper. (42353)
- 45 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's Green Paper entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working, published on 18 March 2025, what steps her Department is taking to consult (a) disabled people and (b) organisations representing disabled people on the Green Paper. (42354)
- 46 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what is the average processing times for pension credit applications in each of the last five years. (42341)
- 47N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the net financial savings by year from the abolition of NHS England. [Transferred] (41907)
- 48 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of eligible families are receiving Healthy Start in Chester South and Eddisbury constituency. (42357)
- 49 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average time taken to diagnose endometriosis was in each of the last five years. (42370)
- 50 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average time taken to diagnose multiple sclerosis was in each of the last five years. (42371)



- 51 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average time taken to diagnose ankylosing spondylitis was in each of the last five years. (42372)
- 52 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure accurate recording of a presumed diagnosis of endometriosis in primary care. (42373)
- 53 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to repeat the Reproductive Health Survey for England 2023; and whether he plans to take steps to record (a) the experiences of those with endometriosis and (b) diagnosis time for those with endometriosis. (42374)
- 54 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of patients waiting for gynaecological surgery are waiting for surgery for thoracic endometriosis. (42375)
- 55 **Bambos Charalambous** (Southgate and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) help tackle shortages across the Parkinson's disease specialist workforce and (b) assess how current workforce shortages are impacting the delivery of multi-disciplinary care as outlined in NICE guidance; and what plans he has to increase the Parkinson's disease specialists workforce. (42319)
- 56 **Bambos Charalambous** (Southgate and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking within current NHS workforce planning to improve uptake of digital consultations for Parkinson's patients as a mechanism to reduce neurology waiting times and reduce the backlog in accessing a neurologist. (42320)
- 57 **Bambos Charalambous** (Southgate and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure that Parkinson's Disease services across England are supported to provide the full range of NICE-approved treatment options to eligible patients in a timely manner. (42321)
- 58 **Bambos Charalambous** (Southgate and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce variations in access to treatments approved by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence for advanced and complex Parkinson's Disease. (42322)
- 59 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) occupancy and (b) utilisation rates of clinical rooms in the NHS estate was in the latest period for which data is available. (42316)
- 60 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an estimate of the cost to the NHS of (a) unused and (b) underused clinical (i) buildings and (ii) rooms. (42317)

- 61 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of adopting intelligent booking systems to maximise the utilisation of the NHS property estate. (42318)
- 62 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that the private sector is used to help reduce NHS waiting lists for the (a) most urgent procedures and (b) patients with the greatest clinical need. (42367)
- 63 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the (a) availability and (b) eligibility requirements for NHS hernia operations. (42338)
- 64 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of outsourcing on collection and delivery of blood products to hospitals. (42344)
- 65 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a report on the potential impact of outsourcing on collection and delivery of blood products on the NHS and hospices. (42345)
- 66 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 March 2025 to Question 38429 on General Practitioners: Finance, from what year is the (a) GP expenses data, (b) patient data used to calculate the distance from the patients' homes to the GP surgery and (c) the population density used in the rurality adjustment of the Carr-Hill formula. (42330)
- 67 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 March 2025 to Question 39649 on NHS: Negligence, how many maternity negligence payments have been made to an adult claimant who was the victim of medical negligence at birth since 6 April 2019. (42333)
- 68 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies on the role women's health hubs in the 10-year health plan of the guidance by his Department entitled Women's health hubs: cost benefit analysis, published on 21 March 2024. (42259)
- 69 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the progress on developing new treatments for sickle cell disorder; and whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on taking steps to accelerate the development of new treatments. (42260)



- 70 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking with (a) charities and (b) other organisations with expertise in domestic abuse to embed trauma-informed principles into the operation of the Child Maintenance Service. (42261)
- 71 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to decrease reliance on private emergency ambulance service companies. (42214)
- 72 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his department has spent on private emergency ambulance service companies in each of the last three years for which figures are available. (42215)
- 73 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding his Department is providing the London Ambulance Service. (42216)
- 74 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 March 2025 to Question 39625 on General Practitioners: Employers' Contributions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed increase to employers' National Insurance contributions on the number of general practices. (42350)
- 75 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the implications for its policies of the human rights situation in Egypt. (42314)
- 76 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential risk that the proposed free trade agreement between the UK and Israel may result in Israel firms having access to British public procurement contracts which support Israeli firms involved in human rights abuses. (42257)
- 77 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of including a ban on data localisation in the proposed free trade agreement between the UK and Israel. (42258)
- 78 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of applications for naturalisation as a British citizen took longer than the six month service standard in the latest reporting period for which data is available. (42305)
- 79 **Martin Rhodes** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the number of children in the UK who are (a) stateless and (b) at risk of statelessness. (42337)

- 80 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to prevent pedal cycle theft within the Havering London Borough. (42217)
- 81 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to prevent illegal street vending in Greater London. (42218)
- 82 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support victims of human trafficking in Havering London Borough. (42219)
- 83 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of invoices from UK suppliers her Department paid within 10 days of receipt between September 2024 and February 2025. (42220)
- 84 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, 26 March 2025, whether he plans to set a formal target for end to end procurement time for rapid commercial exploitation. (42272)
- 85 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.7 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, whether any of the funding for military housing will go towards finalising the Annington transaction. (42273)
- 86 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, whether his Department has been set a target by which to increase Defence exports. (42274)
- 87 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 3.29 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, whether he plans to set a formal target for end to end procurement time for pace-setting modular upgrades. (42275)
- 88 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which sites will be included in the refurbishment of military housing. (42276)
- 89 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.7 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, how many Royal Navy ships will operate a Directed Energy Weapon by 2027. (42277)
- 90 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, whether the £400m ringfenced budget for UK Defence Innovation will be ringfenced for UK Defence SMEs. (42278)
- 91 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, if he will list all the arms-length bodies which will be rolled in to UK Defence Innovation. (42279)

- 92 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, what the cash terms figure is for the 10% of his Department's equipment procurement that will be spent on novel technologies. (42280)
- 93 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, if he will fully define each of the areas of investment to be covered by the 10% of his Department's equipment procurement that will be spent on novel technologies. (42281)
- 94 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.9 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, whether the Defence Reform Model will include a target for spending on UK Defence SMEs. (42282)
- 95 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.7 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, how the UK's programme of joint exercises with NATO allies will be enhanced. (42283)
- 96 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.7 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, how the investment in Directed Energy Weapons will be spent. (42284)
- 97 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, what will be the construct of UK Defence Innovation. (42285)
- 98 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, what will be the governance of UK Defence Innovation (UKDI). (42286)
- 99 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, whether a board will be created for UK Defence Innovation. (42287)
- 100 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, what the annual budget for UK Defence Innovation will be. (42288)
- 101 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, how UK Defence Innovation will engage with his Department. (42289)
- 102 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Statement, published on 26 March 2025, what the forecasted annual administration cost of UK Defence Innovation is. (42290)

- 103 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the forecasted annual administration cost is of the Military Strategic Headquarters. (42291)
- 104 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the number of (a) civil servants, (b) service personnel, (c) contractors and (d) others who will be employed by UK Defence Innovation. (42292)
- 105 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he plans to take to help ensure that proposed increases in defence spending create economic growth in all regions. (42293)
- 106 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which class of Royal Navy ships will operate a directed energy weapon. (42294)
- 107 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how the National Armaments Director will interact with UK Defence Innovation. (42295)
- 108 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how Defence Equipment and Support will interact with UK Defence Innovation. (42296)
- 109 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the National Armaments Director will sit on the defence growth board. (42297)
- 110 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Chief of the Defence Staff will sit on the defence growth board. (42298)
- 111 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how regularly the defence growth board will meet. (42299)
- 112 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff will sit on the defence growth board. (42300)
- 113 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Permanent Secretary will sit on the defence growth board. (42301)
- 114 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Second Permanent Secretary will sit on the defence growth board. (42302)
- 115 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 March 2025 to Question 40755, for what reason the Total Compensation Payable under the AFCS increased. (42325)
- 116 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's timetable is for the publication of the Defence Industrial Strategy. (42334)
- 117 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department will take to assess the job performance of the National Armaments Director. (42382)

- 118 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase recruitment and retention within the Royal Navy Reserves. (42224)
- 119 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of invoices from UK suppliers his Department paid within 10 days of receipt between September 2024 and February 2025. (42225)
- 120 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled £2 billion new investment to support biggest boost in social and affordable housebuilding in a generation, published on 25 March 2025, over what period the (a) funding will be allocated and (b) new homes will be (i) commenced and (ii) completed. (42240)
- 121 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement on Update on tackling intimidation in public life of 18 March 2024, HCWS348, what further steps her Department is taking to help tackle intimidation in (a) elections and (b) public life; and which policies from that Written Ministerial Statement she (i) plans and (ii) does not plan to implement. (42241)
- 122 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of including Electoral Returning Officers on the list of public authorities subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. (42242)
- 123 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether (a) environmental delivery plans and (b) the nature restoration fund will replace suitable alternative natural greenspace. (42243)
- 124 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of whether particular types of retail outlets in high streets and town centres are used for money laundering from the sale of drugs. (42244)
- 125 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department holds information on the individual bye-laws in force by each local authority. (42245)
- 126 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department has issued to local authorities on how campaigners can (a) hold street stalls and (b) give out leaflets in local high streets. (42246)
- 127 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, in what circumstances a previous landowner is eligible for additional compensation following a Compulsory Purchase Order; and how this applies to Compulsory Purchase Orders where hope value has been removed. (42247)

- 128 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Nature Restoration Fund levy will be in addition to Biodiversity Net Gain. (42248)
- 129 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the members of the working group on the definition of Islamophobia will be remunerated; and what is the process by which they have been selected. (42249)
- 130 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 31685 on Public Consultation: Young People, how the young people for the two round tables on the long term strategy for communities were selected. (42250)
- 131 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 31685 on Public Consultation: Young People, what his planned timetable is for the publication of the long term strategy for communities; and what policy areas it will cover. (42251)
- 132 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to change disqualification rules for (a) councillors, (b) mayors and (c) other elected representatives, in relation to those found guilty of sexual offences. (42252)
- 133 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to consolidate the different types of nature designation of land. (42253)
- 134 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to (a) pavement licences and (b) take-away pints on regulatory costs for businesses. (42254)
- 135 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to amend the Habitats Regulations. (42271)
- 136 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Spring Statement of 26 March 2025, Official Report, column 945, what steps she is taking to monitor the progress made in meeting housebuilding targets. (42335)
- 137 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to support housing landlords with tenants in long-term rent arrears. (42209)



- 138 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to tackle money laundering in (a) shops and (b) other services using high street premises. (42210)
- 139 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure the diversity of (a) shops and (b) service provision on high streets. (42211)
- 140 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what proportion of invoices from UK suppliers were paid by her Department within 10 days of receipt between 1 September 2024 and 28 February 2025. (42213)
- 141 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he is taking steps to compensate victims of Libyan-sponsored IRA terrorism. (42359)
- 142 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the projected percentage of Government spending as a proportion of GDP at the end of this Parliament. (42331)
- 143 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the percentage of Government spending was as a proportion of GDP on 5 July 2024. (42332)
- 144 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the level of compliance costs for financial services. (42323)
- 145 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has commissioned any independent assessments of the compliance costs of financial regulations since 4 July 2024. (42324)

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 2 April

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of US steel tariffs on (a) finished and (b) semi-finished steel derivative products. (42222)
- 2N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of US aluminium tariffs on (a) finished and (b) semi-finished aluminium derivative products. (42263)

- 3N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had recent discussions with his US counterpart on reducing VAT on US firms exporting to the UK. (42264)
- 4N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of US tariffs on (a) finished and (b) semi-finished (i) steel and (ii) aluminium derivative products on manufacturing jobs. (42265)
- 5N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with manufacturers on the potential impact of US tariffs on (a) finished and (b) semi-finished aluminium derivative products. (42266)
- 6N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 7047 on Holiday Accommodation: Licensing, what progress she has made on developing a short-term rental registration scheme. [Transferred] (42101)
- 7N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many farms the Minister of State for Food Security and Rural Affairs visited in the period (a) before and (b) after the Autumn Budget 2024. (42383)
- 8N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to continue funding for PCARP Digital Pathways in the 2025-26 financial year. (42255)
- 9N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing restrictions on pavement parking on pedestrians with (a) a visual impairment (b) people with mobility issues, (c) children and (d) parents with buggies. (42356)
- 10N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Maritime Decarbonisation Strategy published on 25 March 2025, what steps she is taking to ensure that the UK Shipping Office for Reducing Emissions (SHORE) takes account of employment practices at companies which submit bids to SHORE for public funding. (42235)
- 11N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has reviewed Heathrow Airport's business continuity plans. (42268)
- 12N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the number of working days that were lost due to the effects of sickle cell disorder in the last 12 months. (42262)

- 13N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 26 March 2025 to Question 39109 on Social Security Benefits: Disability, what estimate she has made of the number of people who will no longer be in receipt of (a) PIP and (b) Universal Credit Carers element, broken down by geographical region. (42269)
- 14N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many families are receiving Healthy Start in Islington North constituency. (42207)
- 15N **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill on the number of local authority funded adult social care beds in (a) England and (b) Hampshire. (42234)
- 16N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 March 2025 to Question 38429 on General Practitioners: Finance, from what year is the earnings data used in the staff market forces factor element of the Carr-Hill formula. (42329)
- 17N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 March 2025 to Question 39625 on General Practitioners: Employers' Contributions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed increase to employers' National Insurance contributions on the level of employment in general practices. (42349)
- 18N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with independent pharmacy owners on the contracts offered to community pharmacies. (42361)
- 19N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the adequacy of the level of funding for independent pharmacies. (42362)
- 20N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will (a) take steps to help reduce financial pressures on pharmacy students and (b) make an assessment of the potential merits of including pharmacy students in the Learning Support Fund scheme. (42368)
- 21N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in Israel on whether (a) digital services, (b) cyber security and (c) Artificial Intelligence products included in a potential trade agreement have been (i) developed and (ii) deployed during military activities in Gaza and the West Bank. (42256)
- 22N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers were housed in dispersed accommodation in Northern Ireland on 31 December (a) 2022 and (b) 2024. (42208)

- 23N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued on (a) ascertaining a court judgement and (b) informing a relevant local authority in cases where someone who (i) is seeking asylum, (ii) is housed in hotel accommodation and (iii) has been convicted of an offence has been given a non-custodial sentence. (42212)
- 24N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the report entitled Impact of Changes to the Ukraine Visa Schemes on Ukrainians in the UK, published by the University of Birmingham in March 2025. (42336)
- 25N **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill on the UK's ability to meet its binding climate and nature targets. (42327)
- 26N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on investment by businesses. [Transferred] (41632)
- 27N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to table 10.10 of her Department's publication entitled Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses 2024, published on 30 July 2024, if she will publish a version of the regional breakdown of per capita railway expenditure that excludes HS2's contribution. (42342)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 3 April

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the level of funding available for Music Hubs. (42326)
- 2N **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for his policies of practice of classifying communal electricity meters in residential buildings as business rather than domestic; what steps he has taken to ensure fair and consistent application of tariffs; whether energy suppliers are permitted to override a meter's designation as Domestic in the National Database when setting tariffs; and what steps his Department is taking to prevent incorrect classification. (42378)

- 3N **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the status of a managing factor as a limited company affects the classification of a communal electricity supply as domestic or business; and what guidance his Department provides to Ofgem and energy suppliers on this matter. (42379)
- 4N **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he has taken to protect residential consumers from being charged Business Rate electricity tariffs for communal areas; and what mechanisms exist to challenge such classifications. (42380)
- 5N **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to review the practice of applying business energy tariffs to communal electricity supplies in residential buildings. (42381)
- 6N **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's Green Paper entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working, published on 18 March 2025, whether disabled people aged between 19 and 22 years in receipt of Universal Credit whose condition is (a) severe and (b) terminal will be required to seek employment. (42352)
- 7N **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children were admitted into NHS care for more than seven days in the latest period for which data is available. (42343)

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 7 April

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure that more than ten HS2 services can be accommodated at Euston station when required. (42303)
- 2N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to renew the land purchase powers contained in the HS2 West Midlands to Crewe hybrid Bill before they expire in February 2026. (42304)