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Questions tabled on Friday 4 April 2025

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Questions for Answer on Monday 7 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has done modelling on the value of damage done by UK imports of commodities from deforested land. [Transferred] (44103)
- 2 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of deforestation in the Amazon rainforest on the UK economy. [Transferred] (44104)
- 3 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 28 March 2025 to Question 39577 on Civil Servants: Recruitment, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the succession select tool on external recruitment to senior civil service roles. [Transferred] (43954)
- 4 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on the potential impact of constructing a western rail link to Heathrow airport on the Government's net zero targets. [Transferred] (44011)
- 5 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Green Paper: Pathways to Work, published on 18 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed changes to (a) health and (b) disability benefits on health inequalities. [Transferred] (43683)

- 6 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to improve paediatric continence services for disabled children. [Transferred] (44179)
- 7 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reasons the new theatre block at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital will not open until spring 2026. (44285)
- 8 **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 potential impact of the repayment rate for newer medicines under the Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing, Access and Growth on the UK life sciences sector. [Transferred] (43867)
- 9 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has a target for the removal of foreign national offenders from prisons. [Transferred] (44030)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 8 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Ministers will (a) give evidence to and (b) participate in the hon. Member for Great Yarmouth's private inquiry into grooming gangs. (44288)
- 2 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will instruct relevant Departmental officials to engage with the hon. Member for Great Yarmouth's inquiry into grooming gangs. (44339)
- 3 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will establish a cross-Government expert group to help (a) innovate responses and (b) devise policy counter-measures to (i) non-traditional and (ii) hard-to-trace grey-zone activities of (A) malign state actors and (B) their proxies who are seeking to undermine UK national (1) economic and (2) security interests. (44210)
- 4 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he plans to take to improve the system of (a) applying for and (b) receiving export licences. (44328)
- 5N **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of tariffs applied by the US Government on (a) jobs and (b) exports in (i) Edinburgh North and Leith constituency and (ii) Scotland. [Transferred] (44042)

- 6 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on the ability of councils to provide (a) regular refuse collections and (b) other core services. (44224)
- 7 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled, UK Critical Mineral Strategy, last updated on 13 March 2024, what recent estimate he has made of the value of critical mineral exports. (44294)
- 8 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment has he made of the potential merits of securing the imports of critical minerals in semi-manufactured materials as well as raw materials. (44295)
- 9 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to make an assessment of international comparisons of support provided to (a) minerals, (b) metals and (c) processing companies through the (i) planning and (ii) permissions process. (44296)
- 10 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, to ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to extend the Energy Intensive Industries support scheme. (44297)
- 11 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with UK businesses on the potential impact of President Trump's executive order on diversity equality and inclusion practices. (44218)
- 12 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what information his Department holds on whether any UK firms with Russian holdings are not in the process of divesting from operations based in Russia. (44316)
- 13N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of increasing support for (a) growth in the social enterprise sector and (b) businesses that add general social value in Durham. [Transferred] (43496)
- 14 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to involve young people in the Manchester Rusholme constituency in the development of the National Youth Strategy. (44254)
- 15 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of categorising the Tour de France as a Category A sporting event. (44362)

- 16 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what (a) financial and (b) other support her Department provides to (i) zoos and (ii) aquariums. (44311)
- 17 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's guidance entitled Early education and childcare (effective from 1 April 2025), published on 21 February 2025, what steps her Department is taking to maintain access to childcare places in rural areas; and what steps she is taking to support childcare providers with operational costs. (44284)
- 18 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of mandating the sharing of students' data between Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. (44215)
- 19 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support SEND transport providers in (a) Greater Manchester and (b) nationally. (44257)
- 20 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many representations her Department has received from Manchester City Council on the (a) funding and (b) quality of SEND provision in Greater Manchester in the last five years. (44258)
- 21 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department plans to issue formal guidance to higher education providers on assessing the eligibility of students from the Cayman Islands for home fee status under the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007. (44321)
- 22 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the consistency of decisions made by higher education providers on the eligibility of students from the Cayman Islands for home fee status. (44322)
- 23 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions her Department has had with the Cayman Islands Government Office in the UK on improving access to home fees for students from the Cayman Islands. (44323)
- 24 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of being incorrectly assessed as ineligible for home fee status on students from the Cayman Islands. (44324)
- 25 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of the (a) training and (b) qualifications of higher education administrative staff involved in determining eligibility for home fee status under the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007. (44325)

- 26 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that British citizens from the Cayman Islands with a right of abode in the UK are not mistakenly denied access to home fee status due to administrative misinterpretation of their immigration or nationality status. (44326)
- 27 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed reduction in the ESFA Adult Skills Fund on (a) Courses for Jobs (b) Tailored Learning. (44213)
- 28 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of reductions in the level of funding for the Adult Skills Fund to mayoral combined authorities on (a) Courses for Jobs (b) Tailored Learning; and whether her Department has completed a related equality impact assessment. (44214)
- 29N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to promote first aid training for school pupils. [Transferred] (43627)
- 30 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the clean energy transition on (a) workers and (b) communities. (44249)
- 31 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the UK-China Dialogue will include joint work on global deforestation. (44367)
- 32 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending his target for reducing household energy bills in the context of recent increases in energy prices. (44303)
- 33 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the impact of his policies on encouraging decarbonisation in the transport sector on electric vehicle charging companies' (a) pricing and (b) subscription models. (44273)
- 34 **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many complaints OFWAT has received about the increase in water and sewerage rates since 1 March 2025; and to how many complainants have substantive responses been given. (44204)
- 35 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve the bathing standard in the (a) River Ver and (b) River Lea. (44283)

- 36 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Chinese counterparts on UK-China efforts to halt global deforestation. (44366)
- 37 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on improving access to parks and green spaces. (44255)
- 38 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has established criteria to assess progress on climate adaptation. (44348)
- 39 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of a global temperature increase that is more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels on Government-owned infrastructure. (44349)
- 40 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what degree of global temperature increase his Department's climate adaptation plans are intended for. (44350)
- 41 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 March 2025 to Question 35439 on Forests and Rivers: Access, what plans he has considered for other national forests. (44305)
- 42 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2025 to Question 38205 on Tree Planting: Bedfordshire, what the range of sensitives are. (44306)
- 43 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2025 to Question 38205 on Tree Planting: Bedfordshire, if he will publish county level statistics. (44307)
- 44 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 March 2025 to Question 36240 on Zoos: Animal Breeding, how many civil servants are working on negotiating a UK-EU Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary agreement. (44357)
- 45 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to restrict the online (a) advertising and (b) selling of (i) image and performance enhancing drugs and (ii) anabolic steroids to children and young people. (44361)
- 46 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of levels of research and development funding for sickle cell disorder. (44250)

- 47 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to introduce (a) accountability and (b) enforcement provisions for private train companies during rail nationalisation. (44277)
- 48 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the impact of (a) ticket office closures and (b) staffing reductions at rural railways stations on passengers. (44298)
- 49 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what criteria are used to determine the allocation of funding for road resurfacing to local council; and how these criteria have been applied to Dorset Council. (44327)
- 50 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding has been allocated to Dorset Council for road resurfacing projects in West Dorset for the fiscal years (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25; and how this compares to the last five years for which information is available. (44329)
- 51 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department is taking steps to help support Great Western Railway to procure additional rolling stock. (44330)
- 52 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of introducing additional diesel multiple units to the Great Western Railway fleet on the environment; and whether she plans to take steps to help mitigate the environmental impact of diesel trains on Great Western Railway services. (44331)
- 53 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with Great Western Railway on improving customer satisfaction of services in (a) West Dorset constituency and (b) other areas. (44332)
- 54 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will hold discussions with Great Western Railway on improving seat availability on services in West Dorset constituency. (44333)
- 55 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential return on investment of increasing funding for (a) cycling and (b) walking. (44334)
- 56 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding her Department plans to provide to Dorset Council for (a) cycling and (b) walking infrastructure in each of the next three financial years. (44335)
- 57 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if his Department will allocate 10% of the transport budget to active travel to increase cycling levels. (44336)

- 58 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to request funds for (a) cycling and (b) walking as part of the upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review. (44337)
- 59 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that all DWP caseworkers assessing employees in the Access to Work Plus scheme are fully trained on the scheme's requirements. (44358)
- 60 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what is the average waiting time between submitting an application for Access to Work Plus and (a) an in-person assessment, (b) a funding decision and (c) payment. (44359)
- 61 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) simplify the paperwork and (b) make online submissions possible for Access to Work Plus applications. (44360)
- 62 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of people eligible for but not claiming Carer's Credit. (44209)
- 63 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to provide specialist employment support for unpaid carers to get into work. (44264)
- 64 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support employees who leave employment to provide unpaid care to return to work. (44265)
- 65 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how her Department plans to allocate the additional funding for supporting young people into work outlined in her Department's Green Paper entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working, published on 18 March 2025. (44353)
- 66 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Get Britain Working White Paper, published on 26 November 2024, what progress her Department has made on the planned pilot of the National Jobs and Careers Service. (44354)
- 67N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of extending the Household Support Fund after March 2026. [Transferred] (44070)
- 68 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to develop a (a) comprehensive and (b) fully-funded plan to effectively (i) recruit, (ii) train, and (iii) retain a sustainable social care workforce. (44274)

- 69 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department have to ensure that local authorities can fulfil their duties to carers under the Care Act 2014. (44275)
- 70 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on the potential impact of the energy price cap increase on unpaid carers. (44276)
- 71 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will provide Integrated Care Boards with detailed guidance on the minimum provision of palliative care required for hospices in their area. (44278)
- 72 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to ensure effective fracture liaison services for over 50s. (44279)
- 73 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to provide additional funding for fracture liaison services to help increase the (a) coverage and (b) quality of those services. (44280)
- 74 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to incentivise dentists to increase NHS appointments in (a) Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency, (b) Hertfordshire and (c) England. (44281)
- 75 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to provide additional resources to Birmingham City Council to help support public health. (44223)
- 76 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): 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 ADHD medication. (44251)
- 77 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to allocate capital funding to improve stroke care infrastructure in Greater Manchester. (44252)
- 78 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking through (a) recruitment and (b) retention practices to increase the diversity of the maternity healthcare professional workforce. (44253)
- 79 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on improving responsible access to nature in Greater Manchester. (44256)

- 80 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of access to CAMHS services for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) children in Manchester Rusholme constituency. (44263)
- 81 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has considered increasing the threshold from which people must pay for their own care. (44343)
- 82 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has received the final post-authorisation safety study report for the BNT162b2 covid-19 vaccine. (44216)
- 83 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of claims have been submitted to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme for (a) fatalities and (b) illnesses for Covid 19 vaccines. (44217)
- 84 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help promote the (a) recycling and (b) reuse of (i) Zimmer frames, (ii) walking sticks and (iii) other medical equipment within the NHS. (44317)
- 85 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential (a) environmental and (b) financial merits of implementing nationwide recycling programmes for durable medical equipment. (44318)
- 86 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of working with local authorities to facilitate the (a) collection and (b) redistribution (i) Zimmer frames, (ii) walking sticks and (iii) other used medical equipment. (44319)
- 87 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) availability and (b) accessibility of NHS ear wax removal services in West Dorset constituency. (44320)
- 88N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to topical medication for prisoners. [Transferred] (43940)
- 89 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce times for the diagnosis of endometriosis. (44312)
- 90 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help support women with endometriosis in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (44313)

- 91 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 18 March 2025 to Question 36504 on Mental Health Services: Children, how many of the 8,500 additional mental health workers will be based in Bedfordshire. (44314)
- 92 **Harpreet Uppal** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is (a) for a neurodevelopmental assessment, (b) to access CAMHS services and (c) for speech and language therapy services for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) children in Kirklees. (44302)
- 93 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans he has for the funding of (a) the Global Fund and (b) other global HIV programmes, in the context of the planned reduction in Official Development Assistance spending. (44202)
- 94 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of reductions to Official Development Assistance Spending on (a) Gavi, (b) the Global Fund and (c) other programmes. (44203)
- 95 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support local authorities to provide housing for people seeking asylum. (44211)
- 96 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding has been allocated to community safety initiatives in (a) Greater Manchester and (b) Manchester Rusholme constituency in the 2024-25 financial year. (44261)
- 97 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will amend the Police pension scheme 1987 to allow surviving (a) partners, (b) widows and (c) widowers to retain their full entitlement upon (i) remarriage and (ii) cohabitation. (44245)
- 98 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of amending the Police pension scheme 1987 to allow surviving (a) partners, (b) widows and (c) widowers to retain their full entitlement upon (i) remarriage and (ii) cohabitation. (44246)
- 99 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with representatives of Border Force on the potential impact of channel crossings on staff wellbeing. (44237)
- 100 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with representatives of third sector organisations on support for refugees outside the UK. (44238)

- 101 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): 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 Public and Commercial Services Union and Care4Calais report entitled, Safe and Secure Routes: Refugee Visa-to-Travel Proposal, published on 25 March 2025. (44239)
- 102 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 32013 on Asylum, whether she has commissioned any reports on expanding (a) safe and (b) legal routes for people seeking asylum within the last twelve months. (44240)
- 103 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what role her Department has in setting (a) standards and (b) contents of training for firefighters. (44344)
- 104 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on ensuring firefighters receive suicide prevention training. (44345)
- 105 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the rollout of suicide prevention training on staff in police custody suites. (44346)
- 106 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 41564, under what circumstances the Windrush Commissioner could move from operating on a non-statutory basis to a statutory basis. (44368)
- 107 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions her Department has had with (a) Surrey Police and (b) XPS Administration on the service provided to (i) police pension claimants and (ii) people awaiting a remediable service statement. (44355)
- 108 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions her Department has had with (a) Surrey Police and (b) XPS Pensions on the time taken to provide compensation for police pension claimants in Surrey. (44356)
- 109 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many successful asylum claimants by nationality there were by (a) age and (b) sex in each year since 2020. (44300)
- 110 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has reviewed statistical evidence on the use of legally held firearms in criminal activities. (44351)

- 111 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she is taking steps to ensure police forces conduct due diligence in preventing crimes involving legally held firearms. (44352)
- 112 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to replenish stocks of artillery ammunition following donation to Ukraine. (44364)
- 113 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps to impose a legal duty on large-scale housing developments to include adequate sewage capacity. (44282)
- 114 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of local authorities providing housing for people seeking asylum. (44212)
- 115 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support the conversion of (a) vacant and (b) underused mills into (i) housing and (ii) commercial space in (A) Bury North constituency and (B) the North of England. (44248)
- 116 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many special advisers are employed by her Department. (44221)
- 117 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's statutory guidance entitled, Best value standards and intervention: a statutory guide for best value authorities, published on 8 May 2024, if she will take steps to intervene in the bin collection strike in Birmingham City Council area. (44222)
- 118 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance she has issued on whether not collecting refuse waste could lead to a best value intervention at a local authority. (44225)
- 119 **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 merits of providing additional funding to Birmingham City Council for pest control services. (44226)
- 120 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to allow (a) councils, (b) Natural England and (c) development corporations to have enhanced Compulsory Purchase Powers for the mandatory purchase of residential dwellings. (44227)

- 121 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions the Best Value Commissioners in Birmingham City Council have had with (a) council officers and (b) the Unite trade union on bin collection industrial action. (44228)
- 122 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to conduct a review of compliance costs from building regulations. (44229)
- 123 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has issued guidance to local authorities on making (a) licensing, (b) planning and (c) gambling decisions during local election periods. (44230)
- 124 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 1 April 2025 to Question 38374 on Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill, whether her Department has a policy on (a) grant recipients of funding and (b) local authorities (i) boycotting and (ii) divesting in (A) investments and (B) contracts with (1) Israel and (2) firms which trade with Israel. (44231)
- 125 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the transitional relief scheme for the 2026 business rates revaluation will be financed by (a) direct funding, (b) downward phasing and (c) a higher multiplier. (44232)
- 126 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 26 March 2025 to Question 39016 on Nature Restoration Fund, whether planning permission can be refused if a self-build developer declines to pay the voluntary levy. (44233)
- 127 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2025 to Question 25780 on Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners: Elections, whether existing Police and Crime Commissioners will serve their full term where the police functions are given to new combined authority mayors. (44234)
- 128 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2025 to Question 25780 on Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners: Elections, what her planned timetable is for the alignment of the Police Force and Police and Crime Commissioner areas with mayoral combined authority areas. (44235)

- 129 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has a planned timetable for the alignment of administrative NHS boundaries with mayoral combined authority boundaries. (44236)
- 130 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much funding her Department has provided for local infrastructure projects related to housing development in (a) Greater Manchester and (b) Manchester Rusholme constituency in each of the last five years. (44259)
- 131 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities to provide infrastructure alongside new housing developments in (a) Greater Manchester and (b) Manchester Rusholme constituency. (44260)
- 132 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to increase the level of affordable housing in (a) Greater Manchester and (b) Manchester Rusholme constituency. (44262)
- 133 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 24 March 2025 to Question 38447 on Environmental Delivery Plans, whether uncompleted conservation projects will lapse at the end of the Environmental Delivery Plan period. (44304)
- 134 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of commission charge of up to 10 per cent on the sale of park homes on (a) mobile home residents and (b) site owners; and whether she has made an estimate of the commission paid in England in each of the last five years. (44299)
- 135 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to improve data capture on the (a) number of private law proceedings that involve allegations of child sexual abuse and (b) outcomes of these cases. (44220)
- 136 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will instruct relevant Departmental officials to engage with the hon. Member for Great Yarmouth's inquiry into grooming gangs. (44338)
- 137 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what her planned timeline is for the deportation of all remaining Foreign National Offenders in scope for removal. (44365)
- 138 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the oral answer of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice on 11 March 2025 to Question 903119 on Female Offenders, whether that specialised training is available to all staff. (44347)

- 139 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of removing VAT from children's bikes on levels of take up of cycling among children and young people. (44271)
- 140 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 13 March 2025 to Question 35858 on Banks: closures, whether she has had discussions with retail banks on keeping high street bank branches open since 5 July 2024. (44309)
- 141 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she will take steps to amend Gift Aid regulations to allow charitable (a) zoos and (b) aquariums to claim on the price of admission. (44310)
- 142 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether she has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential (a) impact and (b) merits of reforming the 1987 Police Pension Scheme rules on police (i) widows, (ii) widowers and (iii) surviving partners in Wales. (44247)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 22 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to ensure that Government procurement policies promote British (a) manufacturers and (b) suppliers. (44242)
- 2N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much the Government spends on countering disinformation; and in which Departments this money is spent. (44219)
- 3N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to encourage public service bodies to buy British-made products. (44243)
- 4N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 42419 on Foreign Investment in the UK: Northern Ireland, how many employees are specifically working with Invest NI to help promote investment (a) before and (b) during the Open Golf Championship at Royal Portrush in July 2025. (44205)
- 5N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking through the Product Safety and Metrology Bill to improve safety standards in relation to the (a) use and (b) sale of lithium-ion batteries. (44287)

- 6N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to consult UK businesses ahead of the UK-EU May Summit. (44341)
- 7N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with EU-based businesses on UK-EU trade relations. (44342)
- 8N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mandatory business licensing for the private security sector. (44340)
- 9N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of incorrectly applied CIFAS fraud markers on (a) small business owners and (b) sole traders. (44270)
- 10N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding the funding criteria for the Museum Renewal Fund to include museums that are independent charities. (44308)
- 11N **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with (a) OFGEM and (b) energy companies on VAT inclusion in (i) energy billing documents and (ii) online quotes for consumers. (44286)
- 12N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment has she made of the potential merits of including (a) ground source heat pumps and (b) shared ground loops in the Future Homes Standard. (44289)
- 13N **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of enabling energy networks to access a dedicated radio spectrum for enhanced operational communications. (44315)
- 14N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that (a) polluted and (b) unsafe (i) beaches and (ii) bathing areas have signage to alert the public. (44291)
- 15N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) expedite payments and (b) improve the payment structure of the Rural Payments Agency. (44292)
- 16N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help improve data in the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment system. (44293)

- 17N **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department's investigators can apply to police to have individuals suspected of committing fraud against the Department arrested. (44241)
- 18N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the eligibility for the shingles vaccination to people aged 65 or over. (44363)
- 19N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Treaty of Pelindaba, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the transfer of sovereignty over Diego Garcia to Mauritius on the (a) storage, (b) deployment and (c) transit of (i) nuclear weapons and (ii) nuclear-powered vessels at the UK-US base. (44207)
- 20N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Treaty of Pelindaba, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the transfer of sovereignty over Diego Garcia to Mauritius on restrictions on nuclear weapons at the UK-US base. (44208)
- 21N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of individuals who are wrongly flagged by CIFAS each year; and what steps she has taken to prevent such errors. (44269)
- 22N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, at what price he plans to sell (a) HMS Albion and (b) HMS Bulwark to the Brazilian Government. (44301)
- 23N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to regulate short-term lets. (44290)
- 24N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many children were convicted of (a) murder and (b) manslaughter by (i) age, (ii) biological sex, (iii) ethnicity, (iv) country of birth, (v) care experience, (vi) history of previous criminal offences, (vii) whether they lived with both parents, (viii) county lived in at time of offence and (ix) county in which the offence took place in each of the last ten years. (44244)
- 25N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will meet with representatives of the banking sector to discuss end of month payday payments. (44206)
- 26N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the effectiveness of the (a) regulatory oversight and (b) accountability of Cifas. (44266)

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- 27N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to introduce statutory requirements for financial institutions to (a) notify people when a Cifas fraud marker is placed against them and (b) ensure access to an independent appeals process. (44267)
- 28N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of bringing Cifas under the regulatory remit of the Financial Conduct Authority. (44268)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 23 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to publish the terms of reference for the post-legislative scrutiny of the Public Order Act 2023. (44272)