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## Questions tabled on Tuesday 8 April 2025

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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 22 April

## **Questions for Written Answer**

- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to reduce spending on (a) civil service communications staff, (b) external marketing and (c) external advertising. (44961)
- 2 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to ensure consistency of approach in its engagement policy. (45035)
- John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what meetings his Department has had with members of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation on the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement. (45088)
- 4 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department issues on whether third parties should declare their political interests when recording official videos for government departments. (45168)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to increase funding for security vetting. (45003)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled Freedom of Information FOI clearing house review, updated on 14 December 2023, when he plans to publish the guidance on cross-cutting themes that are specific to central government. (45004)

- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 October 2024 to Question 5306 on Special Advisers, if he will set out the (a) Minister and (b) senior civil servant in (i) Downing Street and (ii) each department that determines whether a special adviser's appointment is confirmed after the probationary period. (45005)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Public and Commercial Services Union's press notice entitled PCS demands Cabinet Office meeting over Gaza, published on 26 July 2024, what discussions his Department has had with PCS. (45006)
- 9 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister must approve updates to guidance referenced within the Ministerial Code. (45007)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Q45 of the oral evidence given by his Department's Permanent Secretary to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 4

  December 2024, HC 463, if he will list the employers in the civil service. (45008)
- 11 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Cabinet Office staff appointed by exception on a temporary basis were subsequently made full-time employees in the last 12 months for which figures are available. (45009)
- 12 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will include the policy areas that each Number 10 special adviser works on in the next published list of special advisers. (45010)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many times the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals has met since 4 July 2024; and when those meetings occurred. (45011)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the report entitled Security and Intelligence Agencies Financial Statement 2023-24, published on 2 December 2024, whether he has considered publishing the individual governance statements for the security and intelligence agencies. (45012)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has received recent representations from firms involved in transactions referred to his Department under the National Security and Investment Act since 5 July 2024. (45013)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether appointments to the Border Security Command will be included in the Public Bodies Order in Council; and whether the chair appointment will be classified as a significant appointment. (45014)

- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 December 2024 to Question 18822 on Government Departments: Social Media, how much his Department has spent on social media advertising, by individual firm since 5 July 2024. (45015)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet
  Office, with reference to paragraph 1.41 of the Civil Superannuation Annual Report and
  Accounts 2023-24, HC481, which employers are part of the Civil Service Scheme. (45016)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the total cost was of the Civil Service paybill, by (a) salary costs, (b) National Insurance Contributions, (c) employer Pension Contributions, (d) severance costs and (e) total pay costs in the most recent year for which figures are available. (45017)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 6074 on Special advisers, whether his Department has set a maximum cap on the number of special advisers who can be appointed. (45018)
- 21 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to maintain the level of UK exports. (45108)
- Phil Brickell (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent estimate his Department has made of the proportion of goods labelled as originating from within Israel's pre-1967 borders which actually originate from Israeli settlements. (45255)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support small and medium-sized businesses in Harpenden and Berkhamsted, in the context of US tariffs. (45310)
- 24 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Post Office Transformation Plan published on 13 November 2024; whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of the recommendation to provide additional payments to postmasters in the 2025-26 financial year; and when he expects to conclude his assessment of the plan. (45250)
- 25 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what progress his Department has made on supporting growth in the visitor economy of the West Midlands. (45434)
- 26 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for UK-Israel trade of Israel's policies on (a) democratic principles and (b) human rights. (45019)

- **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many arms export licences to Israel were approved and subsequently (a) adjusted and (b) rejected between September and December 2024. (45289)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to paragraph 2.44 of the Autumn Budget 2024, published on 30 October 2024, HC295, what discussions his Department (a) has had and (b) plans to have with representatives of (i) breweries and (ii) consumers on the consultation on encouraging small brewers to retain and expand their access to pubs. (45426)
- **Kit Malthouse** (North West Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 12 March 2025 to Question 35325 on Ammonia: Exports, which countries his Department has identified as the strongest markets for exports of ammonia cracking technologies; and what steps his Department is taking to help introduce UK companies to potential customers in these markets. (45036)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the Post Office's ability to adhere to its Access Criteria. (45190)
- **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what engagement he has had with glass manufacturers on the business impact of the forthcoming Extended Producer Responsibility scheme. (44945)
- **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate he has made of the proportion of product liable for extended producer responsibility that will be sold to the on trade. (44946)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support the growth of (a) small and (b) medium-sized manufacturing businesses. (45243)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of recent changes to National Insurance contributions on small manufacturing businesses. (45244)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he is taking steps with representatives of food delivery companies to help tackle the use of rented profiles by people who have not been properly vetted to make deliveries to private addresses. (44922)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Digital Economy Agreement with Singapore in reducing non-tariff barriers for UK businesses exporting (a) digital services and (b) physical goods.

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- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment he has made of the role of Commonwealth trade agreements in increasing the UK's export growth rate in the services sector. (44936)
- 38 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with his Commonwealth counterparts on the potential for mutual recognition agreements on professional qualifications. (44937)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the appointment of the new chair of the Competition and Markets Authority on regulation of competition in UK markets. (45218)
- **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will reconsider the maximum cap on the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme which can be claimed by any one church in 2025-26. (45369)
- **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, which listed places of worship have received grants under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme in in Birmingham Edgbaston constituency since the inception of that scheme. (45077)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 25 March 2025 to Question 39015 on Chinese Embassy: Planning Permission, if she will have discussions with Historic England on its approach to engaging with the public inquiry on the Chinese Embassy planning application. (45034)
- 43 Andy MacNae (Rossendale and Darwen): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she has taken to consult the public on whether the scope of the listed events regime should be extended to include (a) digital and (b) on-demand content. (45258)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of bin strikes in Birmingham on levels of international tourism to the area. (44994)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 8 April 2025 to Question 43255 on Cycling: Training, what her plans are for the future of British Cycling's BMX freestyle training facility located at RAF Shawbury. (45200)
- Steve Witherden (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of introducing a press regulator that is independent of (a) the media industry and (b) politicians. (45314)

- 47 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with the EU on touring artists. (45225)
- 48 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 41541 on Youth Services: Finance, if she will issue new guidance to local authorities on the provision of youth services in the context of proposed changes to funding for those services. (45227)
- 49N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of changing the eligibility criteria for the Adoption and special guardianship support fund to include (a) kinship carers with informal childcare arrangements and (b) people under Special Guardianship Orders from 2025-26. (45366)
- 50N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether people who started therapy funded by the Adoption and special guardianship support fund in 2024-25 will be permitted to carry over unused funds to fund therapy during the 2025-26 financial year. (45367)
- 51N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help decarbonise schools. (45368)
- 52 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support Hampshire County Council in its provision of SEND support. (45345)
- Alex Brewer (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to meet the demand for specialist SEND school places. (45346)
- Alex Brewer (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for the provision of SEND services by Hampshire Council. (45347)
- Steve Darling (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teachers have been served with redundancy by (a) local authority area, (b) multi academy trust and (c) local authority in the last three months. (45175)
- Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to encourage children to read for pleasure. (45102)
- 57 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of adding data collection on libraries in schools to the school census. (45103)
- 58 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase the number of state primary schools with an onsite library. (45104)

- Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the provisions of the updated initial teacher training and early career framework which relate to pupils with SEND have been (a) co-produced, (b) designed, (c) developed, (d) evaluated and (e) delivered with (i) autistic people and (ii) people with a learning disability.

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- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to decarbonise school buildings through (a) energy efficiency retrofitting and (b) renewable energy installations; and how these measures will help ensure that the Department meets its net zero commitments. (45341)
- 61 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to amend the Construction Industry Training Board's legislative scope order to include (a) plumbing and (b) electrical work. (45398)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of five year olds were school ready in (a) Birmingham Edgbaston constituency, (b) Birmingham and (c) the West Midlands in each of the last 10 years. (45083)
- 63 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether Ofqual has offered apprenticeships in each year since 2010. (44901)
- 64 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Education and Skills Funding Agency has offered apprenticeships in each year since 2017. (44903)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the impact on participation of the change in the average cost of domestic school trips since 2019; and if she will make an assessment of the trends in the levels of the contributing factors for the changes in that average cost. (44947)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Written Statement of 22 October 2024 on Mainstream Free Schools, HCWS150, what progress her Department has made on the review of planned mainstream free schools. (44948)
- 67 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans for the rules on school uniform contained in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill to be adjustable by secondary legislation. (44949)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, whether there will be a de minimis value below which a required uniform item would not count towards the limits for branded items of school uniform. (44950)

- Or Caroline Johnson (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 31 March 2025 to Question 41472 on Childcare: Fees and Charges whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the £100k cut off for free childcare provision on (a) overall workforce productivity, (b) willingness of impacted employees to take on additional hours and responsibilities and (c) willingness of impacted NHS clinical staff to take on additional hours of work and responsibilities. (45076)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase (a) teaching capacity and (b) student places in further education colleges. (45240)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the number of students that will be entering further education colleges in the 2025-26 academic year. (45241)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve (a) pay and (b) working conditions in further education colleges. (45242)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of autism training for teachers in Surrey Heath constituency. (45370)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve the (a) availability and (b) quality of autism training for teachers in Surrey Heath constituency. (45371)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure the adequacy of support for kinship care therapists for families on the Isle of Wight. (45340)
- Mark Sewards (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to (a) continue to fund the Music and Dance Scheme and (b) ensure that all Centres for Advanced Training continue to operate.

  [Transferred] (44756)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of employers' National Insurance contributions on the availability of apprenticeships in 2025-26. (45205)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's press release entitled £740 million allocated for 10,000 new places for pupils with SEND, published on 27 March 2025, how many of those places will be in schools in Bedfordshire.

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- 79 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's press release entitled £740 million allocated for 10,000 new places for pupils with SEND, published on 27 March 2025, how much of the investment into the condition of the school and sixth-form college estate in England will be spent in Bedfordshire.
- 80 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help support the uptake of apprenticeships in the hair and beauty sector.

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  (44720)
- 81 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps she has taken to support (a) schools and (b) other institutions that are being targeted by social media hate campaigns. (45432)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average waiting time was for children with special educational needs and disabilities to receive an Education, Health and Care plan in (a) England, (b) the East of England and (c) Suffolk in each year since 2020.
- 83 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on reforming SEND and alternative provision since July 2024. (45165)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 2 April 2025 to Question 41244 on Special Educational Needs: Schools, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of local authorities not complying with that advice.

  (45228)
- 85 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 26 March 2025 to Question 39218 on Infrastructure, whether his Department plans to implement recommendation 27 of the report by the National Infrastructure Commission entitled Second National Infrastructure Assessment, published on 1 October 2023. (45109)
- Security and Net Zero, when he plans to implement the second phase of the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for non-domestic private rented buildings. (45318)
- Pame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to hold discussions with Cabinet colleagues on his proposed changes to energy performance certificates; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) this policy and (b) his other energy policies on the viability of the short-term rental sector in (i) rural and (ii) coastal communities. (44959)

- Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to incentivise small businesses in the (a) computing and (b) AI sector to generate their own renewable energy. (44960)
- **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 2198 on District Heating, when his Department plans to bring forward regulations to implement the Heat Network Market Framework. (45284)
- Ayoub Khan (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what representations he has made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on securing long-term funding for the development of smart energy systems within the West Midlands as part of the Spending Review. (45433)
- **Kit Malthouse** (North West Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 12 March 2025 to Question 35323 on Alternative Fuels: Ammonia, whether he has considered using imported ammonia to expand the domestic production of hydrogen (a) through Hydrogen Allocation Round 3 and (b) more broadly in the development of the hydrogen market in the period to 2030. (45037)
- **Kit Malthouse** (North West Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answers of 12 March 2025 Questions (a) 35320 and (b) 35322 on Alternative Fuels: Ammonia, whether he has considered domestic ammonia storage for on-demand ammonia cracking and deployment, in the context of (i) his Department's assessment of the potential role of low carbon ammonia in a diversified energy mix and (ii) UK energy security. (45038)
- **Kit Malthouse** (North West Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answers of 12 March 2025 to Questions (a) 35320, (b) 35322 and (c) 35324, what was the date of the most recent official meeting between ministers from his Department and ministers from (a) the Department for Transport and (b) the Department for Business and Trade to discuss policies for developing the UK ammonia market.
- **Margaret Mullane** (Dagenham and Rainham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment he has made of the potential contribution of heat battery technology to the Government's target for decarbonising homes by 2030. (45357)
- **Margaret Mullane** (Dagenham and Rainham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential contribution of heat batteries to balancing grid demand during peak energy usage periods. (45358)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he is taking steps to reduce St Helena's dependence on imported oil. (44938)

- 97 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many large area solar proposals going through the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects process are requesting planning approval to acquire freehold land. (45159)
- 98 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many large area solar proposals going through the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects process have been initiated by foreign investors. (45160)
- 99 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to prevent solar panels from being placed on agricultural land. (45105)
- 100 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Written Ministerial Statement of 5 February 2025, HCWS417 on the Flood Investment Announcement, whether he plans to provide additional support to local authorities impacted by increases to Internal Drainage Board special levies. (44967)
- Johanna Baxter (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for
   Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many permits were issued for cheetah trophies
   in the 2024-25 financial year.
- Johanna Baxter (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to ban the import of cheetah trophies.
   [R] (45173)
- Phil Brickell (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) investigations have been opened and (b) enforcement action taken under the Water Industries Act 1991, section 3(3)(a). (45254)
- 104 Ian Byrne (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' publication Concluding observations on the seventh periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, published on 12 March 2025, whether he will make it his policy to adopt the Committee's recommendations on expediting the adoption of a comprehensive national strategy for the (a) protection and (b) promotion of the right to adequate food. (45136)
- 105 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) improve testing methods, (b) strengthen labelling regulations and (c) help tackle honey adulteration in other ways. (45296)

- **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with (a) animal welfare activists and (b) Marshall Bio Resources on the mass rearing of beagles for the purpose of animal testing. (45323)
- Amanda Hack (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what comparative assessment his Department has made of the cost of (a) using sustainable urban drainage systems to manage rainwater on site of new developments and (b) allowing this rainwater to flow into sewers.

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  (44740)
- 108 Amanda Hack (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of (a) using (i) sustainable urban drainage systems and (ii) similar mechanisms to manage rainwater on site of new developments and (b) allowing rainwater to flow into sewers on (A) storm outflows, (B) treatment processes and (C) the environment.

  [Transferred] (44741)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether OFWAT has offered apprenticeships in each year since 2010. (44899)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Rural Payments Agency has offered apprenticeships in each year since 2010. (44907)
- Chris Hinchliff (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the House of Lords Hoticultural Sector Committee Report entitled Sowing the seeds: A blooming English horticultural sector, published on 6 November 2023, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Government funding to the horticultural sector. (45328)
- **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the war in Ukraine on the horticulture sector. (45329)
- **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to publish a horticulture strategy. (45330)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will hold discussions with the Food Standards Agency on whether it has a working definition of a fast food outlet. (45023)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 29 March 2025 to Question 39475 on the Aarhus Convention, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of that convention on the effective operation of the planning system. (45032)

- 116 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of infrequent collections of household waste on public health. (45033)
- 117 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of declining bee and pollinator populations on UK food production; and what steps he plans to take to promote pollinator-friendly farming practices. (45138)
- 118 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the prevalence of microplastics in UK drinking water sources; and what steps he has taken to regulate and reduce microplastic pollution in the water supply chain. (45139)
- 119N **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.

  [Transferred]
  (44291)
- 120 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 28 March 2025 onto Question 40498 on Food Supply, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of food security in UK; and what steps he is taking to increase this. (44985)
- 121 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to provide support to people affected by environmental crimes. (45246)
- Manuela Perteghella (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help support (a) local authorities and (b) enforcement agencies to tackle fly-tipping in rural areas. (45248)
- Manuela Perteghella (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support people affected by fly-tipping required to clear waste on private land at their own expense. (45249)
- 124 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 25 March 2025 to Question 38457 on Electricity Generation: Infrastructure, what steps he has taken to identify suitable locations since July 2024. (45208)
- 125 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the press release £16 million boost to improve flood protection for farmers and rural communities, published on 16 March 2025, what the additional funding will be for each internal drainage board. (45209)

- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of what the median income of farmers was in the 2023-24 financial year who will be affected by the changes to Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief. (45210)
- Nick Timothy (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether all (a) glass, (b) steel, (c) aluminium and (d) PET drinks containers are subject to reporting and payment of Extended Producer Responsibility in Wales. (45171)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to Question 34414 on Climate and Nature Bill, tabled by the hon. Member for Newton Abbot on 27 February 2025. (45221)
- 129 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of US tariffs on the UK fishing industry. (45235)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to provide financial support to help scientists phase out the use of animals in medical research. (45290)
- 131 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what measures his Department has discussed with social media companies to help tackle the spread of misinformation online. (45301)
- 132 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department plans to take steps to regulate unrealistic beauty standards in online content aimed at younger children. (45302)
- 133 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing financial penalties on companies that replace more than 10% of their workforce with AI. (45436)
- 134 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if the Meteorological Office has offered apprenticeships in each year since 2010. (44905)
- 135 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the UK Space Agency has offered apprenticeships since it was established. (44908)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of (a) the Information Commissioner's Office and (b) Ofcom in assessing how regulated services are enforcing their minimum age limits to ensure children's safety and data protection. (44951)

- 137 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he is taking steps to support fair remuneration for creatives whose works are used in AI datasets. (45155)
- 138 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Physical Infrastructure Access (PIA) fee structure on full fibre broadband roll out in rural areas. (45203)
- 139 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of physical infrastructure access fees on the ability of alternative network providers to roll out full fibre broadband in rural areas. (45204)
- 140 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions she has had with the National Cyber Security Centre on (a) preventing and (b) removing scam or impersonation websites that mimic (a) the DVLA and (b) government services. (45180)
- 141 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of working with (a) Building Digital UK and (b) Openreach to expedite the rollout of broadband through Project Gigabit in Moor Park, Farnham. (45429)
- 142 Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to raise the retirement age for commercial pilots. (45292)
- 143 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding the Scottish Government will receive through Barnett consequentials as a result of highway maintenance funding being provided to England and Wales. (45285)
- 144 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to maintain the current number of driving test centres in rural communities. (45322)
- 145 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that (a) practical and (b) theory driving (i) lessons and (ii) tests are accessible for people who are d/Deaf. (45085)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of establishing a dedicated Road Safety Investigation Branch to (a) investigate road deaths and incidents and (b) recommend necessary improvements. (45086)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what resources and support are available to people who are d/Deaf (a) in preparation for and (b) during their driving (i) theory and (ii) practical tests. (45087)

- 148 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Office of Rail and Road has offered apprenticeships since 2010. (44896)
- 149 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency has offered apprenticeships in each year since 2010. (44902)
- 150 Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if the Maritime and Coastguard Agency has offered apprenticeships in each year since 2010. (44904)
- 151 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish the carbon assessment for the Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate. (45359)
- 152 **Kit Malthouse** (North West Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answers of 12 March 2025 to Questions (a) 35320, (b) 35322 and (c) 35324, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of working with UK-based manufacturers of ammonia cracking technologies. (45040)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the expansion of Heathrow Airport on economic growth.

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- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the expansion of Heathrow Airport on the environment.

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- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what external analysis her Department has commissioned on the potential impact of Heathrow expansion.

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- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has undertaken a health impact assessment on the expansion of Heathrow airport.

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- 157 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the revised Lyme Regis and Bridport Harbour Order (revision of October 2022) for Dorset Council will include provisions to allow the granting of longer leases; and what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the revised order on potential leaseholders. (45399)

- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the time taken to consider the revised Lyme Regis and Bridport Harbour Order (revision of October 2022) on Dorset Council. (45400)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that the recent £2 million Bus Service Improvement Plan funding allocated to Dorset Council is effectively utilised to enhance bus services in underserved rural communities within West Dorset. (45401)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions her Department has had with Great Western Railway on the (a) maintenance and (b) servicing of older rolling stock. (45402)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of spare parts for ageing rolling stock operated by Great Western Railway. (45403)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of rolling stock age on (a) reliability and (b) service quality on Great Western Railway routes. (45404)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average age is of Great Western Railway's current fleet of rolling stock. (45405)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of multi-year funding settlements on (a) service improvements and (b) long-term planning by South Western Railway. (45406)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of moving to multi-year funding settlements for local authorities to support long-term transport infrastructure investment. (45407)
- 166 Edward Morello (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department will provide funding to Dorset Council to improve parking facilities at Dorchester South station. (45408)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to alleviate congestion caused by on-street parking around Dorchester South railway station. (45409)
- 168 Edward Morello (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions her Department has had with Dorset Council on on-street parking around Dorchester South railway station. (45410)

- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions her Department has had with farming communities on the potential impact of rural road infrastructure on farming operations. (45411)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many instances of missing driving licence entitlements have been reported to the DVLA in the last five years; and what steps she has taken to help tackle these cases. (45412)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she has taken to prevent the loss of driving licence entitlements during DVLA system updates, and how frequently these measures are reviewed for effectiveness. (45413)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to issue (a) further guidance or (b) an awareness campaign to drivers on how to safely share the road with horse riders. (45414)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the effectiveness of recent changes to the Highway Code at improving safety outcomes for horse riders. (45415)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions her Department has had with equestrian organisations on improving (a) infrastructure and (b) safety measures for horse riders on rural roads. (45416)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of supporting the West Midlands Rail Hub. (44982)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has she made of the potential impact of the proposed West Midlands Rail Hub on rail (a) connectivity and (b) reliability in (i) the West Midlands and (ii) nationally. (44983)
- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with (a) Network Rail and (b) other stakeholders on creating a 12 car turn-back facility at Reigate train station since July 2024. (45379)
- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with National Highways on its programme of (a) turning off and (b) removing lights on motorways. (45380)
- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) Kingswood and (b) other villages benefit from a local bus service.

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- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to improve accessibility at Earlswood train station. (45382)

- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she expects
  National Highways to decide on whether the lights along the M25 between Junctions 8
  and 9 will be switched back on at night. (45383)
- Rebecca Paul (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, following the the 18 month assessment period for light switch off between junctions 8 and 9 of the M25, when she expects the TA 501 road lighting appraisal to be available. (45384)
- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with (a) Network Rail and (b) other stakeholders on transport improvements in Reigate constituency. (45385)
- **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she expects contactless ticketing to be rolled out to Reigate train station. (45386)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if Ministers in her Department will meet with the hon. Member for Surrey Heath to discuss railway infrastructure improvements aimed at enabling more direct services to London. (45375)
- **Mark Sewards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to make it an offence for non-electric vehicles to park in an electric vehicle charging space. (45279)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to increase the £2.50 fee charged by private parking companies for each V888/3 application to access vehicle keeper data from the DVLA to use in issuing parking charge notices. (45177)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to prevent third-party websites from misleading members of the public by imitating the DVLA online services. (45179)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of the (a) current and (b) projected future capacity of the A6 road corridor between Hazel Grove and Whaley Bridge. (45181)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will support the development of a new bypass to link the A6 at Hazel Grove with the M60 at Bredbury. (45182)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of East West Rail on passenger numbers on Thameslink services (a) from London to Bedford, (b) from Bedford to London, (c) northbound on the East Coast Main Line and (d) southbound on the East Coast Main Line. (45212)

- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed Luton Airport expansion on Thameslink services. (45213)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 13 March 2025 to Question 35855 on Govia Thameslink Railway: Standards, whether the timetable referred to would reduce the number of services provided on a given line in some cases. (45214)
- **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what consultation her Department has undertaken with the construction industry in advance of a reduction in the maximum operating weight for a volumetric concrete mobile plant. (45156)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with GWR on ticket offices in Devon. (45233)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant of the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 42958 on Pathways to Work and her Department's Green Paper entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working published on 18 March 2025, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of that Green Paper on the number of (a) children and (b) adults in relative poverty in each region in the 2029-30 financial year. (45116)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant of the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 42955 on Employment:

  Disability, whether she plans to make that estimate. (45117)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 42955 on Employment: Disability, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of measures in the Green Paper: Pathways to Work published on 18 March 2025, on (a) part-time and (b) full-time employment opportunities for (i) disabled people and (ii) people with health conditions by 2029-30. (45118)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant of the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 42059 on Social Security Benefits: Reform, whether her Department plans to make an assessment of the potential impact of the measures in the Green Paper: Pathways to Work, published on 18 March 2025 on (a) the health of those people receiving related benefits and (b) societal health inequalities. (45119)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant of the Answer of 7 March 2025 to Question 42058 on Poverty: Children, whether her Department plans to make an assessment of the potential impact of the

- measures in the Green Paper: Pathways to Work, published on 18 March 2025 on (a) the number of children in relative poverty and (b) the societal health inequalities of children. (45120)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, on what evidential basis the requirement for four points on a single descriptor on the daily living activities assessment criteria for Personal Independence Payments was determined. (45121)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made as to the number of people in receipt of Personal Independence Payments who are in (a) full time and (b) part time work. (45122)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of people receiving Personal Independence Payment and no longer eligible due to the introduction of the four point requirement on a single descriptor on the daily living activities assessment criteria in (a) full time and (b) part time work.

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- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of people who receive the Personal Independence Payment who have a terminal illness with a six month prognosis who will no longer be eligible following the introduction of the four point requirement on a single descriptor on the daily living activities assessment criteria. (45124)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the introduction of the four point requirement on a single descriptor on the daily living activities assessment criteria for Personal Independence Payments on affected people's (a) working life, (b) education, (c) health, (d) wellbeing and (e) human rights. (45125)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant of the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 42058 on Poverty: Children, whether her Department plans to make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to the uptake of Carer's Allowance on (a) rates of poverty among carers, (b) carers' labour market participation and (c) levels of demand for public services. (45126)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made as to the number of people who (a) receive Personal Independence Payment and (b) will no longer be eligible for the award as a result of the introduction of the four point requirement on a single descriptor on the daily living activities assessment criteria who are living in (i) absolute and (ii) relative poverty after housing costs. (45127)

- 208 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of people who (a) receive Personal Independence Payment and (b) will no longer be eligible for the award as a result of the introduction of the four point requirement on a single descriptor on the daily living activities assessment criteria who are living with a child in (i) absolute and (ii) relative poverty after housing costs. (45128)
- 209 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the two child benefit limit on (a) the levels of child poverty since July 2024 and (b) the projected levels of child poverty in each year until 2029-30. (45129)
- 210 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of working-age adults who are in work and live in (a) absolute and (b) relative poverty after housing costs. (45130)
- 211 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of children who live in a working household who are in (a) absolute and (b) relative poverty after housing costs. (45131)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what fiscal steps her Department is taking to support pensioners with the cost of living in (a) Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency and (b) England.

  [Transferred] (44791)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that unpaid carers are adequately supported during the transition to the new disability benefits system. (45303)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to help support (a) unpaid and (b) disabled carers in the context of her proposed changes to Personal Independence Payments.
- 215 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with (a) professional bodies, (b) disability organisations and (c) experts on changes to the PIP (i) descriptor points reallocation and (ii) scoring change. (45437)
- 216 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the measure set out in the Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper, published on 18 March 2025 on levels of (a) food insecurity and (b) foodbank usage. (45438)

- 217 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made on the potential impact of the measure set out in the Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper, published on 18 March 2025 on PIP claimants of retirement age. (45439)
- 218 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the measures set out in the Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper, published on 18 March 2025 on people claiming Disability Living Allowance who are being migrated to PIP.
- Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's consultation Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper, updated 7 April 2025, how would the proposals set out in the green paper interact with the provisions on bank accounts in the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill. (45441)
- 220 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to (a) increase in-person assessments and (b) uphold claimants' rights to (i) fair treatment and (ii) reasonable adjustments. (45442)
- Anna Gelderd (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of employment programmes on rates of poverty resulting from changes to Personal Independence Payment. [Transferred] (44866)
- 222 Mary Glindon (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the level of turnover of Local Government Pension Scheme trustees on an understanding of the duty to consider climate-related risk. (44975)
- 223 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' publication Concluding observations on the seventh periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, published on 12 March 2025, whether she will make it her policy to adopt the Committee's recommendations on the two-child limit and the benefit cap.
- 224 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' publication Concluding observations on the seventh periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, published on 12 March 2025, whether she will make it her policy to adopt the Committee's recommendations on enhancing measures to tackle poverty through measurable targets. (45042)

- 225 Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the cost to the public purse was of correspondence to inform pensioners about changes to the winter fuel payment. (45096)
- 226 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the report entitled Paying the Price of Child Poverty, published by Action for Children on 19 March 2025. (45044)
- 227 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to increase the take up of means-tested benefits among households with children in poverty. (45045)
- 228 Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support autistic people into employment in Surrey Heath constituency. (45372)
- 229 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reduce call waiting times on the PIP helpline. (45178)
- 230 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people with Parkinson's in receipt of PIP with Parkinson's as their main condition were awarded four points or more in a category under the Daily Living Activities assessment. (45431)
- 231 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of her proposed reforms to the welfare system on the poverty rate for households with at least one disabled (a) child and (b) adult. (45226)
- Yuan Yang (Earley and Woodley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has conducted quantitative analysis into the potential causes of increases in claims for Personal Independence Payment into shares attributable to (a) underlying ill health, (b) financial incentives and (c) other personal or behavioural factors; and whether such analysis includes a comparison with the rate of increase in economic inactivity due to long-term sickness or disability over the same period. (45355)
- 233 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the estimated cost to the public purse of maintenance on Basingstoke Hospital before its rebuild in 2037. (45342)
- 234 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has for ministerial visits to hospitals in Hampshire. (45343)
- 235 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of public transport to hospitals in Hampshire and Surrey. (45344)

- **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that levels of adult social care funding are adequate to (a) meet care requirements, (b) support people at risk of being placed into residential homes and (c) ensure quality of life. (45348)
- **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve access to early prostate cancer (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment in deprived communities. (45135)
- **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure hospital transport providers are meeting the needs of patients and their families. (45157)
- **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Care Quality Commission on reducing the waiting time for the re-inspection of healthcare providers rated as requiring improvement. (45422)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent (a) staff shortages in and (b) the closure of local pharmacies. (45291)
- 241 Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure disabled children can access social care support. (45293)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle shortages of medication for (a) Parkinson's and (b) epilepsy. (45294)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department spent on ovarian cancer research in the latest period for which data is available. (45295)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve early diagnosis of endometriosis. (45297)
- 245 Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support GPs in diagnosing ovarian cancer. (45298)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the training of healthcare employees in recognising symptoms of endometriosis. (45299)

- 247 Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide additional support for families affected by members with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. (45300)
- 248 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to review the Women's Health Strategy. (45306)
- 249 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of (a) commissioning funding of integrated care boards and (b) other funding provided to hospice services. (45307)
- 250 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department has offered to the Care Quality Commission to reduce the backlog of (a) initial inspections and (b) reinspections of healthcare providers. (44956)
- Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Care Quality Commission on minimising the risk of future backlogs emerging for (a) inspections and (b) reinspections of healthcare providers.

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- 252 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Care Quality Commission on reducing the delay in the production of reports for healthcare providers following (a) their initial inspection and (b) reinspections. (44958)
- 253 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timeline is for the Government's response to the Hughes Report, published on 7 February 2024. (45251)
- 254 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress his Department has made in preparing Government's response to the Hughes Report, published on 7 February 2024. (45252)
- 255 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what consultation process has been followed with devolved nations in preparation for the Government's response to the Hughes Report, published on 7 February 2024. (45253)
- 256 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the amount of money used for primary care expansion from Section 106 agreements. (45110)
- 257 Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of integrated care boards in securing money for primary care expansion from Section 106 agreements. (45111)

- Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the amount of money used for primary care expansion from Section 106 agreements. (45112)
- 259 Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Written Ministerial Statement of 8 April 2025. HCWS586, what proportion of the 1,500 extra GPs are full-time equivalent. (45113)
- 260 Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 8 April 2025, HCWS586, what proportion of the 1,500 extra GPs were employed through the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme. (45114)
- 261 Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 8 April 2025, HCWS586, how many full-time equivalent GPs have been recruited since 1 October 2024. (45115)
- 262 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of enabling urgent community response teams to administer urgent care at home. (45395)
- 263 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support and expand Urgent Community Response teams. (45396)
- 264 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people are receiving support through the Healthy Start scheme in Birmingham Edgbaston constituency. (45078)
- 265 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies the (a) side effects and (b) long-term health implications of the use of clozapine as a medicament. (45332)
- 266 Olly Glover (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that patients continue to receive ADHD medication without cost when their shared care agreement has come to an unpredicted end. (45393)
- Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to letters from the hon. Member for Arundel and South Downs to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Patient Safety, Women's Health and Mental Health dated (a) 5 February, (b) 25 February, (c) 14 March, (d) 24 March, (e) 1 April and (f) 8 April 2025. (45146)

- 268 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Food Standards Agency has offered apprenticeships since 2010. (44898)
- 269 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of mental health support for (a) fathers and (b) partners impacted by pregnancy loss or the death of a baby provided by (i) maternal mental health services, (ii) improving access to psychological support services and (iii) community mental health services. (45326)
- 270 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that all Integrated Care Systems in England commission Maternal Mental Health Services. (45327)
- 271 **Emma Lewell** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of eligible families are receiving Healthy Start in South Shields constituency. (44981)
- Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 42886 on NHS England:
   Redundancy Pay, whether he is making provision to reclaim redundancy payments for any staff subsequently reemployed by a public health body during the payout period. (45090)
- 273 **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to transfer any NHS England functions to other arm's-length bodies. (45091)
- 274 Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to consolidate estates following the closure of NHS England. (45092)
- 275 Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Mr Alan Milburn has consulted his Department on taking on any new work that involves, or may potentially involve, health and social care through his business A.M. Strategy Ltd. (45093)
- 276 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of people diagnosed with temporomandibular disorder linked to orthodontic malpractice. (45353)
- 277 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with Cabinet colleagues on how to support individuals who develop temporomandibular disorder as a result of orthodontic treatment. (45354)
- 278 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 February 2025 to Question 30835 on Miscarriages: databases, what discussions his Department has had with NHS England on including a

- question on experiences of miscarriage in the annual health survey for England as a way of capturing miscarriage data (a) in healthcare settings and (b) outside of healthcare settings.

  (45257)
- 279 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the number of anaesthetists in the NHS. (45444)
- 280 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of anaesthetists in the NHS. (45445)
- 281 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the number of funded training places for doctors to specialise in anaesthesia. (45446)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of how many (a) operations and (b) procedures are being prevented from happening due to a shortage of anaesthetists. (45447)
- 283 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of anaesthetic training places. (45448)
- 284 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle the shortfall in clinical psychologists; and whether he plans to provide additional funding for clinical psychology training places in the next financial year. (45142)
- 285 **Andrew Pakes** (Peterborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to include the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of sepsis in the 10 Year Health Plan.

  [R] (45324)
- 286 Andrew Pakes (Peterborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase public awareness of the symptoms of sepsis. [R] (45325)
- 287 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help support GP practices to acquire larger premises. (45387)
- 288 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve the capacity of sexual health (a) drop in clinics and (b) services in Reigate constituency. (45388)
- 289 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve public awareness of autism in Surrey Heath constituency. (45373)

- 290 Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support people with autism with their mental health in Surrey Heath constituency.
- 291 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 32596 on Psychiatric Hospitals: Autism and Learning Disability, where the commitment has been documented; and what steps his Department has taken to communicate this to people working in the health and social care system. (45334)
- 292 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which body will be responsible for allocating the existing NHS capital grant funding programme for housing for people with (a) a learning disability and (b) autism, in the context of the abolition of NHS England. (45335)
- 293 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of drone regulation to support the delivery of (a) blood, (b) organs, (c) pharmaceuticals and (d) other medical supplies within the NHS. (45336)
- 294 Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the cost-effectiveness of using (a) drones and (b) traditional delivery methods for medical logistics. (45337)
- 295 Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to integrate drone technology into existing NHS logistics and emergency response frameworks. (45338)
- 296 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the Civil Aviation Authority on (a) the regulatory framework for Beyond Visual Line of Sight drone operations and (b) how this impacts NHS and emergency service deployments. (45339)
- 297 Ian Roome (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to publish the New Hospital Programme review's scoring of each hospital's full business case. (45259)
- 298 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide funding to improve the accident and emergency department at Queen's Hospital in Romford. (44921)
- 299 Mark Sewards (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will have discussions with the Nursing and Midwifery Council on the potential merits of reducing or removing the annual registration fee for nurses.

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- 300 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on funding for new research into dementia prevention medication. (44977)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle obesity. (44978)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve cancer testing across the UK. (44979)
- **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to provide clarity on levels of funding for (a) children's and (b) adult hospices. (45428)
- **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason the dementia diagnosis target has been removed from the NHS Operational Planning Guidance. (45166)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with Versus Arthritis to improve the quality of data that his Department publishes on arthritis. (45222)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on (a) when the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency plans to publish guidance on regulatory process for phage therapy use; and (b) whether that guidance will help reduce regulation on phage therapy research.

  (45223)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 2 April 2025 to Question 41337 on Dangerous Dogs, what steps he is taking to improve health outcomes for people who are victims of dog bites. (45229)
- **Chris Curtis** (Milton Keynes North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the political situation in the Ivory Coast. (45237)
- **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held recent discussions with his G20 counterparts on the humanitarian situation in Sudan. (45097)
- **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 implications for his policies of the recent \$1.5 billion cryptocurrency theft by North Korea; what steps he has taken to trace the assets and prevent further illicit transactions; what steps have been discussed to strengthen security protocols; and whether this has included the imposition of sanctions on cryptocurrency and related entities linked to North Korea. (44895)

- **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assistance his Department has provided
  to Alawite civilians living in Syria. (45287)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent progress his Department has made
  in efforts to decrease the number of instances of persecution on Bahai communities. (45084)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of prioritising aid for Christians and ethnic faith groups in Myanmar following the recent earthquake. (45140)
- **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what types of humanitarian aid his Department is providing to Myanmar; and what assurance his Department has that the aid will reach those in need. (45141)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions his Department is having with (a) their international counterparts and (b) private sector donors on maintaining their levels of funding for the Global Fund. (44942)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of the Global Fund on tackling (a) HIV (b) tuberculosis and (c) and malaria globally. (44943)
- Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to take steps to encourage (a)
  the private sector and (b) other donors to increase funding for global HIV prevention and
  treatment. (45132)
- Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of
  the potential implications for his policies of the report by the Lancet entitled Impact of an
  international HIV funding crisis on HIV infections and mortality in low income and middle
  income countries, a modelling study, published on 26 March 2025. (45133)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Pakistani counterpart on the detention of Mahrang Baloch. (45046)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the interim Syrian Government's capacity to implement security measures to protect (a) Alawite, (b) Christian and (c) Druze communities in controlled areas. (44923)

- 321 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to the interim Syrian Foreign Minister on the potential merits of establishing independent oversight mechanisms to monitor the protection of religious minorities. (44924)
- 322 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps help prevent the depopulation of St Helena. (44925)
- 323 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues on how the UK can help to protect the Christian minority in Sudan.

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- 324 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for what reason income tax on St Helena is levied at higher rates than on other British Overseas Territories. (44927)
- 325 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure the affordability of imported consumer goods on St Helena. (44929)
- 326 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help support (a) subsistence and (b) commercial agriculture on St Helena. (44932)
- 327 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help increase employment opportunities in St Helena. (44933)
- 328 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps to help protect the (a) human and (b) educational rights of young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina. (44980)
- 329 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of US tariffs on the economy of Devon. (45234)
- 330 James Asser (West Ham and Beckton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of protections for overseas (a) health and (b) social care workers on a visa sponsorship arrangement. (45311)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many non-air firearms-related offences were recorded in (a)

  Birmingham, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England in each of the last 15 years. (45079)

- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many firearms-related offences there were by the type of firearm in (a) Birmingham and (b) the West Midlands in each of the last five years. (45080)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many firearms-related offences there were by the type of offence in (a) Birmingham and (b) the West Midlands in each of the last five years. (45081)
- 334 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to publish an updated version of the report entitled The economic and social costs of crime second edition, published on 23 July 2018. (45082)
- 335 **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) prosecutions and (b) convictions of companies for money laundering there were under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 in the last five years.

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  (44807)
- 336 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether a person's passport can be used to prove their (a) biological sex, (b) genetic sex, (c) sex at birth and (d) sex as legally defined. (45075)
- 337 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, where AI is being used in the immigration system; and whether she plans to extend the use of AI in the immigration system. (45101)
- 338 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 31 March 2025 to Question 40292 on Demonstrations, whether the post-legislative scrutiny of the Public Order Act 2023 will be carried out independently; and whether her Department plans to publish the outcomes of the review. (45435)
- Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April to Question 43180 on Metropolitan Police: Finance, whether ministers in her Department have (a) met with and (b) corresponded with the (i) Mayor of London and (ii) Metropolitan Police Commissioner to discuss increasing investment into the Metropolitan Police Estate. (45094)
- 340 **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers have been sent from the Republic of Ireland to the United Kingdom in each month since 4 July 2024. (45095)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of people who have entered the UK illegally lodge multiple appeals against their deportation; and what the average number of appeals is per person. (45265)

- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign nationals have absconded while awaiting deportation after lodging legal appeals in each of the last five years. (45266)
- 343 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to prevent (a) repeat and (b) last-minute appeals from delaying the removal of (i) failed asylum seekers and (ii) illegal entrants. (45272)
- 344N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mandatory business licensing for the private security sector.

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  (44340)
- Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many scientific procedures involved the use of dogs from 2020- 2024. [Transferred] (44576)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of adding penalty points to the driver's licences of people convicted of (a) fly-tipping and (b) littering from a vehicle.

  (44991)
- 347 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of requiring the person responsible for fly-tipping, rather than the landowner, to bear the costs of clean-up. (44992)
- 348 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number of hours spent by West Midlands Police investigating fly-tipping related incidents in the last two months. (44993)
- 349 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how she plans to identify the (a) roles and (b) number of police officers in each role who will be redeployed to increase neighbourhood policing. (45185)
- 350 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the starting figure was upon which the planned 13,000 additional neighbourhood police officers will be in addition to. (45191)
- 351 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department plans to use to provide the starting point against which it will measure its progress in halving violence against women and girls. (45193)
- 352 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 8 April 2025 to Question 43777 on Domestic Abuse: Refuge, what proportion of the total number of refuges had bedspaces for men. (45201)

- 353 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 8 April 2025 to Question 43777, what proportion of the total number of bedspaces were available for men. (45202)
- 354 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many immigrants are housed in asylum hotels in Reigate constituency. (45377)
- Rebecca Paul (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the cost to the public purse of providing hotel accommodation to migrants in Reigate constituency over the last (a) five years, (b) 18 months and (c) nine months.

  (45378)
- 356N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of incorrectly applied CIFAS fraud markers on (a) small business owners and (b) sole traders.

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  (44270)
- 357 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on tackling shop lifting. (44976)
- 358 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what support is in place for Ukrainian refugees who reach the end of their three-year visa. (45167)
- 359 **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department is taking steps to protect places of worship from police raids. (45315)
- 360 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will allow Ukrainians resident in the UK to apply for (a) working and (b) global talent visas.

  (45215)
- 361 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason Ukrainian humanitarian visas are excluded from the 10-year route to residency based on nationality. (45216)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution of the hon. Member for Hazel Grove in Home Office oral questions on 31 March 2025, Official report, Column 19, whether Ukrainian refugees resident in the UK will be able to stay beyond the expiry of their visas. (45219)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution of the hon. Member for Hazel Grove in Home Office oral questions on 31 March 2025, Official report, Column 19, if she will (a) extend the Ukrainian Permission Extension scheme beyond 18 months and (b) create a pathway to UK citizenship for resident Ukrainians.

- 364 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Written Ministerial Statement of 1 April 2025 on Defence Reform, HCWS573, whether the National Armaments Director Group is a non-departmental public body. (45047)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of UK sovereign capability in the framework agreement for the procurement of Personal Hard Armour to support British Armed Forces personnel. (45048)
- 366N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there will be an equal level of single Service representation for the (a) Military Strategic Headquarters and (b) its supporting staff. (45049)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the Future Materials Campus programme. (45051)
- 368 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the Maritime Electronic Warfare Programme. (45052)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the AJAX programme. (45053)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the Boxer programme. (45054)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the RCH 155 programme. (45056)
- 372 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the Collective Training Transformation Programme. (45057)
- 373 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the Core Production Capability Programme. (45058)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the Crowsnest Programme. (45059)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the Land Environment Tactical Communication and Information Systems programme. (45061)
- 376 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the Land Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance programme. (45062)

- 377N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the New Medium Helicopter programme. (45063)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Marshall programme. (45064)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department has made on the Martlet programme. (45065)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Mensa programme. (45066)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on delivering the Meteor programme. (45067)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average time taken is for the Defence Medical Service to release a veteran's medical record post discharge from the Armed Services. (44952)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to reduce the time taken for the Defence Medical Service to release veterans' medical records to their GP. (44953)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many former service personnel have waited over four months for their medical records to be released by the Defence Medical Service to their civilian GP. (44954)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has budgeted for ordering a second tranche of F-35 jets. (45186)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) existing and (b) projected cost of outsourced fast-hey pilot training from other nations is. (45187)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the planned out-of-service date is for Hawk T2. (45188)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the feasibility of procuring AERALIS as (a) the UK's new fast-jet trainer, (b) as a light combat aircraft and (c) as an acrobatic display jet. (45189)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help reduce the impact of posting on the SEN provision for the children of service personnel.

  (45194)

- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to amend the requirement service personnel spouses to request permission at each posting to run a business from Service Family Accommodation. (45195)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress he has made on Project Grayburn. (45196)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of US tariffs on defence procurement from US providers. (45197)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what change there has been in the cost of hearing loss compensation claims since the implementation of the Tactical Hearing Protection System in each financial year. (45198)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential effectiveness of the Tactical Hearing Protection System in reducing hearing loss amongst service personnel. (45199)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has held discussions with his US counterpart on the proposed treaty with Mauritius on the sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory since the commencement of US strikes on Houthi rebels in Yemen. (44928)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has received representations from his US counterpart on the proposed transfer of sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory to Mauritius. (44930)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with his Australian counterpart on the prevention of Chinese naval (a) incursions and (b) shelling off the coast of Australia. (44931)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had recent discussions with his US counterpart on the future of the airbase on Ascension Island. (44935)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reduce UK businesses' reliance on foreign-produced satellites. (44939)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking with European allies to jointly (a) procure and (b) stockpile defence equipment; and if he will make it his policy to work with European allies to coordinate mutual large-scale rearmament. (45224)

- **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to encourage developers to
  use design features that provide nesting facilities for endangered birds. (45107)
- **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to explore alternative funding models of Internal Drainage Boards. (44968)
- **Lizzi Collinge** (Morecambe and Lunesdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many planning inspectors are qualified to run local planning examinations; and whether her Department plans to increase staffing at the Planning Inspectorate in the context of the timeframes proposed in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill. (45319)
- 404 Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department is providing to local planning authorities for major development applications in areas where water and sewage infrastructure is operating at or beyond capacity. (45308)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure local planning authorities can independently verify network capacity claims where there is evidence of (a) repeated sewage discharges, (b) flooding and (c) infrastructure failure. (45309)
- **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to grant additional powers to Plan for Neighbourhoods Boards beyond those of Town Deal Boards. (45174)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how she plans to implement her planning reform policy; and when she expects her reforms to start to impact regional development. (45392)
- **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, if she will consider amending legislation to allow
  overseas voters to receive ballots for elections by secure email. (45286)
- 409 Patricia Ferguson (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
   Communities and Local Government, whether each person impacted by the Grenfell
   Tower fire has been permanently rehoused. (45288)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether HM Land Registry has offered apprenticeships since 2010. (44897)

- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the statutory guidance entitled Guidance on the flexible use of capital receipts, updated on 26 March 2025, whether the sale of a local authority school playing field would qualify as a capital receipt. (45022)
- Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, with reference to the new surcharge on
  hereditaments over £500,000 from April 2026, whether educational charities will be liable
  to pay the increase in business rates which is not covered by mandatory charitable rate
  relief.

  (45024)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 24 March 2025 to
  Question 38372 on MHCLG: Cost Effectiveness, if she will list each of those individual
  media campaigns which were halted; and the previously estimated cost of each. (45025)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 24 March 2025, to Question 38621, on Combined Authorities, and with reference to the publication of the report by Professor Alice Sullivan, Independent review of data, statistics and research on sex and gender, published in March 2025, if she will ensure that questions about the sex of a respondent ask for their sex. (45026)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to freeze council tax. (45027)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 24 March 2025 to Question 38622 on Council tax, whether there is a (a) minimum and (b) maximum level of average Band D council tax in England that the she plans to achieve in this Parliament. (45028)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Ministerial residence in Admiralty House pays council tax as a (a) sole or main residence, (b) single person discount or (c) second home. (45029)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the policy paper entitled New approach to ensure regulators and regulation support growth, published on 17 March 2025, what steps her Department is taking to review the compliance costs related to planning regulations. (45030)

- 419 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the House of Lords Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Eighteenth Report, 2024-25, HL Paper 84, para 32, what steps her Department is taking to to improve (a) consultation and (b) engagement with local residents. (45031)
- 420 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to publish the Homelessness Strategy. (45098)
- 421 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the
  effectiveness of the Housing First Unit established by the Greater Manchester Combined
  Authority. (45099)
- Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' publication Concluding observations on the seventh periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, published on 12 March 2025, whether she will make it her policy to adopt the Committee's recommendations on guarantees for (a) safe and (b) adequate living conditions in temporary accommodation through a comprehensive regulatory framework.
- 423 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the planning system in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill on chalk streams protection. (45278)
- 424 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March to Question 37889 on High Rise Flats: Insulation, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of increased insurance premiums due to cladding on the finances of leaseholders in buildings under 11 metres in height. (45350)
- 425 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of undertaking a review of the Mobile Homes Act 2013 to help support full time residential park-home owners. (45427)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
   Communities and Local Government, whether she is taking steps to help support (a)
   Birmingham City Council and (b) other local authorities to resolve disputes with bin collection workers.

- 427 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with Birmingham City Council on the potential impact of the bin strikes on (a) public health and (b) the environment in affected areas.
  (44996)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has provided additional (a)
  funding and (b) resources to Birmingham City Council to help tackle waste management
  issues resulting from the recent bin strikes. (44997)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
   Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has provided additional
   (a) funding and (b) other resources to councils bordering Birmingham to help tackle
   additional fly-tipping resulting from bin strikes in Birmingham.
- 430 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to take steps to
  help support Birmingham City Council to ensure the long-term (a) sustainability and (b)
  resilience of the city's waste management services. (44999)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether she has received recent representations
  from (a) Birmingham City Council and (b) the Commissioner on the provision of additional
  public funds to settle their dispute with striking bin collection workers. (45000)
- 432 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment has she made of the potential impact of a national campaign against littering on levels of littering. (45192)
- 433 **Mr Richard Quigley** (Isle of Wight West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to enable registered providers to bid for section 106 housing on the Isle of Wight. (45260)
- 434 Mark Sewards (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing Council Housing tenants to sell their property to buyers other than their Local Authority if they are still within the 10 year purchase period. (45280)
- 435 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will consider the adoption of new formal partnership mechanisms with Town and Parish Councils in new unitary authorities formed through Local Government reorganisation in England. (45430)
- 436 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 31 March 2025 to Question
  36495 on Derelict Land: Regeneration, how this will be funded. (45211)

- 437 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' concluding observations on the seventh periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, published on 3 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of incorporating (a) economic, (b) social and (c) cultural rights into domestic law. (45331)
- 438 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April to Question 42441 on the Employment Tribunals Service, what discussions she has had with HM Courts & Tribunals Service on collecting aggregate data on the time taken to resolve individual employment tribunal cases. (45147)
- 439 Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions (a) she and (b) Ministers in her Department have had with the CEO of HM Courts & Tribunals Service on the Employment Tribunals Service since 5 July 2024. (45148)
- 440 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 42439 on the Employment Tribunals Service, what discussions she has had with HM Courts & Tribunals Service on collecting data on the number of Employment Tribunal cases outstanding aggregated by the duration of time they have been pending. (45149)
- Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 42849 on the Employment Tribunals Service, if she will make an estimate of the number sitting days that were lost in employment tribunals due to (a) judicial and (b) administrative staff shortages in the last 12 months.
- 442 Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April to Question 42850 on Employment Tribunals Service: Standards, what assessment her Department has made of the level of staffing of (a) judges and (b) other people necessary to cut delays and ensure timely access to justice for all.
  (45151)
- Jayne Kirkham (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many civil legal aid firms there were in Cornwall in each year for which data is available. (45365)
- 444 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many court hours have been spent on immigration-related cases involving people with no legal right to remain in the UK in the last 12 months.

  (45261)
- 445 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average length of time taken is to conclude appeals brought by migrants who have entered the UK illegally against deportation orders. (45262)

- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many cases involving (a) failed asylum seekers and (b) people who have overstayed have reached the (i) Court of Appeal and (ii) Supreme Court since 2020. (45263)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many recipients of legal aid in immigration cases have been convicted of criminal offences. (45264)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of immigration-related litigation on the capacity of the (a) family and (b) criminal courts. (45267)
- 449 Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what is the current backlog of outstanding cases before the First-tier Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber.
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what is the average waiting time for an immigration appeal to be heard. (45269)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of immigration appeals have been pending for more than 12 months. (45270)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many immigration tribunal cases have been adjourned more than once in the last year; and for what reasons.

  (45271)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have more than one active appeal within the immigration tribunal system. (45273)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate her Department has made of the proportion of tribunal appeals that are submitted by people with previous failed asylum or deportation claims. (45274)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the estimated annual cost is of operating the immigration tribunal system, by (a) legal aid, (b) judges and (c) administrative support. (45275)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of abolishing legal aid for people who entered the UK illegally. (45277)
- **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department plans to take to reduce the number of repeat missing incidents amongst children. (45351)

- James MacCleary (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of appointing cross-government leadership on the issue of missing persons. (45352)
- 459 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to support survivors of domestic abuse and violence against women through the criminal justice system. (45245)
- 460 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of (a) young offenders institutions and (b) education provision in these institutions. (45247)
- 461 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will reduce the level of VAT on food and hot beverages in the hospitality sector. (45106)
- 462 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to require LINK to amend its assessment criteria for establishing new banking hubs.

  (45158)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Official Statistics by HMRC entitled Measuring tax gaps 2024 edition: tax gap estimates for 2022 to 2023, updated on 20 June 2024, updated on 21 March 2025, what steps she is taking to collect the uncollected theoretical tax liabilities. (45304)
- 464 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 4313], what historic information she holds on taxable state pension payments to people who are now deceased; and whether her Department would supply such data on request to the Department for Work and Pensions where a potential state pension underpayment is under investigation by that Department. (45176)
- Catherine Fookes (Monmouthshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the recent Report on the Call for Evidence about the Financial Conduct Authority, published by the APPG on Investment Fraud & Fairer Financial Services, whether she plans to introduce the recommended legislative changes. (45376)
- 466 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the impact of the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme on brewers' ability to invest in the UK; and what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on this issue. (45397)
- **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to reduce child poverty in Guildford, following the Spring Statement 2025. (45391)

- **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to Vehicle Excise Duty from April 2025 on levels of electric vehicle adoption; and what impact these changes will have on owners of zero-emission vehicles registered between 2017 and 2025 which will move from a £0 rate to the standard rate of £190-£195 per year. (45321)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many apprenticeships HM Revenue and Customs has offered since 2010, by year. (44900)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the National Infrastructure Commission has offered apprenticeships in each year since it was set up. (44906)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 25 March 2025 to Question 39035 on Business Rates: Tax Allowances, whether a retail, hospitality and leisure (RHL) hereditament in receipt of the lower RHL multiplier will (a) lose that multiplier discount and (b) be levied the higher multiplier surcharge if their rateable value rises above £499,999 under the proposed regime from April 2026.

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- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which retail, hospitality and leisure hereditaments have their rateable value assessed by the Valuation Office Agency using turnover expenditure as part of the metrics. [Transferred] (44492)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 14 March 2025 to Question 36094 on Business Rates: Tax Allowances, if she will consider a tapering system as part of the new multiplier arrangements. (45021)
- **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she will consider including funding for homelessness services as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review. (45100)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of the immigration appeal backlog including
  (a) housing, (b) legal aid and (c) public services for people awaiting outcomes. (45276)
- 476 John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the length of time taken to issue A1 forms to singers.
  [Transferred]
  (44382)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of people accessing foodbanks who work (a) full time and (b) part time. (45443)

- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of (a) the potential merits of the West Midlands Rail Hub and (b) the potential impact of the West Midlands Rail Hub on (i) economic growth and (ii) connectivity. (44984)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 27 March 2025 to Question 40496 on Business confidence in rural communities, what criteria her Department uses to classify a constituency as rural; and whether Aldridge-Brownhills constituency meets the criteria for such a classification. (44986)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of potential impact of the Spring Statement 2025 on levels of employment in Aldridge-Brownhills. (44987)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increases in employers National Insurance Contributions on wages. (44988)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has she made of the potential impact of the Spring Statement 2025 on per capita GDP growth in Aldridge-Brownhills. (44989)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what budget was allocated to (a) social media advertising, (b) paid-partnerships and (c) other digital communication of the measures in the Spring Statement. (44990)
- 484 Margaret Mullane (Dagenham and Rainham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing (a) fiscal measures and (b) tax incentives to promote the uptake of (i) heat battery and (ii) other low carbon technologies in homes. (45356)
- **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed fee structure for the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme on economic growth. (44944)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Spring Statement of 26 March 2025, how the £625 million for construction skills will be allocated; and when providers will receive (a) funding allocations and (b) bidding information. (45238)
- **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Education on budgets for the devolved adult skills fund. (45239)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to increase Inheritance Tax thresholds. (44920)

- **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of climate change on economic growth. (45316)
- **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the cost to (a) the public purse (b) businesses and (c) individual people from climate change. (45317)
- **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help improve the experiences of rape and sexual assault victims in the criminal justice system. (45349)
- **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the guidance entitled Response to call for input on single-sex spaces guidance, published on 17 December 2024, if she will publish each of the non-confidential responses.

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  (44477)
- **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to her Departments document entitled Response to call for input on single-sex spaces guidance, published on 17 December 2024, when she will publish new guidance; and whether (a) her Department and (b) the Equality and Human Rights Commission will consult on that guidance.

  [Transferred] (44478)

#### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

- **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): What steps her Department is taking to support female offenders. (903755)
- **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): What steps her Department is taking to tackle violence against women and girls. (903756)
- **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): What assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Sentencing Council. (903757)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): What steps she is taking through the criminal justice system to help tackle hyper-prolific offending. (903758)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): What steps her Department is taking to support young offenders in Staffordshire. (903759)
- **Dr Jeevun Sandher** (Loughborough): What steps her Department is taking to help reduce levels of reoffending among young people. (903760)
- **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): What steps she is taking to increase access to legal aid in rural areas. (903761)

- Freddie van Mierlo (Henley and Thame): What steps she is taking to ensure that the restorative justice system has adequate funding. (903762)
- **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of policies applying to bail conditions in domestic violence cases. (903763)
- **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): What steps her Department is taking to support female offenders. (903764)
- **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): What steps her Department is taking to help reduce levels of reoffending by people on probation. (903765)
- **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): What recent discussions she has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on trends in levels of prison capacity. (903766)
- **Catherine Atkinson** (Derby North): What steps her Department is taking to help reduce levels of reoffending among young people. (903767)
- **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): What steps she is taking to tackle court backlogs. (903768)
- **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): What steps her Department is taking to ensure child safety during private law proceedings. (903769)
- Rebecca Paul (Reigate): What recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Standard Determinate Sentences 40% early release scheme. (903770)
- **Matt Turmaine** (Watford): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle intimate image abuse. (903771)
- **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): If she will have discussions with the HM Prison and Probation Service on the potential merits of reviewing its guidelines on bail. (903772)
- **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): What steps her Department is taking to reform the prison system. (903773)
- **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): What steps she is taking to increase the provision of legal aid services. (903774)
- **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): What steps she is taking to promote the use of restorative justice. (903775)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): What steps she plans to take to tackle the backlog of court cases involving violence against women and girls. (903776)
- **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): What steps she is taking through the criminal justice system to help tackle hyper-prolific offending. (903777)
- **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): If she will make an assessment of the potential merits of restricting offences triable either way to summary trial except for the sentencing process. (903778)

25 **Bambos Charalambous** (Southgate and Wood Green): What steps her Department is taking to reduce the crown court backlog. (903779)

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### Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

T1	<b>Josh Fenton-Glynn</b> (Calder Valley): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (90378	
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T4	Robbie Moore (Keighley and Ilkley):	(903783)
T5	Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme):	(903784)
Т6	Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster):	(903785)
T7	<b>Warinder Juss</b> (Wolverhampton West): (903786)	[R]
T8	Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills):	(903787)
Т9	Sojan Joseph (Ashford):	(903788)
T10	Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Gateshead South):	(903789)

# Questions for Answer on Wednesday 23 April

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the press release entitled Hundreds of quangos to be examined for potential closure as Government takes back control, published on 7 April 2025, what estimate he has made of the potential reduction in Government spending arising from this review. (45417)
- 2N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to review the mis-selling of timeshare schemes. (45418)
- 3N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of US tariffs on the hospitality sector in the UK. (45421)

- 4N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of US tariffs on UK automotive exports on (a) levels of unemployment in Wales and (b) level of exports from Wales to the United States. (45183)
- 5N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions his Department has had with US Government officials and representatives on horse importations as part of negotiators on a potential trade deal. (45161)
- 6N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to introduce retaliatory tariffs on horse importations from the US. (45162)
- 7N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what support his Department plans to provide to horse (a) breeding and (b) racing industries following US tariffs on horse importations. (45163)
- 8N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many Independent Schools have (a) closed and (b) announced their closure, since July 2024. (45420)
- 9N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will introduce a statutory definition of restraint in the context of education. (45153)
- 10N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will introduce a statutory duty on all educational settings to record and report each incident of physical restraint to parents and relevant authorities. (45154)
- 11N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 4 April 2025 to Question 42420 on Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976, on how many occasions in the last five years have people who had animals being kept in domestic settings been found to be in breach of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976. (44914)
- 12 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of solar radiation modification technologies on the atmosphere. (44965)
- Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to her Department's guidance entitled Simpler recycling: workplace recycling in England, published on 29 November 2024, whether (a) waste collection businesses, (b) local authorities and (c) businesses will be fined if recyclable material is (i) intentionally and (ii) unintentionally placed in residual waste office bins. (45333)

- 14N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs' letter of 8 April 2025 to Northern Ireland Executive colleagues, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the (a) additional confirmed cases in Hungary and (b) advent of confirmed cases in Slovakia of Foot and Mouth disease.
- 15N **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to protect landscapes with literal heritage in Devon. (45217)
- 16N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 25 March 2025 to Question 39835 on Social Media: Regulation, whether (a) his Department and (b) Ofcom has made an assessment of the impact of designating end-to-end encryption as a risk factor in the (i) Illegal Harms Codes of Practice and (ii) illegal content risk assessment guidance on regulated businesses' willingness to offer end-to-end encryption to users in the UK. (44969)
- 17N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 43027 on Electric Vehicles: Charging Points, how many public charging devices for electric vehicles there were per head of population in (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales, and (d) Northern Ireland as of 1 January 2025. (44913)
- 18N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to help jobseekers manage their mental health while looking for employment. (45070)
- 19N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure mental health services are integrated into employment support programmes. (45071)
- 20N Mary Glindon (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to (a) Personal Independence Payment, (b) Universal Credit and (c) Carers' Allowance on (i) adult social service capacity and (ii) housing demand.

  [Transferred]
  (43871)
- 21N Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many employers have had Disability Confident status rescinded in each of the last five years. (45320)
- 22N **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had recent discussions with Disability Rights UK on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill 2025. (45230)

- 23N **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent discussions she has had with Big Brother Watch on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill 2025. (45231)
- 24N **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to publish an updated impact assessment on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill. (45232)
- 25N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of health visitor check-ups for newborns within the first 12 months. (45074)
- 26N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answers of 4 April 2025 to Questions (a) 41903, (b) 41902 and (c) 41906, how many full time equivalent staff are employed in NHSE transformation team; and how many full time equivalent staff it will employ when fully staffed. (45002)
- 27N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to issue guidance to integrated care boards requiring them to protect the local place parts of their organisations when they are making their required spending reductions. (44910)
- 28N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he expects the Prostate Cancer UK-led Transform screening trial to reach any conclusions on future detection of the condition. (44915)
- 29N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many meetings he has had on (a) assisted dying and (b) palliative care since his appointment. (45020)
- 30N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that NHS services (a) engage with new fathers and (b) record their details alongside the mothers in their baby's health records. (45152)
- 31N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his policy is on granting people with arrest warrants issued against them by the International Criminal Court access to UK airspace. (45089)
- 32N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to announce a date for the
  UK-hosted Berlin Process 2025 summit. (45001)
- 33N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of (a) the contribution of the UN Charter to the UK and (b) its future role in the UK; and what

- steps he is taking with international partners to help prevent the imposition of political settlements that potentially affect sovereignty without consulting the people affected. (45068)
- 34N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many were awaiting decisions from the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme under the Separated Families pathway as of 8 April 2025. (45073)
- 35N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been detected as not having a valid Electronic Travel Authorisation in Northern Ireland since January 2025. (44912)
- 36N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that the names of deceased fathers can be included on birth certificates in instances where the parents were unmarried prior to his death. (45069)
- 37N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there will be equal levels of single service representation for (a) the National Armaments Director Group and (b) its supporting staff. (45050)
- 38N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the Challenger 3 programme. (45055)
- 39N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the progress of the Ground Based Air Defence programme. (45060)
- 40N Mr Mark Francois (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 36052 on Strategic Defence Review: Contracts, whether there have been any amendments to the (a) duration, (b) remuneration and (c) other contractual terms of (i) Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, (ii) General Sir Richard Barrons and (iii) Fiona Hill since the commencement of their appointments as external reviewers. (44916)
- 41N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there have been any amendments to the (a) duration, (b) remuneration and (c) other contractual terms of the six additional senior-level experts added to the Strategic Defence Review team since the commencement of their appointments. (44917)
- 42N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his Department plans to retire the Royal Air Force's MQ-9A Reaper drones; and whether he plans to donate any of those drones to Ukraine. (44918)
- 43N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Local National Direct Hire staff members have been (a) dismissed and (b) placed on furlough in US Air Force bases in the UK this year. (45169)

- 44N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what support his Department provides to Local National Direct Hire staff members who have been dismissed or placed on furlough from their positions at US Air Force bases. (45170)
- 45N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of measures for protecting tenants experiencing anti-social behaviour in local authority housing. (45072)
- 46N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to review the biodiversity net gain
  requirements on housing construction sites being developed by (a) SME builders and (b)
  other builders. (44909)
- 47N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, what is her expected timetable for local authorities
  being given powers to licence exempt accommodation. (44911)
- 48N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether local councils and communities will be consulted about New Towns before the final designation by the New Towns Taskforce. (45389)
- 49N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to maintain environmental standards to chalk streams in the (a) planning and (c) building of new towns. (45390)
- 50N **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the reorganisation of local government structures and devolution on the (a) (i) management and (ii) maintenance of existing affordable housing held by Local Authorities and Housing Associations and (b) the production of new affordable homes. (45256)
- 51N **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 19 March 2025 to Question 37400, if she will publish the (a) minutes and (b) attendees of meetings with private parking companies before the Westminster Hall debate on 6 May 2025. (45236)
- 52N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made an estimate of the number of criminals erroneously released as part of the early release scheme. (45419)
- 53N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to increase the regulation of buy-now pay-later lenders; and what estimate she has made of when that legislation will take effect. (44966)

- 54N **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Bourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her letter to the CEO of the National Wealth Fund entitled Statement of Strategic Priorities to the National Wealth Fund, dated 19 March 2025, in what circumstances the National Wealth Fund should be receptive to investment suggestions made by Ministers in her Department. (45137)
- 55N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether any revised financial commitments related to the Chagos negotiations will be included in the Comprehensive Spending Review. (44919)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.45 of the Spring Statement 2025, 26 March 2025, CP1298, what the monetary value is of the baseline spending on administrative budgets on which the 15% saving will be based; what the baseline spending on back-office functions is on which the £2.2 billion savings in 2029-30 will be based; and whether the £2.2 billion is a cumulative saving over the period.
- 57N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people the Crown Estate employs in the United Kingdom. (45184)
- 58N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many visits has she made to working farms in Wales since the announcement of changes to Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief on 30 October 2024. (45282)
- 59N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many meetings has she held with the (a) Farmers Union of Wales (b) National Farmers Union Cymru, (b) Country Land and Business Association Cymru, (c) Tenant Association Farmers Cymru (d) Countryside Alliance Wales and (e) Central Association for Agricultural Valuers since 30 October 2024. (45283)

### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Scotland

- 1 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): What assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the higher education challenges in Scotland. (903740)
- 2 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): Whether he has had recent discussions with the Scottish Government on the implementation of cancer strategies. (903741)
- 3 **Irene Campbell** (North Ayrshire and Arran): What recent discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on the impact of the Barnett formula on funding for the NHS in Scotland. (903742)
- 4 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of not issuing new North Sea oil and gas licences on levels of economic growth in Scotland. (903743)

- 5 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of support available to Scottish plant and seed nurseries to sell products to Northern Ireland. (903744)
- 6 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): What assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of US tariffs on Scotland's exports to that country. (903745)
- 7 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): What discussions he is having with the Scottish Government on support for the hospitality and tourism industry in Scotland. (903746)
- 8 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the increase in employer National Insurance contributions on job creation in Scotland. (903747)
- 9 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): What discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the potential impact of recent changes to welfare provision on families in Scotland. (903748)
- 10 **Elaine Stewart** (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support grassroots football in Scotland. [R] (903749)
- 11 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that Scotland benefits from nuclear energy developments in the UK. (903750)
- 12 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): Whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the Scottish offence of domestic assault in tackling violence against women and girls. (903751)
- Martin Rhodes (Glasgow North): What discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on the implementation of the National Wealth Fund's strategic partnership with the Glasgow City Region. (903752)
- 14 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): What recent discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on support for the farming industry. (903753)
- 15 Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of not issuing new North Sea oil and gas licences on levels of economic growth in Scotland. (903754)

## Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 23 April. (903690)
- 2 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): (903691)
- 3 Andrew Pakes (Peterborough): (903692)
- 4 Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): (903693)

5	Catherine Atkinson (Derby North):	(903694)
6	Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East):	(903695)
7	Kenneth Stevenson (Airdrie and Shotts):	(903696)
8	Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Clapham and Brixton Hill):	(903697)
9	Katrina Murray (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch):	(903698)
10	Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst (Solihull West and Shirley):	(903699)
11	David Davis (Goole and Pocklington):	(903700)
12	Alison Hume (Scarborough and Whitby):	(903701)
13	John Glen (Salisbury):	(903702)
14	Zarah Sultana (Coventry South):	(903703)
15	Dave Doogan (Angus and Perthshire Glens):	(903704)

# Questions for Answer on Thursday 24 April

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for (a) the Home Department and (b) Science, Innovation and Technology on the potential merits of updating the Computer Misuse Act 1990 to enhance national cyber resilience through strengthened legal protections for cybersecurity researchers.

  [R] (45424)
- 2N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure there will be parliamentary oversight of reforms to the Universal Service Obligation for postal services. (44963)
- 3N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions his Department has had with Ofcom on their consultation on the future of the universal service obligation for postal services. (44964)
- 4N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he has taken to ensure that those operating under disguised employment models in the hairdressing industry do not receive tax advantages compared to traditional employers since the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets met with representatives from the personal care sector in November 2024. (45143)

- 5N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring music streaming platforms to obtain a broadcasting licence to help ensure that artists are fairly remunerated for their work. (45313)
- 6N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support apprenticeships in the hairdressing industry. (45144)
- 7N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate his Department has made of the potential impact of limitations on enhanced cybersecurity techniques under the current Computer Misuse Act 1990 on (a) the economy, (b) full-time equivalent jobs and (c) contracts awarded to other jurisdictions.
- 8N Mary Glindon (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential implications for her policies of (a) the report by the Law Commission entitled Fiduciary Duties of Investment Intermediaries, published on 30 June 2014, and (b) its evaluation that there is no impediment to pension trustees taking account of environmental factors where (i) they are and (ii) may be financially material. (44970)
- 9N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to ensure that fiduciary duty explicitly places a duty on pension fund trustees to consider system risks. (44971)
- 10N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she has made an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that newly appointed pension fund trustees are aware of the responsibility to consider climate risks in investments. (44972)
- 11N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she has made an assessment of the potential merits of using proposed biennial governance reviews of administering authorities to ensure that trustees regularly review science-based forecasts of climate risks. (44973)
- 12N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries and the University of Exeter report entitled Planetary Solvency, published on 16 January 2025; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing guidance on how pension funds can gain more realistic assessments of climate risk. (44974)
- 13N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has a planned timetable for removing self-funded artificial insemination for same sex couples before they can access NHS-funded in vitro fertilisation. (45312)

- 14N **Andrew Gwynne** (Gorton and Denton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he has taken to assess the potential
  impact of US tariffs on the Falkland Islands and other Overseas Territories. (44940)
- 15N **Andrew Gwynne** (Gorton and Denton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure the economic
  stability of the Falkland Islands and other Overseas Territories when responding to US
  tariffs. (44941)
- 16N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with international

  counterparts to help prevent the forced transfer of Palestinians in Masafer Yatta. (45145)
- 17N **David Reed** (Exmouth and Exeter East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department has taken to assess the impact of the barriers imposed by the Computer Misuse Act 1990 on cybersecurity professionals' ability to deploy and use artificial intelligence tools to enhance the UK's resilience against increasing cyber threats.
- 18N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much funding the Government has allocated to legal aid in England and Wales in each financial year since 2010. (45360)
- 19N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data her Department holds on the number of civil legal aid firms in Truro and Falmouth for each year data is available. (45361)
- 20N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she has taken to increase provision of legal aid in the south west of England. (45362)
- 21N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many civil legal aid offices with a civil legal aid contract started zero cases by each (a) local authority and (b) area of law in the (i) 2022-23, (ii) 2023-24 and (iii) 2024-25 financial year. (45363)
- 22N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many civil legal aid offices with a civil legal aid contract started less than 10 cases by each (a) local authority and (b) area of law in the (i) 2022-23, (ii) 2023-24 and (iii) 2024-25 financial year.

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### Oral Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office

1 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): What recent progress he has made on the infected blood compensation scheme. (903705)

- **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reform public services. (903706)
- **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): What steps he is taking to strengthen emergency preparedness. (903707)
- **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): What steps he is taking to monitor the effective implementation of Government consultation principles on the needs of people affected by air pollution. (903708)
- **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): What assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the use of data by Government departments. (903709)
- **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): What steps he is taking to reform the civil service. (903710)
- **Kenneth Stevenson** (Airdrie and Shotts): What steps he is taking to strengthen cooperation with the devolved governments. (903711)
- **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to assist local authorities in using public procurement to help create economic growth. (903712)
- **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): What recent progress he has made on implementing the Plan for Change. (903713)
- **Katrina Murray** (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch): What steps he is taking to strengthen cooperation with the devolved governments (903714)
- **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reform public services. (903715)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): What steps his Department is taking to prioritise
  British products in public procurement. (903716)
- **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): What recent progress he has made on establishing an infected blood compensation scheme. (903717)
- **Luke Myer** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reform public services. (903718)
- **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on improving public engagement with politics. (903719)
- **John Grady** (Glasgow East): What steps he is taking to strengthen cooperation with the devolved governments. (903720)
- **Liz Twist** (Blaydon and Consett): What steps he is taking to strengthen emergency preparedness.

(903721)

**Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): What steps he is taking to improve resilience against cyber security threats. (903722)

- 19 **Elaine Stewart** (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): What steps he is taking to strengthen cooperation with the devolved governments. (903723)
- 20 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): What steps he is taking to improve efficiency across public services.

(903724)

- 21 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): What progress he has made on publishing a tracking dashboard for the Plan for Change metrics. (903725)
- Oliver Ryan (Burnley): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reform public services. (903726)
- 23 **Martin Rhodes** (Glasgow North): In what ways the provisions in his Department's National Procurement Policy Statement, updated on 4 March 2025, will help the UK meet its environmental obligations in relation to supply chains. (903727)
- 24 **Matthew Patrick** (Wirral West): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reform public services. (903728)
- 25 **Matt Turmaine** (Watford): What steps he is taking to reduce fraud in the public sector. (903729)

### **Topical Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office**

T1	<b>Alex Brewer</b> (North East Hampshire): If he will make a statement on his department responsibilities.	ental (903730)
T2	Gurinder Singh Josan (Smethwick):	(903731)
T3	Ms Julie Minns (Carlisle):	(903732)
T4	Luke Murphy (Basingstoke):	(903733)
T5	Luke Myer (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland):	(903734)
T6	Joe Powell (Kensington and Bayswater):	(903735)
T7	Mr Andrew Snowden (Fylde):	(903736)
T8	Mr Alistair Carmichael (Orkney and Shetland):	(903737)
Т9	Johanna Baxter (Paisley and Renfrewshire South):	(903738)
T10	Tom Gordon (Harrogate and Knaresborough):	(903739)

# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 29 April

## **Questions for Written Answer**

1N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if his Department will support the request by
over 500,000 Serbian petitioners to the UN for an international investigation into the use
of sonic weaponry against protestors by the Serbian police. (45134)