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Questions tabled on Thursday 24 April 2025

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Questions for Answer on Friday 25 April

Questions for Written Answer

- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the budget will be of the Fair Work Agency; and what the budget is of the (a) Gangmaster and Labour Abuse Authority, (b) Employment Agency Standards
 Inspectorate and (c) Director of Labour Market Enforcement.

 [Transferred] (47348)
- 2 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that Pension Sharing Orders administered by Teachers' Pensions are processed within stated timeframes. [Transferred] (47501)
- Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many lorries transporting goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland have been turned away at points of entry in the last 12 months due to (a) incorrect or (b) incomplete paperwork under the provisions of the Windsor Framework.

[Transferred] (47519)

- 4 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department plans to complete the implementation of the Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances. [Transferred] (47564)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 11 February 2025 to Question 29226 on Media, what the two media literacy programmes funded in 2024 were called; and where he plans to publish further information about each. [Transferred] (47467)

6 Andrew Gwynne (Gorton and Denton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to tackle health misinformation.

[Transferred] (47181)

7N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, for what reason the Gov.uk Design System section entitled Ask Users for Equality Information refers to gender identity rather than gender reassignment.

[Transferred] (46855)

- 8N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the section entitled Gender or sex in the Gov. uk Design System, if he will make it his policy to require the Government Digital Service to use sex rather than gender when requesting information on sex. [Transferred] (46857)
- 9 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps the Government is taking to support communities
 to access media literacy education. [Transferred] (47589)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) removing sanctions on Universal Credit and (b) ensuring sanctions are used only in exceptional circumstances.

 [Transferred] (47469)
- Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of freezing Local Housing Allowance on other areas of public expenditure.

 [Transferred] (47449)
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the proportion of young people who have been auto-enrolled in a pension since October 2012; and what their median expected annual pension payments will be.

 [Transferred] (47399)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of UK soft power on exports by UK companies.

 [Transferred] (47239)
- 14 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help improve the cyber security resilience of fire and rescue services.

 [Transferred] (47545)
- Edward Morello (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of new fire safety regulations on the workload of fire and rescue services.

 [Transferred] (47546)
- 16 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Valuation Office Agency can increase council tax bands outside the sale of a property where the property owner has not challenged the existing valuation. [Transferred] (47257)

- 17 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Spending Review Phase 2 will include council tax. [Transferred] (47270)
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a requirement for maritime insurers to verify with bank statements whether the oil price for Russian exports was paid below the price cap.

 [Transferred] (47568)

Questions for Answer on Monday 28 April

Questions for Written Answer

- Lizzi Collinge (Morecambe and Lunesdale): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Infected Blood Compensation Authority plans to provide (a) support and (b) resources to people disputing the distribution of compensation paid to the estates of those who died intestate. (48013)
- 2 Lizzi Collinge (Morecambe and Lunesdale): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Infected Blood Compensation Authority plans to begin making compensation payments to affected individuals under the Infected Blood Compensation Scheme. (48014)
- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his planned timeline is for responding to the Sullivan Review. (47834)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his
 Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of trends in levels of (a)
 customer service and (b) phone call response times across Government departments on
 people seeking to engage with Government departments. (47906)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make it his policy to stop public bodies imposing equality, diversity and inclusion requirements on private sector companies which are not otherwise directly required by primary legislation. (47689)
- 6 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department has issued on transparency in relation to levels of remuneration for direct ministerial appointments. (47690)
- 7 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people have been reappointed to public appointments since 4 July 2024;, who they were; and what the bodies were. (47691)

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- Katie Lam (Weald of Kent): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, with reference to Questions 48 and 49 of the Questions to the General Synod on 10 February 2025, what assessment the Church Commissioners have made of the potential implications for their policies of the comments made by the Bishop of Salisbury that external authorities must approve the implementation timeline for Project Spire; and if the Church Commissioners will list those external authorities. (48023)
- 9 Ian Byrne (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle monopolistic practices in the technology sector. (47846)
- 10 **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department has taken to encourage small businesses to export in (a) Beckenham and Penge constituency and (b) the UK. (47950)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the appointment of the interim chair of the Competition Markets Authority on the regulation of (a) technology and (b) other large corporations.

 (47910)
- 12 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps the Financial Conduct Authority has taken to register (a) crypto and (b) digital asset businesses. (47625)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help ensure that the UK is competitive with overseas jurisdictions in relation to (a) crypto and (b) digital asset regulation. (47629)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of issuing guidance to banks on providing access to bank accounts for crypto and digital asset businesses in the UK. (47636)
- 15 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to bring forward regulations to ensure that crypto and digital asset businesses can open a UK bank account. (47637)
- 16 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to ensure continual engagement with the crypto and digital asset industry. (47638)
- 17 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with the UK crypto and digital asset industry. (47639)
- 18 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of poor media literacy skills on young people's (a) employability and (b) workplace readiness. (47770)

- 19 Will Stone (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of appointing trade envoys to Nordic countries. (47861)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of poor media literacy skills on young people's (a) employability and (b) workplace readiness. (47941)
- 21 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking with key stakeholders to meet (a) the requirements of commercial broadcasters and (b) secure public access to live sport. (48047)
- 22 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to respond to Question 39494 on Veterans: Anniversaries, tabled on 19 March 2025. (47753)
- 23 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to respond to Question 39495 on Veterans: Anniversaries, tabled on 19 March 2025. (47754)
- 24 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to respond to Question 39496 on Veterans: Anniversaries, tabled on 19 March 2025. (47755)
- 25 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to respond to Question 39497 on Veterans: Anniversaries, tabled on 19 March 2025. (47756)
- 26 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support fan ownership in sports. (47956)
- 27 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to support the introduction of safe standing to professional football grounds. (47957)
- 28N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture,
 Media and Sport, what artworks owned by (a) the Government Art Collection and (b) her
 Department have been removed from public display from his Department's offices since 5
 July 2024.

 [Transferred] (47334)
- 29 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential barriers to accessible finance faced by video game developers. (47864)

- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the UK Games Fund in supporting the (a) long-term growth and (b) global competitiveness of the UK video game industry.

 (47866)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to improve access to investment and funding for video game developers in the UK. (47867)
- Anneliese Midgley (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that (a) artists and (b) creators retain control over the use of their (i) voice, (ii) style and (iii) likeness by generative artificial intelligence.

 (47862)
- **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help tackle misogyny in schools. (48005)
- **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she taking to ensure that children receive sex and relationship education. (48006)
- **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help support the mental health of girls in schools. (48007)
- **Lizzi Collinge** (Morecambe and Lunesdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve retention rates among Design and Technology teachers. (48015)
- Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support post-92 institutions to (a) improve the educational experience and (b) widen participation of disadvantaged students. (47783)
- Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to to help improve access for students to courses at all levels in (a) history, (b) arts and (c) the humanities. (47784)
- **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of enabling medical students to receive their student loan provision at the same rate as previous years alongside the NHS Bursary in their final years of study. (47662)
- **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions her Department has had with the Department for Health and Social Care on (a) medical student finance and (b) the adequacy of total financial support during NHS Bursary funded years of study. (47663)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of halal food served in schools. (47972)

- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Carer's Trust press release entitled Carers Trust launches landmark young carers covenant to transform the lives of over one million children, published on 13 March 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of requiring (a) schools and (b) colleges to have a (i) young carers lead and (ii) policy to improve educational opportunities for young carers.
- **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund on children with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder. (47984)
- **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding through the National Funding Formula for (a) small schools and (b) rural schools. (47992)
- **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to collaborate with training providers to increase skills levels in high voltage dynamic cables. (47993)
- **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of ringfencing funding for small and specialist Higher Education Institutions. (47994)
- **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to increase guidance available to parents on SEND (a) provision and (b) support. (47995)
- **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to reduce SEND funding differentials between local authorities.

 (47996)
- **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the document entitled List of schools in the breakfast clubs early adopters scheme, last updated 22 April 2025, for what reason the number of schools participating in the breakfast clubs early adopters scheme fell between the first publication of that list and its most recent published update. (47782)
- Melanie Onn (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many applications to the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund were awarded for therapy support costing (a) less than £3,000 per year per child and (b) between £3,000 and £5,000 per year per child to (i) adopted children, (ii) children waiting to be adopted, (iii) children subject to a special guardianship and (iv) children subject to other arrangement orders in the financial year 2024–25. (47692)

- Melanie Onn (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many applications to the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund were awarded for specialist assessments of children in the financial year 2024–25.

 (47693)
- Melanie Onn (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many applications to the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund were awarded where (a) local authorities and (b) regional adoption agencies were required to match-fund the application due to an exceptional case involving urgent need for higher-cost support exceeding the fair access limit in the financial year 2024–25 by (i) whether the child has been adopted, (ii) whether the child is subject to a (A) special guardianship and (B) child arrangements order and (iii) region.
- Gareth Snell (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will ensure that media literacy becomes a core component of the Curriculum and Assessment Review in the context of generative AI. (47765)
- 54 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to increase access to adult education on media literacy. (47766)
- Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of the rate of (a) fixed-term and (b) permanent exclusions for pupils with ADHD in mainstream secondary schools; and whether her Department monitors compliance with statutory duties to consider a pupil's disability before exclusion decisions are made. (48067)
- Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to introduce mandatory training on (a) ADHD and (b) other neurodevelopmental conditions within initial teacher training and ongoing professional development frameworks; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of training gaps on pupil outcomes. (48068)
- Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps her Department has taken to assess the consistency of SEND policy implementation in secondary schools; and what mechanisms exist to hold schools accountable where legal duties towards neurodivergent pupils are not being met. (48069)
- Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the extent to which standardised behaviour policies in schools reflect evidence on (a) executive dysfunction and (b) other traits associated with ADHD.

 (48070)
- Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on developing a cross-departmental strategy to improve outcomes for children with ADHD in education settings.
 (48071)

- David Williams (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the current Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund fair access limit on the mental health outcomes of (a) adopted children and (b) children living with a special guardianship. (47954)
- David Williams (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what evidence base was used to inform the new per-child funding allocation of the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund. (47955)
- 62 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that media literacy is included in the Curriculum and Assessment Review. (47937)
- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to take steps to allow consumers to challenge the charges of a privately owned utility when no other utility services operate in their area. (47725)
- 64 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure that increased charges by utility providers are put towards maintaining (a) clean and (b) safe infrastructure for consumer services. (47726)
- Claire Coutinho (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the annual cost of Distribution Use of System charges since 2002. (47809)
- Claire Coutinho (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the proportion of Distribution Use of System charges that were the result of connecting renewable energy generation assets in each year since 2002. (47810)
- 67 Claire Coutinho (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and
 Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of the Renewable Energy
 Guarantee of Origin scheme in each year since 2003. (47811)
- Claire Coutinho (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate with the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the potential impact of changes in the cost of (a) electricity, (b) goods and (c) services arising from (i) direct and (ii) indirect support to renewable energy on VAT receipts in each year since 2002.
- Claire Coutinho (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the proportion of Transmission Network Use of System charges that were caused by the (a) expansion and (b) reinforcement required for renewable energy in each year since 2002. (47813)

- **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the proportion of Balancing Services Use of System charges that were caused by the management of renewable energy generation assets in each year since 2002. (47814)
- **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of the smart export guarantee on annual costs to consumers in each year since 2020. (47815)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many people are employed by GB Energy; and how many full-time equivalent roles are filled at GB Energy. (48042)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an estimate of the proportion of UK North Sea (a) oil and (b) gas which would be produced by the (i) Rosebank and (ii) Jackdaw field.

 (48043)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the (a) Rosebank and (b) Jackdaw oil and gas fields not receiving consent to proceed on (i) the economy, (ii) tax revenue and (iii) employment. (48044)
- **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of Behind the Metre energy systems for energy-intensive industries. (47997)
- Perran Moon (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to help support the adoption of smart technologies in environmental (a) data collection and (b) monitoring involved in the (i) construction and (ii) development of offshore wind infrastructure. (47998)
- **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps is he taking to help promote access to green spaces for girls.

 (48002)
- **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of increases to wastewater charges made by Southern Water.

 (47724)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to proactively screen for foot and mouth disease outbreaks in the UK. (48045)

- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of changes in farm investment since the Autumn Budget 2024; and if he will provide detailed analysis and findings for (a) the agricultural sector overall and (b) specific farm types including (i) poultry, (ii) dairy, (iii) livestock, (iv) arable, (v) mixed, (vi) hill, (vii) croft, (viii) owner-occupied and (ix) tenanted farms.
- Steve Darling (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Minister has made an assessment of the merits of adopting a Nature Inclusive Design as a standard requirement for offshore projects to (a) boost marine biodiversity and (b) create jobs in coastal communities. (47876)
- Richard Foord (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of
 classifying water companies as public authorities for the purposes of the Freedom of
 Information Act 2000.

 (47855)
- 83 Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the letter from Lord Sharpe to the Chair of the Animals in Science Committee, published on 1 March 2024, whether the Home Office will issue a policy advice note to (a) discourage and (b) prohibit the use of the Forced Swim Test.
- 84 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department engages with Client Earth. (47705)
- 85 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment on the effectiveness of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate since it removed the ability to submit reports online. (47808)
- Affairs, with reference to his speech at the NFU conference on 25 February 2025, whether the requirement for government catering contracts to favour high-welfare products will be determined with reference to the highest welfare tiers set out in his Department's proposed animal welfare label in the Fairer Food Labelling consultation which closed in May 2024.
- 87 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on whether the Circular Economy Taskforce plans to examine (a) excessive consumption and (b) high carbon advertising. (47732)
- 88 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of banning the advertising of (a) sports utility vehicles, (b) flights and (c) other high carbon products on levels of carbon emissions. (47733)

- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to direct the Circular Economy Taskforce to promote (a) repair and reuse and (b) other waste reduction measures. (47734)
- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support research into natural defences against unwanted vegetation in public places. (47786)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of (a) silvopastoral and (b) holistic planned grazing practices to enhance (i) carbon sequestration and (ii) biodiversity. (47934)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to adapt existing farming subsidy schemes to incentivise the (a) housing of all farmed animals in woodland and (b) planting of woodland in permanent pasture to improve (i) animal welfare, (ii) climate and (iii) biodiversity targets.

 (47935)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will expand agroforestry support to include (a) multiple species and (b) increased tree planting density. (47936)
- **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what progress his Department has made with the Digital
 Poverty Alliance on providing re-purposed Government laptops to people who need them.

 (47836)
- **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of changing the Innovate UK technology awards to focus more on capital funding. (47870)
- **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department plans to provide capital funding to manufacturing companies in the semiconductor sector. (47871)
- **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of changing the Innovate UK technology awards to allow successful applicants to access the funds earlier in the process. (47872)
- **Emily Darlington** (Milton Keynes Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what assessment the Intellectual Property Office has made of
 the potential behavioural impact of (a) the risk of injunction threats, (b) legal costs and
 (c) high licensing fees in the licensing of Standard Essential Patents on (i) SMEs and (ii)
 other UK technology companies. (47953)

- **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions his Department has had with representatives of the (a) music and (b) arts sector on the Data (Use and Access) Bill. (48019)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to implement the recommendations of the Independent Pornography Review to help tackle the availability of violent online pornography. (47832)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, for the total estimated cost to the public purse of experiments to dim the Sun.

 (47970)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of design features on social media platforms that promote excessive use on trends in the level of addictive behaviours in teenage users. (48079)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of Meta's age assurance methodology for teenage accounts on Instagram.

 (48080)
- **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an estimate of the proportion of large artificial intelligence language models that are trained on datasets containing copyrighted material without licensing agreements. (47863)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help protect Ministers'
 (a) social media and (b) personal email accounts from cybersecurity threats. (47921)
- **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to use the newly applied Vehicle Excise Duty on Electric Vehicles to improve (a) road maintenance and (b) vehicle infrastructure. (47727)
- **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to include improvements to connecting commuter roads in villages and towns in the road investment strategy. (47728)
- **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department plans to take to improve road (a) services and (b) networks.

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- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is for making available land acquired by the Government for cancelled northern legs of HS2. (47978)

- 110 **Kevin McKenna** (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of including improving health as a key theme in the Integrated National Transport Strategy. (48036)
- Perran Moon (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing the UN Global Technical Regulation No. 22 battery regulations in the second hand electric vehicle market. (47999)
- Perran Moon (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of PAS1899 guidance for electric vehicle charge points. (48000)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of vehicle accidents resulting in death or serious injury involved a vehicle without valid vehicle excise duty; and how many and what proportion of these untaxed vehicles were (a) driven by an uninsured driver, (b) not the subject of a valid MOT certificate and (c) both driven by an uninsured driver and not the subject of a valid MOT certificate.
- 114 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate has she made of the number of vehicles with a SORN certificate that are still being driven on the public highway. (47918)
- 115 **Andrew Ranger** (Wrexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of bank holiday weekend closures of Euston Station on passengers; and what steps she is taking to ensure the accessibility of major rail hubs during periods of high demand. (47868)
- 116 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of her Department's funding for bus service improvements will be spent in Bedfordshire. (47922)
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what capital funding will be made available to (a) Network Rail and (b) Great British Railways for Access for All schemes in each of the next five years. (47923)
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the planned Universal Studios theme park on passenger numbers on (a) East-West Rail and (b) Thameslink services. (47924)
- 119 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to provide additional funding to Bedfordshire's road network to manage increased traffic from the planned Universal Studios theme park. (47925)

- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of Great British Railways providing direct shuttle services for Universal Studios visitors between Luton Airport and Wixams station.

 (47926)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing funding available to Highways England for the maintenance of flood resilience infrastructure. (47927)
- Martin Vickers (Brigg and Immingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of open access operators on (a) rail passenger growth, (b) passenger choice and (c) fare levels on the East Coast Main Line.

 (47641)
- **Martin Vickers** (Brigg and Immingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of open access rail operators on levels of (a) inward investment, (b) economic growth and (c) regeneration.

 (47642)
- Martin Vickers (Brigg and Immingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the level of retail income received by Network Rail from commercial premises on its estate in 2018-19 and 2022-23. (47643)
- **Martin Vickers** (Brigg and Immingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the amount of vacant property space on the Network Rail land estate which could be let for (a) retail and (b) commercial purposes. (47644)
- Martin Vickers (Brigg and Immingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when Network Rail last carried out an (a) audit and (b) inventory of its railway property estate to identify (i) sites and (ii) spaces suitable for commercial use. (47645)
- **Martin Vickers** (Brigg and Immingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when Network Rail last carried out an (a) audit and (b) inventory of its railway property estate to identify (i) sites and (ii) spaces suitable for residential development. (47646)
- **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to reduce waiting times for driving tests in Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy constituency. (48016)
- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many times the Aviation Futures Forum has met. (47787)
- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timeline is for publishing a new Airports National Policy Statement. (47788)

- 131 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with Great Western Railway on the potential closure of ticket offices in Devon. (47933)
- David Baines (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of Personal Independence Payment recipients are in work in (a) St Helens North constituency, (b) St Helens Local Authority, (c) the Liverpool City Region and (d) nationally.
- 133 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of reviewing how student loans for maintenance are taken into account when calculating Universal Credit entitlement. (47932)
- 134 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of maintaining the level of Housing Benefit until 2026 on the affordability of housing for people on Housing Benefit. (47722)
- 135 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department plans to take to help increase levels of home ownership, in the context of her proposals to maintain levels of Housing Benefit. (47723)
- Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when she plans to publish the details of the transitional arrangements for people who will be adversely affected by the proposals in the Green Paper: Pathways to Work. (48075)
- 137 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are claiming Personal Independence Payments in each region. (48025)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are claiming Carers Allowance to care for someone claiming (a) PIP and
 (b) other benefits in each region.
- 139 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are claiming PIP, by main disabling condition in each region. (48027)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are claiming Carers Allowance, by main disabling condition of the person they care for in each region. (48028)
- 141 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to personal independence payments on blind and partially blind people. (47911)

- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many consolatory payments for gross inconvenience resulting from official error were made in each of the last five years; and what the (a) shortest and (b) average length of time for such a payment was in each of the last five years. (47919)
- David Smith (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the merits of involving the (a) voluntary and (b) charitable sector to support people in need of employment support as part of her Department's proposed welfare reforms.

 Support. (48008)
- David Smith (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to include representatives of the (a) voluntary and (b) charitable sector in the consultation on the proposed welfare reforms. (48009)
- 145 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of poor media literacy skills on young people's (a) employability and (b) workplace readiness. (47769)
- 146 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her Department's policy is on compensating people affected by the clawback feature of the Midland Bank pension scheme. (47785)
- 147 **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 poor media skills on young people's (a) employability and (b) workplace readiness. (47940)
- 148 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what measures his Department is taking to (a) monitor and (b) regulate care home fees.

 (47979)
- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of GP practices that will be affected by changes to National Insurance announced at the Autumn Budget 2024. (47715)
- 150 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to National Insurance announced at the Autumn Budget 2024 on the expansion of (a) GP practices and (b) other care provision. (47716)
- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that numbers of (a) GP surgeries and (b) staff working in those surgeries are not adversely impacted by changes to employer National Insurance contributions. (47717)

- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has conducted a cost analysis for GP practices impacted by changes to employer National Insurance contributions. (47718)
- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on the integration of social care providers into the National Health Service.

 (47719)
- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an estimate of the average cost of changes to employer National Insurance contributions to individual GP practices. (47720)
- 155 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employer National Insurance contributions on social care providers who rely on charitable donations. (47721)
- Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to produce an impact assessment of the planned 50% reduction in integrated care board running costs. (47790)
- 157 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the adequate running cost of integrated care boards per head of population. (47791)
- Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to support integrated care boards through the closure of NHS England. (47792)
- 159 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the Care Quality Commission's Community mental health survey 2024, published on 3 April 2025. (47793)
- 160 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to FOI-02629, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) Capita and (b) the NHS Business Services Authority on GPs' pensions records. (47794)
- Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to increase the number of GPs with up-to-date pension records.

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- Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the findings of FOI 02629 on the (a) number and (b) percentage of GPs with up to date pension records.

 (47796)

- Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to FOI 02629, if he will undertake a review into the work of (a) Capita and (b) NHS Business Service Authority. (47797)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to FOI 02629, if he will undertake a review into the difference in figures between GPs and General Dental Practitioners. (47798)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's Annual Review of Adult Social Care Complaints 2023-24, published in September 2024. (47799)
- Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's Annual Review of Adult Social Care Complaints 2023-24, published in September 2024, if he will undertake a review of the proportion of complaints received from privately funded care.
- 167 Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's Annual Review of Adult Social Care Complaints 2023-24, published in September 2024, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing levels of awareness of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman in privately funded and arranged care settings.
 (47801)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many new mental health staff have been recruited to the NHS since 1 July 2024. (47802)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for recruiting new mental health workers in (a) child and (b) adult mental health services. (47803)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to implement the recommendations of his Department's report entitled Good for you, good for us, good for everybody, published on 22 September 2021. (47804)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will undertake a review of overprescribing. (47805)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to reduce overprescribing. (47806)

- 173 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of overprescribing.

 (47807)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients are on waiting lists for mental health services in each NHS (a)
 Trust, (b) Integrated Care Board and (c) Region. (48029)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients on waiting lists for mental health services in each NHS Trust have been referred, by mental health condition. (48030)
- 176 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients on waiting lists for mental health services in each Integrated Care Board have been referred, by mental health condition. (48031)
- 177 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients on waiting lists for mental health services in each NHS England Region have been referred, by mental health condition. (48032)
- 178 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase levels of funding for research into essential tremors. (48021)
- 179N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle the sale of illegal nicotine pouches. [Transferred] (47352)
- 180 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure proactive management of medicine shortages. (47865)
- 181 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the proportion of halal food served in hospitals. (47971)
- 182 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help support improvement in domiciliary care providers that have been issued with warning notices by the Care Quality Commission. (48076)
- 183 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is taking steps to increase oversight of recruitment practices in domiciliary care agencies. (48077)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve transparency around (i) care quality and (ii) safeguarding in domiciliary care services. (48078)

- Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and
 Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce the risk of young adults developing
 Type 2 diabetes. (47778)
- Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase access to (a) diabetes technologies,
 (b) insulin pumps and (c) glucose sensors for (i) all diabetes patients and (ii) diabetes patients from deprived backgrounds.
- 187 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of staff turnover on the quality of care in retirement homes. (48051)
- 188 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for the 10-year Health Plan of the report by the National Clinical Homecare Association entitled Best Kept Secret: The Value Of Clinical Homecare To The NHS, Patients And Society, published in July 2024. (47907)
- 189 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding for clinical homecare. (47908)
- 190 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a national strategy on the efficiency and effectiveness of community equipment services. (47909)
- 191 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many free eyesight tests have been given to asylum seekers since 5 July 2024. (47900)
- 192 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what financial assistance is available to pay for glasses following a free eyesight test for asylum seekers. (47901)
- 193 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what is the total cost to the public purse of financial support given to asylum seekers for glasses since 5 July 2024. (47902)
- 194 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to increase the number of entry-level positions for newly qualified physiotherapists. (47736)
- 195 Kate Osamor (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce competition ratios for specialty training for doctors.
 (47737)

- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve tuberculosis (a) screening, (b) diagnosis and (c) treatment services for (i) people experiencing homelessness and (ii) asylum seekers.

 (47739)
- 197 Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing incentive schemes to encourage NHS dentists to practice in areas that are experiencing a shortage of NHS dental professionals. (47877)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to expand dental training programmes. (47878)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to NHS dental care for (a) pregnant women and (b) women in the postnatal period. (47879)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of health misinformation due to levels of media literacy on public health decision-making. (47771)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle health misinformation due to levels of media literacy. (47772)
- **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of the consultation process undertaken by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board in advance of its decision to cancel primary eyecare contracts from April 2025. (48065)
- **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to review the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death process to speed up that process in (a) Boston and Skegness constituency and (b) the UK.
- 204 Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of health misinformation on public health decision making. (47942)
- 205 Ian Byrne (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his
 counterpart in Israel on preventing the forced displacement of Palestinians in Masafer
 Yatta in the West Bank.
 (47847)

- Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March to Question
 34309, when he last raised the destruction of (a) schools and (b) higher education
 facilities in Gaza with his Israeli counterparts.
- 207 Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March to Question
 34309, what steps his Department has taken to promote accountability for attacks on
 schools in the Occupied Palestinian Territory by (a) Israeli forces and (b) Israeli settlers.
- 208 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to conduct an Equalities Impact Assessment of the potential impact of reductions to Official Development Assistance on (a) disability inclusion and (b) women and girls. (48022)
- 209 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 22 April to Question 42840 on Western Sahara: Human Rights, what discussions he has had with the Personal Envoy of the UN Secretary General on Western Sahara on the adequacy of the number investigations undertaken by the Moroccan National Human Rights Council following allegations of human rights abuses in Western Sahara since 2015. (47774)
- 210 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with (a) the UN Security Council and (b) his Moroccan counterpart on ensuring access to the occupied territory of Western Sahara by (a) the media and (b) humanitarian NGOs. (47775)
- 211 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the targeting of media workers in Gaza on global (a) press freedom and (b) journalist safety. (47912)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with international partners to ensure that free and fair elections are held in Syria. (47913)
- 213 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Department's policy paper
 entitled London Sudan Conference, 15 April 2025: co-chairs' statement, published on 15
 April 2025, what the UK's comparative advantage is in international efforts to resolve the
 conflict in Sudan.

 (47669)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 31 March to Question
 39447 on Israel and Occupied Territories: Development Aid, whether the funding levels for
 the years 2025-26 and 2026-27 will remain unchanged.

- 215 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 April 2025 to
 Question 41094 on Aid Workers: Armed Conflict, what assessment his Department has
 made of the effectiveness of UN Security Council Resolution 2730 in protecting those
 Humanitarian Aid workers in areas of conflict and instability. (47671)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is encourage democracy and human rights in Belarus; and what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in Belarus on the disappearance of (a) opposition activists and (b) Anzhelika Melnikava.
 (47672)
- 217 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his European

 counterparts on accountability for the actions of the Lukashenko regime. (47673)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): 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 (a) political repression and (b) reports of the
 disappearance of Anzhelika Melnikava.

 (47674)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department plans to take steps to
 monitor the potential impact of the Mutual Security treaty between Russia and Belarus on
 (a) regional security and (b) human rights in Belarus.
- 220 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in Poland on reports of the disappearance of Anzhelika Melnikava and her daughters. (47676)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to
 Question 41839 on Ukraine: Overseas Loans, if he will make an assessment of the potential
 merits of increasing the loan to Ukraine. (47677)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which development programmes he plans to maintain funding for after the planned reduction of the Official Development Assistance budget is implemented. (47678)
- 223 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of planned reductions to the Official Development Assistance budget on the effectiveness of programmes to tackle infectious diseases. (47679)

- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the decision to set annual aid budgets from 2027 in cash terms based on GNI forecasts at the Spending Review. (47680)
- 225 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the decision not to automatically adjust UK Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) spending in line with economic conditions on ODA-funded programmes globally.
 (47681)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to reallocate reductions in
 in-donor refugee costs to other official development assistance programmes from the
 2025-26 financial year.
- 227 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of planned changes to the level of future spending on official development assistance on programmes supporting women smallholder farmers. (47683)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of planned levels of future official development assistance spending on the ability of programmes supporting (a) schools and (b) health facilities to (i) undertake risk assessments and (ii) develop resilience plans for natural disasters. (47684)
- 229 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Voluntary Service Overseas ACTIVE programme in the 2025-26 financial year. (47685)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy
 of the FCDO's crisis response fund for 2025-26.
- 231 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on any potential reallocation of savings from in-donor refugee costs to the FCDO's ODA budget. (47687)
- 232 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of proposed reductions to Official Development Assistance on tuberculosis (a) screening, (b) diagnosis and (c) treatment. (47738)

- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution by the then Minister for Development on 26 February 2025, Official Report, column 873, who the 28 international judges and arbitrators are; and in (a) what context and (b) which institutions those opinions were given.

 (47649)
- 234 Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the 21 day scrutiny period for his proposed Treaty with Mauritius over the future sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (47650)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to Question v of the letter of 25 March 2025 from the Minister for the Indo-Pacific to the Chair of the International Agreements Committee on Treaty scrutiny, if he will share the initial text of the Treaty with Mauritius with (a) the Foreign Affairs Committee, (b) the International Agreements Committee and (c) other parliamentarians before it is signed.
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Home Secretary on the potential merits of placing China in the enhanced tier of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme. (47652)
- 237 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of reports of China's involvement in support of Russia's actions in Ukraine. (47653)
- 238 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will consider including retail home delivery drivers within the definition of assaults on retail workers.

 (47845)
- 239 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help prevent the exploitation of vulnerable children by county lines gangs in (a) Yeovil constituency and (b) Somerset. (47982)
- 240 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of unregulated online pornography on violence against women and girls. (47831)
- 241 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 25 February 2025 to Question HL4920 on Public Spaces Protection Orders: Enforcement, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of outsourced companies encouraging staff to levy fines (a) for the profit of those companies and (b) in return for incentive payments. (47696)

- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2025 to Question 21687 on Home Office: Sanitation, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the updated building regulation published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government entitled Toilet accommodation: Approved Document T, published on 1 October 2024, on the provision of gender-neutral toilets in her Department's buildings. (47697)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will hold discussions with the Lord Chancellor on the potential merits of limiting the availability of public funds for people who have challenged immigration enforcement through the courts more than once. (47959)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take legislative steps to fast-track the removal of people who have been denied the right to stay in the UK and make vexatious appeals from the tribunal. (47960)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on building (a) dedicated runways and (b) transit facilities for mass deportation operations. (47962)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the cost of (a) hiring and (b) training staff to support large-scale deportation operations. (47963)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has considered the use of chartered sea vessels to support mass deportation of illegal migrants. (47964)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of using remittance sanctions to increase deportation compliance by foreign governments. (47965)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing a list of countries whose citizens exhibit high levels of UK visa (a) overstays, (b) fraud and (c) other abuses of process.

 (47966)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an immigration red list of countries posing high (a) immigration, (b) security and (c) compliance risks. (47968)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that fire and rescue services have the expertise required to meet the regulatory requirements on that sector. (48048)

- 252 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many ASPEN cards have been reported (a) lost and (b) stolen since 5 July 2024. (47903)
- 253 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum claims have been (a) made and (b) processed since 5 July 2024. (47904)
- 254 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the (a) lowest, (b) highest and (c) average administrative cost to the public purse is of processing an asylum claim. (47905)
- 255 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle fraud through buy now, pay later schemes. (47730)
- 256 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that buy now pay later schemes protect consumers from fraud. (47731)
- 257 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help protect the safety of home delivery drivers.

 (47735)
- 258 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting migrants in employment from the Immigration Health Surcharge. (47740)
- 259 Kate Osamor (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of exempting migrants from the Immigration Health Surcharge after their second Leave to Remain application.
 (47741)
- 260 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing the ten year route to settlement to five years. (47742)
- 261 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many copies of The Morning Star are purchased by the House of Commons each day. (47830)
- 262 Jess Brown-Fuller (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of US tariffs on the UK defence manufacturing industry. (48055)
- 263 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Future Combat Air System programme. (47744)

- 264 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Lightning Programme. (47745)
- 265 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Armed Forces Recruiting Programme. (47746)
- 266 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the A400M programme. (47747)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Brimstone 3 programme. (47748)
- 268 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Chinook Capability Sustainment Programme. (47749)
- 269 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Defence Estate Optimisation Programme.
 (47750)
- 270 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the E7 Wedgetail Programme. (47751)
- 271 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the European Common Radar System Mk2 Programme. (47752)
- 272 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Fleet Solid Support Programme. (47757)
- 273 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Future Cruise Anti Ship Weapon programme.

 (47758)
- 274 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the Royal Navy's capacity to intercept small boats in the Channel carrying people seeking unlawful entry to the UK. (47961)
- 275 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the potential impact of the replacement of the Work Capability Assessment with a new system based on Personal Independence Payment criteria on veterans. (48056)

- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department plans to implement the recommendations of the Quinquennial Review of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme 2023. (48057)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applications to the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) have there been in each year since 2015; and how many were successful for each year. (48058)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many personnel the National Cyber Force has. (47891)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many snowmobiles are (a) owned by his Department and (b) deployed overseas. (47892)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to publish the short-term action plan to enhance family homes. (47893)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to publish the New Consumer Charter for families in military homes. (47894)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the press notice entitled Homes fit for heroes: Raft of new measures to improve military family housing, published on 18 April 2025, what criteria his Department plans to use to decide which homes will be renovated under the New Consumer Charter. (47895)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the press notice entitled Homes fit for heroes: Raft of new measures to improve military family housing, published on 18 April 2025, what steps his Department is taking to allocate a named housing officer for every family. (47896)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the press notice entitled Homes fit for heroes: Raft of new measures to improve military family housing, published on 18 April 2025, what his Department's timetable is for publishing the Defence Housing Strategy. (47897)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the press notice entitled Homes fit for heroes: Raft of new measures to improve military family housing, published on 18 April 2025, what steps he is taking to encourage the development of surplus military land.

 (47898)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the press notice entitled Homes fit for heroes: Raft of new measures to improve military family housing, published on 18 April 2025, what the total projected cost is of the new Defence Housing Strategy in each of the next five years. (47899)

- 287 Ian Roome (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department has made on the recruitment of the new Armed Forces Commissioner; and when he expects they will begin in post. (47951)
- **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of pre-pack administration procedures on the defence supply chain. (47952)
- **Will Stone** (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help ensure improved (a) interoperability and (b) coordination between drone systems procured by his Department. (47859)
- **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 4 April 2025 to Question
 41460 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Equality, what
 payments (a) her Department and (b) each of its arm's-length bodies have made to the
 training company Inclusive Employers Ltd since July 2024; and for what purposes. (48074)
- **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Renters' Rights Bill on renters in rent to rent schemes. (47931)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled £2 billion
 new investment to support biggest boost in social and affordable housebuilding in a
 generation, published on 25 March 2025, what estimate she has made of the potential
 impact of affordable housing programme expenditure in the 2026-27 financial year on
 economic growth.

 (47695)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of trends in the level
 the cost of homelessness support on local government. (47699)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps with the Secretary of State
 for (a) the Home Department and (b) Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to ensure a
 consistent approach to preventing fixed penalty notices being issued by companies to
 generate (i) revenue and (ii) profit.

 (47700)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to lay the legislative reform
 order consulted on by the previous government on allowing faith groups to hold outdoor
 religious weddings. (47701)

- 296 Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions (a) Ministers and (b) officials in her Department have had with the Welsh Government on council tax revaluation and re-banding. (47702)
- 297 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance she has issued on whether incumbent (a) councillors, (b) council mayors, (c) Police and Crime Commissioners and (d) combined authority mayors may (i) stand for election and (ii) continue to hold office as Members of Parliament; and whether she plans to change these provisions in relation to restrictions.
- 298 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the cost of a
 national Housing First scheme. (47706)
- 299 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled
 Government calls 'last orders' on red tape choking pubs, clubs, and restaurants in major
 boost to the British night out, published on 4 April 2025, whether the pilot scheme for
 strategic licensing powers for the Mayor of London will require primary legislation. (47707)
- 300 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled
 Government calls 'last orders' on red tape choking pubs, clubs, and restaurants in major
 boost to the British night out, published on 4 April 2025, whether the pilot scheme will
 apply to the application process for pavement licences. (47708)
- 301 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 41465 on Permitted Development Rights, whether local authorities are required to publish Article 4 Directions; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the absence of a central repository of Article 4 Directions on (a) householders and (b) developers.
- 302 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment

 of the value for money of a national Housing First rollout.

 (47710)
- 303 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to reform Homes England as an

 Arm's Length Body.

 (47711)
- 304 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant her Department's press release entitled Government calls 'last orders' on red tape choking pubs, clubs, and restaurants in major

- boost to the British night out, published on 4 April 2025, whether the strategic licensing powers for the Mayor of London will allow the Mayor to review, revoke or curtail existing premises licences. (47712)
- 305 Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of retrospective Community Infrastructure Levy requirements on small-scale development.
 (47713)
- 306 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, with reference to London Council's press release
 entitled London borough leaders make united call for 'seat at the table' in new devolution
 settlement, published on 3 April 2025, what her policy is on giving a greater role to
 London boroughs in pan-London governance.

 (47714)
- 307 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what plans her Department has to increase clarity
 in the process of allocating funding to local areas through (a) consultation on their
 development and (b) publication of detailed methodology. (47990)
- 308 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what plans her Department has to help tackle
 shortages of professional services in design and planning stages of (a) infrastructure and
 (b) housing.

 (47991)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an exemption for Council Tax on properties that are temporarily unoccupied due to probate.

 (47916)
- 310 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which job roles are restricted on involvement in political campaigning during the short campaign of an election. (47763)
- 311 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether benefits advisors are classified as civil servants for the purposes of the regulated period ahead of an election. (47764)
- 312 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 23 April 2025 entitled Further reforms to the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects regime, HCWS594, which projects were used to calculate the difference in the average processing time of applications in this Parliament compared to the last Parliament; and what (a) projects in the pipeline were and (b) methodology was used to calculate the estimated reduction in expenditure.

- Gareth Snell (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that media literacy
 programmes are part of (a) local and (b) regional strategies. (47767)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential
 contribution of (a) civil society and (b) community organisations in delivering lifelong
 media literacy programmes for adults.

 (47768)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure media literacy programmes are part of local and regional strategies. (47938)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) civil society and (b) community organisations delivering lifelong media literacy programmes for adults.

 (47939)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure Teignbridge District Council receives additional funding for the building of social homes. (47944)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has issued guidance on the (a) use of evidence and (b) status of the findings of (i) non-statutory and (ii) statutory inquiries into failures by public institutions. (47958)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an estimate of the proportion of halal food served in prisons. (47973)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what exemptions exist in prisons for Muslims not to be searched by sniffer dogs on religious grounds. (47974)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what exemptions from security measures on religious grounds exist in prisons. (47975)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many assaults on prison staff there have been in each of the last five years, by religion of the prisoner.

 (47976)
- **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to include sustainable funding for domestic abuse perpetrator intervention programmes in the Comprehensive Spending Review. (47875)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to section 2, action 1 of her Department's policy paper entitled New approach to ensure regulators and regulation support growth, published on 17 March 2025, what

methodology her Department plans to use to measure the monetary cost of regulation; and whether this is a (a) gross cost and (b) net cost offset by the benefits of regulation.

(47818)

- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 31 October 2024 to Question 11277on Treasury: USA, whether the flights for that journey were carbon offset; and at what cost. (47819)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Office for Value for Money has made an assessment of the use of non-scheduled flights for foreign travel. (47820)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the press release entitled Regulator axed as red tape is slashed to boost growth, published on 11 March 2025, what the estimated reduction in staff numbers is from the merger of the Payment Services Regulator into the Financial Conduct Authority; what functions will cease; and whether staff will be required to move desks. (47821)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 32970 on Government Departments:

 Consultants, if she will list the outturn figures for the spending on consultancy in each of the financial years from 2017-18 to 2022-23.
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 31991 on Public Expenditure, what definition her Department uses of (a) a saving and (b) efficiency for the purpose of the 5% target; and whether cancelling programme spend is classified as a saving. (47823)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the cost of office solutions across central government; and what framework agreements exist for office stationery and paper. (47824)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what guidance (a) her Department and (b) HM Revenue and Customs has produced on income tax liability where employees claim expenses for personal gifts (i) with and (ii) without the employer's knowledge of that gift. (47826)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether Mitie is eligible for additional funding through Government contracts for the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions. (47827)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what diversity network time is available to staff at HM Revenue and Customs. (47828)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of conducting an analysis of the potential cost saving to the public purse of each deportation.

 (47967)

- 335 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on the amount of overseas remittances by (a) nationality and (b) country of receipt in each of the last 10 years. (47969)
- Perran Moon (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of hypothecating revenues from the zero emission vehicle mandate for decarbonising transport. (48001)
- 337 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had recent discussions with representatives from the (a) pub and (b) brewing industries on (i) the levels of duty payable on beer and (ii) fiscal support for those industries. (48049)
- 338 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what impact recent discussions with representatives from the (a) pub and (b) brewing industries on (i) the levels of duty payable on beer and (ii) fiscal support for those industries have had on her policy decisions. (48050)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her
 Department is taking to help ensure that umbrella companies in the temporary labour
 market comply with tax legislation on (a) the proper (i) deduction and (ii) reporting of (A)
 income tax and (B) National Insurance contributions for temporary workers and (b) other
 matters.

 (47914)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to take steps to help (a) improve transparency within the umbrella company sector and (b) ensure workers are not subject to (i) excessive fees and (ii) improper tax arrangements.

 (47915)
- 341 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her polices of recent trends in levels of capital provision by US venture capital firms in (a) UK and (b) other markets. (47656)
- **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to review the High Income Child Benefit Charge. (48024)
- 343 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to bring forward legislative proposals on (a) crypto and (b) digital assets. (47621)
- 344 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to help attract attract inward investment into the (a) cryptocurrency and (b) digital assets sector. (47622)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her

 Department is taking to ensure that regulation of the (a) crypto and (b) digital asset
 sector helps to (i) protect consumers and (ii) foster innovation in the sector. (47623)

- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of regulating the (a) crypto and (b) digital asset sector on the economy. (47624)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that applications to the Financial Conduct Authority for licences to operate in the UK by (a) crypto and (b) digital asset businesses are processed in a timely manner. (47626)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the average processing time was for applications by (a) crypto and (b) digital asset businesses to the Financial Conduct Authority in the latest period for which data is available. (47627)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) crypto and (b) digital asset firms have been granted licences to operate by the Financial Conduct Authority; and how many and what proportion of applications were rejected in the last three years. (47628)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies on (a) crypto and (b) digital asset regulation of policies on those matters in overseas jurisdictions. (47630)
- 351 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans she has for UK Government participation in the development of global international standards for crypto and digital assets. (47631)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with overseas regulators on the development of global standards for crypto and digital assets. (47632)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress she has made through (a) the G7, (b) the G20 and (c) other international forums on developing global standards for crypto and digital asset regulation. (47633)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she is taking steps to help ensure that (a) UK crypto and digital asset businesses and (b) businesses and sectors associated with the digital asset industry are able to open UK bank accounts. (47634)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with (a) the crypto and digital asset industry and (b) the UK banking industry on UK bank accounts for crypto and digital asset businesses. (47635)
- 356 Gareth Snell (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on (a) public and (b) school library funding.
 (47773)

- 357 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of (a) trends in the level of financial literacy in the UK and (b) the potential impact of improving young people's financial literacy on economic growth.

 (47928)
- 358 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of people in receipt of a pension in the (a) 2025-26, (b) 2026-27, (c) 2027-28 and (c) 2028-29 financial years. (47929)
- 359 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the expected return on investment for investments in the National Wealth Fund. (47930)
- 360 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to help tackle misogyny against girls and young women. (48003)
- 361 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to help ensure the safety of girls and young women in public places.

 (48004)
- 362 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 32140 on Candidates: Gender, whether she plans to consult the Parliamentary Parties Panel on this matter. (47698)
- 363 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of equal pay legislation and case law on levels of industrial action in local authorities. (47704)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 29 April

- 1N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the 10 per cent tariff introduced by the United States on the level of exports from Wales to that country. (47885)
- 2N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions her Department has had with the organisers of the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow on requiring targeted hygiene protocols. (47611)
- 3N Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many applications for export licences for objects of cultural interest were (a) received and (b) granted in each month of the past 5 years; and what was the total value of these items. (47850)

- 4N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to ensure that streaming services ensure their content is not in breach of UK law. (47833)
- 5N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 31 March 2025 to Question 42805 on Private Education, if she will list the private schools she has visited since 5 July 2024. (47789)
- 6N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the rule change preventing nurseries and preschools from charging for additional hours on the financial viability of early years providers; and what steps she is taking to support childcare providers with operational costs.

 (48010)
- 7N Calum Miller (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of requiring universities to conduct human rights due diligence checks when offering security-related courses to organisations based in countries listed as a human rights priority in the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office's report entitled Human Rights and Democracy Report 2022, published on 13 July 2023. (48062)
- 8N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department is considering to attract high quality research teams from United States' universities. (48063)
- 9N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is developing plans to require universities to develop institutionwide human rights policies and procedures. (48064)
- 10N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many (a) press, (b) media and (c) other communications posts there are in his Department; and what the salary band is for each post. (47665)
- 11N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Offtaker of Last Resort scheme has been implemented. (47816)
- 12N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help support the owners of (a) short and (b) long term holiday lets to improve the energy efficiency rating of their properties in Wales. (47776)
- 13N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for bringing forward measures to ban (a) trophy hunting and (b) animal smuggling. (48020)
- 14N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what progress he has made on establishing the Digital
 Inclusion Action Committee. (47838)

- 15N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what privacy safeguards exist to prevent identifiable peoples' sequenced DNA being passed to third parties when companies which offer family or other research services to members of the public (a) are sold and (b) go into liquidation; and what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing stronger safeguards. (47609)
- 16N Kirsteen Sullivan (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Youth Guarantee will be delivered in Scotland (a) directly by DWP,
 (b) in partnership with devolved bodies including councils and (c) directly by devolved bodies.
- 17N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) press, (b) media and (c) other communications posts there are in his Department; and what the salary band is for each post. (47664)
- 18N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's planned timetable is for all hospitals to integrate opt-out smoking cessation interventions in routine care. (48011)
- 19N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department has issued to (i) integrated care boards and (ii) NHS Trusts on including opt-out smoking cessation interventions in routine hospital care. (48012)
- 20N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the ease of use of the HC3 form for people applying for low-income support for NHS costs. [Transferred] (47363)
- 21N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of incorrectly completed HC3 forms have resulted in penalty to the claimant.

 [Transferred] (47364)
- 22N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking through the 10 Year Health Plan to address (a) quality of care, (b) inadequate access and (c) rising demand in palliative and end of life care. (47851)
- 23N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made a recent estimate of the number of people that will have palliative care needs in the next 10 years. (47852)
- 24N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to repurpose spending on hospital care and emergency admissions for people at the end of life into improving community care services. (47853)
- 25N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 41044 on Radiotherapy: Medical Equipment, whether there is funding remaining for hospital trusts wishing to submit late applications for radiotherapy equipment. (47647)

- 26N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of Estradot hormone replacement therapy patches; and what steps he is taking to ensure consistent supply for patients. (48066)
- 27N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the UK National Screening Committee on timelines for implementing in-service evaluation of newborn screening for spinal muscular atrophy. (48033)
- 28N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information the UK National Screening Committee has provided on the (a) format, (b) scale and (c) duration of the upcoming in-service evaluation of newborn screening for Spinal Muscular Atrophy in the NHS. (48034)
- 29N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of launching newborn screening for Spinal Muscular Atrophy alongside the upcoming launch of newborn screening for severe combined immunodeficiency. (48035)
- 30N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has sought advice from the
 Intelligence Agencies on the potential threat to the integrity of UK democracy from (a)
 Russia, (b) Iran, (c) China and (d) other hostile states. (48060)
- 31N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the
 merits of placing China on the enhanced tier of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme.

 (48061)
- 32N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answers of (a) 22 July 2024 to Question 66 and (b) 7 January 2025 to Question 20961 on Sexual Harassment, what progress she has made on implementation of the Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Act 2023. (47655)
- 33N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of funding twenty years' service medals for Police Community Support Officers as recognition of their service to their community.

 (47983)
- 34N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department holds on the cumulative number of years of experience of police officers by force. (47648)
- 35N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to improve support for male victims of crime categorised as violence against women and girls. (47886)

- 36N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has a strategy to reduce instances of male rape. (47887)
- 37N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 March to Question 36721 on Ministry of Defence: Written Questions, when he plans to respond to Question 26308 on Army and Marines: Training, tabled on 24 January. (47743)
- 38N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 2 December to Question 17174 on Ukraine: Military Aid, following the official retirement of the Puma helicopter fleet, whether he plans to gift any Puma helicopters to Ukraine.

 (47759)
- 39N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Mine Hunting Capability Programme. (47760)
- 40N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he will plans to Answer Question 34894 on Boxer Vehicles: Procurement, tabled on 3 March 2025.

 (47761)
- 41N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to answer Question 37245, tabled on 11 March 2025. (47762)
- 42N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if she will publish a list of the responsibilities that
 Town and Parish Council will be expected to take over from District Councils following the
 creating of new Unitary Authorities; how she plans to fund these changes; and what steps
 she is planning to take to (i) simply the procedures for small Parish Councils to merge and
 (ii) increase staff support for Town and Parish Councils.
- 43N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2025 to Question 34056 on Fire and Rescue Services: Finance, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of population (a) density and (b) sparsity on fire and rescue services funding. (47888)
- 44N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the per capita funding was for fire and rescue services (a) nationally and (b) in Cambridgeshire in each financial year since 2013-14. (47889)
- 45N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2025 to Question 34056 on Fire and Rescue Services: Finance, whether the funding formula has been adjusted to take into account (a) new housing developments, (b) new major roads, (c) battery storage for large scale solar farms and (d) other large scale infrastructure developments since the 2013-14 financial year.

- 46N Vikki Slade (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential
 merits of providing local authorities with the ability to use automatic number-plate
 recognition in car parks to help (a) increase the efficiency of payment collection, (b)
 improve enforcement and (c) reduce risks to civil enforcement officers.

 [Transferred] (47555)
- 47N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 23 July 2024 to Question 612 on Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, and the Answer of 4th November 2024 to Question 11600 on Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, when section 31 of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 will come into force. (48081)
- 48N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 21 February 2025 to Question 29153 on Ministry of Justice: Equality, which company provided the EDI course; and what the title was of the course.

 (47817)
- 49N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he plans to review the decision not to continue the appeal against the Northern Ireland High Court's declaration of incompatibility regarding sections 46 and 47 of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023. (47617)
- 50N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, which (a) veterans groups and associations and (b) other stakeholder groups his Department consulted before deciding to not to continue the Supreme Court appeal on the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023; and what the nature of their input was.
- 51N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has committed to restoring the Loughall inquest since his meeting with Loughall Truth on 24 March 2025. (47620)
- 52N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many (a) press, (b) media and (c) other communications posts there are in his Department; and what the salary band is for each post. (47668)
- 53N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) press, (b) media and (c) other communications posts there are in her Department; and what the salary band is for each post. (47666)
- 54N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the value for money of the cost of public inquires on Troubles-related legacy issues in Northern Ireland in the context of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (Remedial) Order. (47618)

- 55N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many civil servants in her Department have been disciplined for (a) plagiarism and (b) making false statements on a CV when applying for a job in the latest 12 month period for which figures are available. (47825)
- 56N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to increase VAT to 20% for private hire passenger fares outside of London. (47854)
- 57N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many (a) press, (b) media and (c) other communications posts there are in her Department; and what the salary band is for each post. (47667)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 30 April

- IN **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the British Hair Consortium's report entitled Securing the future of UK hairdressing and beauty: the economic, fiscal & societal case for VAT reform, published in February 2025, what steps he is taking to support apprenticeships in the hair and beauty sector. (48072)
- 2N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to increase funding through the Dedicated Schools Grant to areas with (a) below average allocations and (b) deficits. (47989)
- Will Stone (Swindon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what reason she has made changes to the levels of payments made out of the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund; if she will publish a risk assessment for this funding change; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the funding change on future numbers and proportions of looked-after children being diverted into (a) adoptive families and (b) other types of care.
- 4N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on the negotiation of a Sanitary and Phytosanitary agreement with the EU. [Transferred] (47603)
- Dr Neil Hudson (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the press notice by Ofwat entitled Ofwat approves £104bn upgrade to accelerate delivery of cleaner rivers and seas and secure long-term drinking water supplies for customers, published 19 December 2024, what discussions his Department has had with Ofwat on its planned timetable for releasing additional funding for the water system.

- 6N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the projects funded by the Water Restoration Fund since 5 July 2024. (47849)
- 7N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what progress he has made on the Digital Inclusion
 Innovation Fund, announced in February 2025. (47835)
- 8N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, how much money the Government has committed for the
 Digital Inclusion Fund; and how it will be allocated. (47837)
- 9N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to tackle digital exclusion. (47839)
- 10N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to publish the evidence from the Digital
 Inclusion Strategy Call for Evidence. (47840)
- 11N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of the current caps on the values of fines available to local authorities outside London on driver behaviour. (48052)
- 12N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the ongoing e-scooter trials, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of e-scooters on (a) the modal shift of transport away from private cars and (b) reducing traffic congestion in trial areas; and what estimate she has made of the number of collisions involving e-scooters. (48053)
- 13N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the (a) frequency and (b) reliability of rail services on the Rose Hill to Manchester Piccadilly line. (47883)
- 14N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of irregular rail timetables on (a) employment and (b) education access in Greater Manchester. (47884)
- 15N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the availability of practical driving tests in Pembrokeshire. (47945)
- 16N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper, published in March 2025, what role the (a) voluntary and (b) community sector will have in implementing those reforms. (47657)

- 17N Mary Glindon (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate she has made of the proportion of Employment and Support Allowance claimants who have not moved to Universal Credit after the deadline day set out in their migration notice in (a) Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend, (b) the North East and (c) England. (47658)
- 18N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of transitioning from Student Finance England support to the NHS bursary on the finances of medical students in their final years of study. (47659)
- 19N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he has made an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the effectiveness of the NHS bursary scheme. (47660)
- 20N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Education on (a) medical student finance and (b) the adequacy of total financial support during NHS Bursary funded years of study. (47661)
- 21N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 23 April 2025 to Question 45093 on Alan Milburn, whether Mr Milburn has initiated the process outlined in that Answer. (47777)
- 22N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of not including Stepping Hill Hospital in the New Hospital Programme on (a) patient and staff safety, (b) quality of care and (c) the condition and adequacy of the infrastructure at that hospital.

 (47880)
- 23N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the maintenance and repairs backlog at Stepping Hill Hospital on the quality of patient care. (47881)
- 24N Lisa Smart (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support to (a) local authorities and (b) Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to identify new sites for the (i) expansion and (ii) development of existing hospital facilities. (47882)
- 25N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in Bahrain on Bahrain's political isolation laws. (47640)
- 26N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take to help tackle the transportation of illegal drugs through county lines in (a) Yeovil constituency and (b) Somerset. (47981)

- 27N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what funding her Department makes available to local authorities for community-based behaviour change programmes for (a) high risk and (b) medium risk perpetrators of domestic abuse. (47873)
- 28N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what funding is available to local authorities for community-based behaviour change programmes for (a) high-risk and (b) medium-risk perpetrators of domestic abuse. (47874)
- 29N **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Spring Statement 2025, how much funding allocated to his Department will be allocated to the refurbishment of service housing stock. (48037)
- 30N **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 2.7 of the Spring Statement, how many housing units will be refurbished in the (a) South West Devon, (b) Plymouth Moor View and (c) Plymouth Sutton and Devonport constituencies in 2025-26; and when he expects this programme of work to be completed. (48038)
- 31N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what (a) assessments and (b) controls are in place
 to ensure the (i) integrity and (ii) effectiveness of measures implemented to achieve
 biodiversity net gains in development projects. (48039)
- 32N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to take into account
 low wages in rural areas when determining funding settlements for deprived areas. (47985)
- 33N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to take into account
 (a) remoteness and (b) peripherality of areas such as Cornwall when determining funding settlements for deprived areas. (47986)
- 34N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to take into account super-ageing demographics such as in Cornwall when determining funding settlements for deprived areas. (47987)
- 35N **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to take into account
 non-resident population seasonal increases due to tourism when determining funding
 settlements for deprived areas. (47988)
- 36N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the benefit
 of including the Garden Trust as a statutory consultee to planning decisions. (48054)

37N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much and what proportion of Legal Aid exceptional case funding was spent on (a) the means test assessment process and (b) operational costs in the last financial year.

(47946)

- 38N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the amount spent by the Legal Aid Agency on processing exceptional case funding in the 2024-25 financial year, broken down by (a) category of law and (b) case complexity. (47947)
- 39N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average appeal waiting times are for legal aid cases by (a) represented and (b) unrepresented cases. (47948)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

1	Clive Jones (Wokingham): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 30 April.	
		(903910)
2	Dan Tomlinson (Chipping Barnet):	(903911)
3	Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East):	(903912)
4	Jayne Kirkham (Truro and Falmouth):	(903913)
5	Josh Simons (Makerfield):	(903914)
6	Sam Carling (North West Cambridgeshire):	(903915)
7	Ms Julie Minns (Carlisle):	(903916)
8	Liz Jarvis (Eastleigh):	(903917)
9	Josh Babarinde (Eastbourne):	(903918)
10	Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Clapham and Brixton Hill):	(903919)
11	Sarah Hall (Warrington South):	(903920)
12	Mr Paul Kohler (Wimbledon):	(903921)
13	Deirdre Costigan (Ealing Southall):	(903922)
14	Adam Thompson (Erewash):	(903923)
15	Alex Ballinger (Halesowen):	(903924)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 1 May

- 1N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications for her policies of recent sell-offs relating to postal services. (47841)
- 2N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what legal powers her Department holds to intervene in matters relating to the sale or transfer of assets within the postal service sector. (47842)
- 3N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department plans to take steps to pause any ongoing or proposed selloffs relating to postal services pending the outcome of the forthcoming government consultation on the future of postal services. (47843)
- 4N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when her Department plans to launch the public consultation on the future of postal services. (47844)
- 5N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking through the National Funding Formula to reduce the differences in high needs funding per head between local authority areas. (47612)
- 6N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure the (a) proxy factors and (b) weightings used in the National Funding Formula for high needs funding accurately reflect the demand for high needs educational provision. (47613)
- 7N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure estimates of demand for SEND support in each local authority area are accurate. (47614)
- 8N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to implement recommendation two of the First Report of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2024-25 on Support for children and young people with special educational needs, HC 353, published on 15 January 2025. (47615)
- 9N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to provide sustainable funding for local authorities for SEND-related spending. (47616)
- 10N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure. (48040)

- 11N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to implement the recommendations of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures. (48041)
- 12N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department will introduce statutory guidance for the implementation of Simpler Recycling. (47856)
- 13N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has considered introducing (a) performance standards and (b) other mandatory requirements for material recovery facilities to sort materials collected at kerbside under the Simpler Recycling in England policy. (47857)
- 14N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to introduce a target for the recycling of fibre-based composite packaging. (47858)
- 15N **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the M5 into Newton Abbot constituency. (47943)
- 16N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason graduates of UK medical schools are being given placeholder positions with four to eight weeks' notice to move to new roles. (48073)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- 1 **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): What steps he is taking to support small businesses. (903875)
- 2 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): What recent steps his Department has taken to encourage small businesses to export. (903876)
- 3 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): What steps his Department is taking to negotiate trade agreements with the UK's main trading partners. (903877)
- 4 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): What steps his Department is taking to help support trade with European countries. (903878)
- 5 **Kanishka Narayan** (Vale of Glamorgan): What steps he is taking to include the chemicals sector within the industrial strategy. (903879)
- 6 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): What steps he is taking to support the hospitality industry. (903880)
- 7 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): What steps he is taking to support the hospitality industry. (903881)

- 8 **Harpreet Uppal** (Huddersfield): What recent steps his Department has taken to support high street businesses. (903882)
- 9 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the potential impact of his trade negotiations with the US on the farming sector.

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- Will Stone (Swindon North): What recent discussions his Department has had with relevant stakeholders on support for grassroots cultural small and medium-sized enterprises. (903884)
- 11 **Yuan Yang** (Earley and Woodley): What steps he is taking to help support employees facing redundancy at Moog Reading. (903885)
- 12 **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What steps he is taking to support small and medium-sized businesses. (903886)
- 13 James MacCleary (Lewes): What steps his Department is taking to help increase exports to the EU. (903887)
- 14 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): What steps his Department is taking to implement the Make Work Pay plan. (903888)
- 15 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): What recent discussions he has had with his US counterpart on trade. (903889)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): What steps he is taking to help support high street businesses. (903890)
- 17 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Make Work Pay plan on the living standards of working people. (903891)
- 18 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon and Consett): What recent steps his Department has taken to help support the hospitality sector. (903892)
- 19 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): What steps his Department is taking to support SMEs in Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes constituency. (903893)
- 20 **Jade Botterill** (Ossett and Denby Dale): What recent steps his Department has taken to encourage small businesses to export. (903894)
- 21 Johanna Baxter (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Make Work Pay plan on the living standards of working people.
 (903895)
- 22 Joe Morris (Hexham): What recent steps his Department has taken to help support the hospitality sector. (903896)
- 23 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): What steps his Department is taking to support businesses in rural areas. (903897)

- 24 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): What recent discussions he has had with his US counterpart on tariffs. (903898)
- 25 Lillian Jones (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): Whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential impact of differences between the EU Deforestation Regulation and UK timber regulations on timber businesses in the UK. (903899)

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 7 May

- 1N Chris Hinchliff (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the
 Data, Use and Access Bill on the long-term sustainability of the music and arts sector. (48018)
- 2N **Ms Polly Billington** (East Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when her Department plans to lay statutory instrument to remove the one-metre rule requiring planning permission to install heat pumps in England. (47949)

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Questions for Written Answer

Michael Wheeler (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of incorporating (a) the use of ICT to plan, draft, edit and present written work and (b) other digital composition skills into the teaching of English in schools. (48017)