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## Questions tabled on Friday 25 April 2025

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  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Monday 28 April

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 32970 on Government Departments: Consultants, how the baseline for the communication and marketing spending reductions were calculated; and what the baseline aggregate figure is. [Transferred] (47349)
- 2N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall and Bloxwich): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to begin negotiations for a new trade agreement with the EU. [Transferred] (47198)
- 3N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he had discussions with Cabinet colleagues prior to the decision not to contest a compensation payment to the band Kneecap following their exclusion from the Music Export Growth Scheme. [Transferred] (47173)
- 4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to section 2, action 1 of his Department's policy paper entitled New approach to ensure regulators and regulation support growth, published on 17 March 2025, what methodology his 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. [Transferred] (47818)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his planned timeline is for responding to the Sullivan Review. [Transferred] (47834)

- 6 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of poor media literacy skills on young people's (a) employability and (b) workplace readiness. [Transferred] (47769)
- 7 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of poor media literacy skills on young people's (a) employability and (b) workplace readiness. [Transferred] (47770)
- 8 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of poor media skills on young people's (a) employability and (b) workplace readiness. [Transferred] (47940)
- 9 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (47941)
- 10 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (47929)
- 11 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help ensure the safety of girls and young women in public places. [Transferred] (48004)
- 12 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (47829)
- 13 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. [Transferred] (47723)
- 14 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. [Transferred] (48048)
- 15 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to use the newly applied Vehicle Excise Duty on Electric Vehicles to improve (a) road maintenance and (b) vehicle infrastructure. [Transferred] (47727)

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- 16 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 41839 on Ukraine: Overseas Loans, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the loan to Ukraine. [Transferred] (47677)
- 17 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent steps the Financial Conduct Authority has taken to register (a) crypto and (b) digital asset businesses. [Transferred] (47625)
- 18 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she 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. [Transferred] (47629)
- 19 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she 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. [Transferred] (47636)
- 20 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to bring forward regulations to ensure that crypto and digital asset businesses can open a UK bank account. [Transferred] (47637)
- 21 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure continual engagement with the crypto and digital asset industry. [Transferred] (47638)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 29 April

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which hon. Members have been appointed as Mission Champion by the Government; and what guidance his Department has provided on whether Mission Champions should attend Ministerial meetings. (48185)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13820 on Government Departments: Staff, if he will publish the transparency publication guidance referred to in the Answer. (48186)
- 3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's publication entitled PPN 006: Taking account of Carbon Reduction Plans, updated on 17 April 2025, what estimate he has made of the cost to government procurement of requiring suppliers to deliver Net Zero Carbon Reduction Plans. (48187)

- 4 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to prevent companies from de-listing from the London Stock Exchange. (48300)
- 5 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with the International Atomic Energy Agency on (a) the safety of the Ostrovets nuclear plant in Belarus and (b) the potential impact of that nuclear plant on the safety of UK nationals living in Baltic States. (48092)
- 6 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on funding for (a) public and (b) school libraries. (48165)
- 7 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make it her policy to abolish Ofcom if its code of conduct for technology companies does not improve children's online safety. (48090)
- 8 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools ban the use of mobile phones by pupils during the school day in Ashfield constituency. (48168)
- 9 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of trends in attainment levels between boys and girls in schools in Ashfield constituency. (48169)
- 10 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of school buildings in Ashfield constituency. (48170)
- 11 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure teachers remain political impartiality in secondary schools in Nottinghamshire. (48171)
- 12 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps is she taking to meet the demand for specialist SEND school places in Nottinghamshire. (48172)
- 13 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase SEND funding in Nottinghamshire. (48173)
- 14 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many SEN schools have informed her Department that they require additional funding in each of the last five years. (48174)
- 15 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhési** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of school transport support available to parents of SEND children in Slough. (48163)

- 16 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhési** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions she has had with local councils on funding available for school transport services for SEND children. (48164)
- 17 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the level of funding from Chinese firms into the UK education sector in the next ten years. (48087)
- 18 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answers of 22 April 2025 to Questions 41031, 41032, 41033 and 41034 on Free School Meals: Primary Education, what estimate has she made of the average amount of funding from her Department for each pupil participating in the new school breakfast pilot. (48093)
- 19 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answers of 22 April 2025 to Questions 41031, 41032, 41033 and 41034, on Free School Meals: Primary Education, whether her Department's modelling for the breakfast club early adopter scheme assumes an average take up of 50 per cent. (48094)
- 20 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many apprenticeships were started by young people aged 16–24 in Great Yarmouth constituency in each of the past five years. (48263)
- 21 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what resources her Department provides to primary schools to teach road safety effectively. (48318)
- 22 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to incorporate road safety education into the national primary school curriculum. (48319)
- 23 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the number of paediatric nurses employed in SEND schools in England. (48320)
- 24 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase the recruitment and retention of paediatric nurses in SEND schools. (48321)
- 25 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a national standard for paediatric nurse staffing levels in SEND schools. (48322)
- 26 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the provision of paediatric nursing support in SEND educational settings. (48323)

- 27 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that the availability of apprenticeships in the education sector meets demand in (a) Nottingham and (b) Nottinghamshire; and whether she is taking steps to (i) increase the range of apprenticeship opportunities in this area, (ii) improve access for young people and (iii) support schools in recruiting apprentices. (48199)
- 28 **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the savings to her Department from the withdrawal of funding for non-specialist assistive software through the Disabled Students' Allowance. (48330)
- 29 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reductions to the Adult Skills Fund on the availability of (a) adult education courses and (b) free courses for jobs. (48226)
- 30 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the potential impact of changes to the level of funding for the Adult Skills Fund on the ability of (a) vulnerable learners and (b) people in receipt of benefits to take part in training to help increase their employability. (48227)
- 31 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has undertaken an impact assessment in relation to changes to the level of funding for the Adult Skills Fund. (48228)
- 32 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department plans to take to (a) monitor and (b) evaluate the potential impact of changes to the level of funding for the Adult Skills Fund in (i) devolved and (ii) non-devolved areas in the 2025-26 (a) financial and (b) academic years. (48229)
- 33 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of declining birth rates on (a) the financial sustainability and (b) capacity of nurseries in England; and what steps she is taking to support early years providers impacted by these trends. (48336)
- 34 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps her Department has taken to provide a remedy to the Teachers' Pension Scheme following the McCloud judgement. (48337)
- 35 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the cost of tourism in school holidays. (48231)

- 36 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps the he is taking to (a) accelerate Track-1 Expansion, (b) ensure additional emitters can connect to carbon capture, usage and storage transport and storage infrastructure in Scotland and (c) support UK supply chains in that sector. (48301)
- 37 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the level of investment by Chinese firms in the UK energy sector in the next ten years. (48084)
- 38 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 31842 on Power Failures, what geographical segmentation data on power outage (a) incidence and (b) duration are available. (48095)
- 39 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many employees Great British Energy had on 1 April 2025. (48217)
- 40 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what support his Department plans to provide to rural communities that are off the grid to connect to mains Gas Distribution Networks. (48232)
- 41 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the total value of fossil fuels in the UK which have not yet been extracted. (48233)
- 42 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help farmers affected by the outbreak of avian flu. (48166)
- 43 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timeline is to ban the import of foie gras. (48191)
- 44 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the level of funds invested by Chinese firms in the UK water sector in the next ten years. (48086)
- 45 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the fishing industry in Great Yarmouth constituency following the UK's departure from the EU. (48257)
- 46 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether new funding streams will be available to support flood prevention measures in Great Yarmouth constituency. (48258)
- 47 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to prevent eutrophication in waterways. (48334)



- 48 **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) social enterprises and (b) commercial organisations to (i) respond to the challenge of food surplus and waste and (ii) contribute to a circular economy. (48198)
- 49 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) banning and (b) reducing the use of pesticides in public spaces on (i) the natural environment and (ii) wildlife. (48175)
- 50N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans his Department is considering to attract high quality research teams from United States' universities. [Transferred] (48063)
- 51 **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works in protecting artists against breaches of artistic copyright by AI models. (48328)
- 52 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with the Advanced Research and Invention Agency on geoengineering proposals that aim to block sunlight. (48176)
- 53 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will include measures to help tackle uninsured driving in the forthcoming road safety strategy. (48304)
- 54 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of road traffic offences were committed by uninsured drivers in the last two years; and if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of this data. (48305)
- 55 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department is taking steps to help reduce the impact of uninsured drivers on car insurance premiums. (48306)
- 56 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when her Department last reviewed the level of penalties for (a) driving without insurance and (b) keeping a vehicle without insurance. (48307)
- 57 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the level of funds invested by Chinese firms in the UK transport sector in the next ten years. (48085)
- 58 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department monitors the adequacy of bus replacement services for meeting demand during train service disruptions. (48308)



- 59 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department issues guidance on ensuring that bus replacement services have sufficient capacity to accommodate passengers from cancelled train services. (48309)
- 60 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities to align bus and train services in West Dorset for improved accessibility. (48310)
- 61 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has considered the specific needs of vulnerable populations in coordinating public transport schedules. (48311)
- 62 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will take steps to ensure synchronisation between bus and train timetables. (48312)
- 63 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of street lighting reductions on road safety in West Dorset. (48313)
- 64 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to issue updated guidance to local authorities on balancing carbon reduction initiatives with pedestrian and road user safety in relation to street lighting. (48314)
- 65 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has conducted feasibility studies on extending (a) Metrolink and (b) tram-train services to (i) towns and (ii) villages in Hazel Grove constituency. (48202)
- 66 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve public transport services to industrial estates. (48203)
- 67 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking with Great British Railways to ensure equality of access to the rail network for (a) nationalised and (b) open access operators. (48267)
- 68 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she has made an assessment of the potential merits of an increased power supply on the East Coast Mainline north of Berwick. (48268)
- 69 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will hold discussions with local leaders in Bedfordshire on the effectiveness of (a) rules relating to on-street parking and (b) the enforcement of those rules near train stations on the (a) Thameslink line and (b) Marston Vale line in the context of increased visitors to the Universal Bedfordshire project. [R] (48238)

- 70 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will hold discussions with local leaders in Bedfordshire on the adequacy of bus capacity in the context of increased visitors to the Universal Bedfordshire project. [R] (48239)
- 71 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many households receive multiple PIP awards. (48279)
- 72 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of her Department's estimate that the lost output due to working age carers caring for working age sick is £37 billion. (48280)
- 73 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposals outlined in the (a) Green Paper entitled Pathways to Work and (b) Spring Budget on (i) unpaid carers and (ii) people with caring responsibilities whose disability benefit entitlements may have changed. (48281)
- 74 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's reports entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper, published on 18 March 2025, and Spring Statement 2025 health and disability benefit reforms - Impacts, published on 26 March 2025, what assessment she has made of the impact of changes to welfare benefits on people claiming (a) Housing Benefit and (b) the housing costs element of Universal Credit. (48136)
- 75 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure the perspectives of older people are included in her Department's policy decision-making. (48189)
- 76 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of (a) Statutory Maternity Pay and (b) Maternity Allowance. (48190)
- 77 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to increase (a) employment and (b) apprenticeships for young people in Great Yarmouth constituency (48255)
- 78 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to communicate with people who did not receive responses to their queries on voluntary National Insurance contributions before 5 April 2025. (48324)
- 79 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to extend the deadline for voluntary National Insurance contributions. (48325)

- 80 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to reduce the time taken to process voluntary National Insurance contributions for people who contacted her Department before 5 April 2025. (48326)
- 81 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when her Department plans to (a) report on the consultation entitled Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper, published on 18th March 2025, and (b) publish recommendations on changes to the Access to Work Scheme. (48246)
- 82 **Ian Sollom** (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions her Department has had with the Department for Education on the potential impact of changes to the level of funding for the Adult Skills Fund on the number of people entering employment. (48230)
- 83 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to Chapter 9 of the final stage impact assessment entitled Improve access to Statutory Sick Pay by removing the Lower Earnings Limit and removing the waiting period, if she will make it her policy publish an assessment of the impact of that policy on behaviour in each of the first five years after it is implemented. (48240)
- 84 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to healthcare for the elderly population in Ashfield constituency. (48167)
- 85 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the time taken for patients experiencing Parkinson's symptoms to receive a Parkinson's disease diagnosis. (48282)
- 86 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that all relevant medical health professionals are aware of the different manifestations of Parkinson's disease in (a) women and (b) men. (48283)
- 87 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the how regularly an average patient with Parkinson's disease saw a neurologist in the latest period for which data was available. (48284)
- 88 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate his Department has made of the average time taken for patients with Parkinson's disease who are experiencing new symptoms to see a neurologist. (48285)
- 89 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to Answer of 3rd April 2025 on Question 44192 on Events Industry: First Aid, when his Department plans to publish the updated Event Healthcare Standard; and whether he is taking steps to consult with (a) stakeholders, (b) healthcare providers and (c) event organisers during its development. (48273)

- 90 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that community-based glaucoma (a) monitoring, (b) referral and (c) refinement services are made available to patients in (i) Chingford and Woodford Green constituency and (ii) England. (48082)
- 91 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to move toward patient self-referral for community audiology services as a default pathway in (a) Chingford and Woodford Green constituency and (b) England. (48083)
- 92 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to introduce restrictions on purchasing sodium nitrate in quantities that pose a significant risk to (a) self harm and (b) life. (48302)
- 93 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of GP service availability in Great Yarmouth constituency. (48248)
- 94 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of dentistry in Great Yarmouth constituency. (48249)
- 95 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of GP-to-patient ratios in the Great Yarmouth constituency as of April 2025. (48259)
- 96 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of ambulance response times in Great Yarmouth constituency exceeded national targets for category 1 and category 2 calls in the last 12 months. (48260)
- 97 **Kevin McKenna** (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Transport on the Integrated National Transport Strategy. (48294)
- 98 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to issue new guidance on the provision of advanced community eye care services in (a) Horsham and (b) England. (48332)
- 99 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that glaucoma monitoring services are available to patients in (a) Horsham and (b) England. (48333)
- 100 **Sir Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Birmingham and Solihull integrated care board on access to ear wax removal services in the context of their decision to commission self-referral community audiology services. (48088)

- 101 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that funds allocated for resident care in retirement homes are used for the purpose intended. (48327)
- 102 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of repatriating patients with antimicrobial resistance from conflict zones on (a) UK citizens and (b) the NHS. (48113)
- 103 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what preparations he is making for the potential impact of conflict abroad on the NHS. (48114)
- 104 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 24th April 2025 to Question 46100 on Hospitals: Construction, how the construction order of hospitals impacted by Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete will be decided. (48223)
- 105 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of losing level seven levy funding to fund apprenticeships on the NHS. (48292)
- 106N **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Home Office's letter to the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, dated 29 September 2023, what his Department's planned timetable is for the use of electronic signatures for Schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs within (a) secondary care and (b) the health and justice system. (48245)
- 107 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for mental health treatment; and when he plans to set out further measures to reduce delays for patients in need of support. (48335)
- 108 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has considered allowing dentists qualified in Canada an exemption from the requirement to sit the Overseas Registration Examination before practicing in the UK. (48161)
- 109 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether upholding the rights of women and girls is one of his Department's priorities. (48242)
- 110 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the (a) effectiveness and (b) value for money of supporting (i) women's rights and (ii) women-led organisations through Official Development Assistance. (48243)

- 111 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has learned lessons from the implementation of Official Development Assistance reductions in 2020-21. (48244)
- 112 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the Euro-Atlantic aspirations of Western Balkan countries. (48102)
- 113 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that Overseas Development Assistance is used effectively to achieve intended outcomes in recipient countries. (48105)
- 114 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support community-driven development initiatives in overseas aid projects. (48106)
- 115 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage (a) local leadership and (b) community involvement in the (i) planning and (ii) implementation of UK-funded development programmes. (48107)
- 116 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to strengthen partnerships with (a) local governments and (b) non-governmental organisations to improve the effectiveness of UK-funded development projects. (48108)
- 117 **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 US tariffs on the Falkland Islands economy. (48109)
- 118 **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 changes to UK Official Development Assistance on UK efforts to promote antimicrobial resistance work globally. (48111)
- 119 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 4 April 2025 to Question 41877 on Ukraine: Drug Resistance, which (a) projects and (b) work streams are focusing on tackling AMR. (48112)
- 120 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to make a financial commitment for Gavi's 8th replenishment on 25 June 2025. (48116)



- 121 **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 a delay in pledging for Gavi's 8th replenishment on 25 June 2025 on (a) the UK's international reputation and (b) other donor countries making pledges. (48117)
- 122 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the work of the OSCE Mission to strengthen inter-ethnic relations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. (48118)
- 123 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 8 April 2025 to Question 39002 on Sudan: Children, what steps he is taking to help support children back to school in Sudan. (48119)
- 124 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 8 April 2025 to Question 39012 on Sudan: Refugees, how much and what proportion of official development assistance funding to Sudan will be spent on Sudanese refugees in Chad in the 2025-26 financial year. (48120)
- 125 **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 conflict moving from Sudan to South Sudan on stability in that region. (48121)
- 126 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding and extending sanctions against Democratic People's Republic of Korea. (48091)
- 127 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to introduce legal obligations on retailers based outside Great Britain to report transactions with people in the UK involving substances regulated under the Poisons Act 1972 that they believe to be suspicious. (48303)
- 128 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether (a) rules and (b) processes for the extradition of dual nationals differ to UK nationals. (48184)
- 129 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle (a) knife crime and (b) gang activity in Great Yarmouth constituency. (48250)
- 130 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to allocate additional police resources to tackle antisocial behaviour in Great Yarmouth town centre. (48251)



- 131 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many deportation orders have been issued to illegal migrants in Great Yarmouth constituency in the last year. (48253)
- 132 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many reported knife crime incidents were recorded in the Great Yarmouth policing area in each of the last three years. (48261)
- 133 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department is taking steps to allocate police resources effectively to combat speeding in rural communities. (48315)
- 134 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to increase visible policing in areas in West Dorset with high rates of road traffic offences. (48316)
- 135 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of police funding levels on the frequency of speeding incidents in an area. (48317)
- 136 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the (a) daily and (b) weekly cost to the public purse was of accommodation for people who arrived illegally via small boat on 1 April 2025. (48216)
- 137 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 24 April 2025 to Question 46185 on Police: Recruitment and with reference to the document entitled Transparency data: Cambridgeshire Constabulary, published 9 April 2025, whether the projected growth for Cambridgeshire Constabulary is the only police recruitment budgeted for in Cambridgeshire in the 2025-26 financial year. (48222)
- 138 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people who arrived illegally via small boat (a) before and (b) since 5 July 2024 are living in hotel accommodation. (48224)
- 139 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support women's safety in rural areas. (48286)
- 140 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many incidents of violence against women and girls were reported in each of the last years for which data is available in rural areas. (48287)
- 141 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many incidents of indecent exposure to women were reported in each of the last years for which data is available. (48288)

- 142 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many incidents of indecent exposure to women in rural areas were reported in each year for which data is available. (48289)
- 143 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of lifting the ban on people in the National Referral Mechanism working if they have been waiting for a decision for over three months. (48204)
- 144 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to clear the backlog in the National Referral Mechanism. (48205)
- 145 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to set a target for decision waiting times in the National Referral Mechanism. (48206)
- 146 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 23 April 2025 to Question 44588 on Parliament: Television, whether any public bodies pay subscription fees to receive a direct television feed of the UK Parliament. (48183)
- 147 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, what expenditure was involved in the Sheffield Forgemaster Recapitalisation; and when the business case was first submitted. (48137)
- 148 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, what expenditure was involved in the Future Maritime Support Programme; and when the business case was first submitted. (48138)
- 149 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, what expenditure is involved in the Project BRAMLEY (ICT infrastructure); and when the business case was first submitted. (48139)
- 150 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, what expenditure is involved in the Defence Marine Services - Next Generation; and when the business case was first submitted. (48140)
- 151 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, what expenditure is involved in the Astute programme; and when the business case was first submitted. (48141)

- 152 **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. (48142)
- 153 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, how much has been spent on Dreadnought Support; and when the business case was first submitted. (48143)
- 154 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, how much has been spent on the Future Combat Air System/Global Combat Air Programme; and when the business case was first submitted. (48144)
- 155 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, how much has been spent on Submarine Disposal Capability; and when the business case was first submitted. (48145)
- 156 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, how much has been spent on the AWE Client Partnership Framework; and when the business case was first submitted. (48146)
- 157 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, how much has been spent on the Land Ground Based Air Defence Mounted SHORAD; and when the business case was first submitted. (48147)
- 158 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the MODnet Evolve Programme. (48148)
- 159 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, how much has been spent on HESTIA (Facilities Management); and when the business case was first submitted. (48149)
- 160 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, how much has been spent on Project Appivate; and when the business case was first submitted. (48150)
- 161 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 43178 on Defence: Procurement, how much has been spent on the Defence Digital ICT manage services project; and when the business case was first submitted. (48151)

- 162 **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, when the online portal for service personnel to manage repairs will be available for use. (48213)
- 163 **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, which company will provide the online portal for service personnel to manage repairs. (48214)
- 164 **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 cost is for implementing the online portal for service personnel to manage repairs. (48215)
- 165 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the size of the Army Cadet force. (48218)
- 166 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the press release entitled Homes fit for heroes: Raft of new measures to improve military family housing, published on 18 April 2025, what steps he plans to take to help ensure that the New Consumer Charter for families in military homes will lead to higher move-in standards. (48219)
- 167 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Homes fit for heroes: Raft of new measures to improve military family housing, published on 18 April 2025, when the satisfaction figures will be published. (48220)
- 168 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Homes fit for heroes: Raft of new measures to improve military family housing, published on 18 April 2025, how the satisfaction figures will be collated; at what frequency; and by who. (48221)
- 169 **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 18 April 2025, what steps he is taking to ensure that families receive more reliable repairs to their homes through the New Consumer Charter. (48225)
- 170 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of recognising the Royal Observation Corps as having served as a (a) regular and (b) reserve for the armed forces. (48162)

- 171 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she is taking steps to adopt national (a) standards, (b) timescales and (c) charges for (i) roads on new housing estates and (ii) other public amenities. (48265)
- 172 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when her Department plans to respond to the correspondence from Councillor David Thomas, leader of Torbay Council of 10 February 2025. (48200)
- 173 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department holds information on the number of days each Minister in her Department has spent working primarily at her Department's offices outside London since 5 July 2024, broken down by location. (48124)
- 174 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press notice 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 her Department plans to give all combined authority mayors the power to call-in Licensing Act 2003 applications and premises reviews. (48125)
- 175 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether (a) her Department and (b) the Planning Inspectorate have issued guidance on the Supreme Court judgement UKSC/2022/0064 in relation to considering the potential impact of planning applications and appeals on the environment. (48126)
- 176 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has issued guidance to (a) local planning authorities and (b) the Planning Inspectorate on whether applicants for planning permission should be required to provide information on their (i) protected characteristics and (ii) associated diversity information. (48127)
- 177 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Government backs mayor to reopen Doncaster Sheffield Airport, published on 9 April 2025, how much of the £30 million funding was not already allocated to the combined authority in the Integrated Settlement. (48128)
- 178 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, who attends daily meetings between her Department and Birmingham City Council. (48129)
- 179 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will prioritise (a) Great Yarmouth constituency and (b) other coastal areas for economic regeneration funding. (48254)

- 180 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what funding she has made available for town centre regeneration in Great Yarmouth constituency. (48256)
- 181 **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, how the 2013 population projections from the 2011 census data were calculated. (48209)
- 182 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the number and proportion of adults who live with their parents. (48290)
- 183 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the number and proportion of adults who lived with their parents in each year between 2019 and 2024. (48291)
- 184 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will implement the powers provided under section 113 of the Levelling Up & Regeneration Act 2023. (48234)
- 185 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information she Department holds on the total cost of employers' National Insurance contributions in (a) London boroughs, (b) Metropolitan districts, (c) County councils, (d) Shire districts, (e) Unitary authorities, (f) the Greater London Authority, (g) fire and rescue authorities and (h) fire and rescue authorities in the Greater Manchester Combined Authority in (i) 2024-25 and (ii) 2025-26. [R] (48235)
- 186 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press notice entitled Chancellor vows to go further and faster to kickstart economic growth, published 29 January 2025, what her Department's timetable is for publishing the location of the submissions for sizeable new developments along the East-West Rail route. (48236)
- 187 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 24 April 2025 to Question 46451 on Birmingham City Council: Finance, what the estimated cost of providing central support to that intervention was in (a) 2023-2024, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26 to date. (48271)
- 188 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment has been made of the cost to the public purse of judicial reviews by Client Earth to (a) her department and (b) its agencies. (48122)



- 189 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she plans to take to reduce court backlogs affecting residents of Great Yarmouth constituency. (48252)
- 190 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of judicial reviews in (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22, (c) 2022-23, (d) 2023-24 and (e) 2024-25. (48237)
- 191N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether his Department has made an assessment of the value for money of the cost of public inquiries on Troubles-related legacy issues in Northern Ireland in the context of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (Remedial) Order. [Transferred] (47618)
- 192 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will make it his policy to fly the Middlesex Flag outside Downing Street on Middlesex Day 2025. (48177)
- 193 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will make an estimate of the average number of days for each write-round clearance to be approved by 10 Downing Street since 5 July 2024. (48178)
- 194 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 41252 on 10 Downing Street: Libraries, whether any Ministers have been asked to donate a book to the Prime Minister's Library since 5 July 2024. (48179)
- 195 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many (a) Ministers, (b) special advisers and (c) officials from his Department attended New York's Tartan Week in (i) 2023, (ii) 2024 and (iii) 2025. (48295)
- 196 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what the total cost to his Department was for sending a delegation to New York's Tartan Week in (a) 2023, (b) 2024 and (c) 2025. (48296)
- 197 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 23 April 2025 to Question 45675 on Candidates: Expenditure, whether the Electoral Commission releases candidate returns under the Freedom of Information Act. (48130)
- 198 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, what guidance the Electoral Commission issues to candidates on declaring notional expenditure associated with policing and security while campaigning in the regulated period as an election expense. (48131)



- 199 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 43087 on Elections: Expenditure, what guidance the Electoral Commission has given on whether items of notional expenditure below £50 count towards the aggregate spending limit. (48132)
- 200 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 2 April 2025 to Question 42467 on Electoral Commission: Companies House, whether the Electoral Commission plans to access Companies House data. (48133)
- 201 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act 2024 on the work of the Electoral Commission. (48134)
- 202 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 41450 on Electoral Commission: Companies House, whether the Electoral Commission has made any requests to Companies House to obtain additional information under the provisions in the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023. (48135)
- 203 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what meetings her Department has had with industry stakeholders on supporting the long-term growth of small and mid-sized quoted companies. (48297)
- 204 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to encourage UK investors to invest in small and mid-sized companies. (48298)
- 205 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on (a) small and mid-sized quoted companies and (b) the (i) staffing costs and (ii) long-term investment decisions made by those companies. (48299)
- 206 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the CBI Economics' report entitled The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Changes to BPR and APR, published in March 2025, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the report's finding on the impact of changes to agricultural property relief and business property relief on (a) trends in level of economic growth and (b) fiscal policy. (48264)
- 207 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether there will be a Barnett consequential for Northern Ireland following the roll out of free breakfast clubs in England. (48188)

- 208 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the press notice entitled OBR concludes planning reforms will bring housebuilding to its highest level in 40 years, published 26 November 2025, further to the HM Treasury press release on 26 March 2025, whether it is her Department's target to deliver 1.5 homes by the end of this Parliament in (a) England or (b) the UK. (48123)
- 209 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of business rates on retail unit closures in Great Yarmouth town centre between 2018 and 2024. (48262)
- 210 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, when she will bring into force the legislative provisions of the Equality Act 2010 relating to the socio-economic duty. (48266)

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 30 April

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many posts there are for (a) press, (b) media and (c) other communications staff in his Department; and what the salary band is for each post. (48099)
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will list all of the (a) special representatives, (b) envoys and (c) special envoys in post on 25 April 2025, broken down by whether they are (i) special advisers, (ii) civil servants, (iii) public appointments and (iv) direct ministerial appointments. (48181)
- 3N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many posts there are for (a) press, (b) media and (c) other communications staff in his Department; and what the salary band is for each post. (48101)
- 4N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what his planned timetable is for consulting on the long term future of the Post Office. (48195)
- 5N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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 she is taking to support apprenticeships in the hair and beauty sector. [Transferred] (48072)
- 6N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge programme for raising awareness of (a) apprenticeships, (b) traineeships and (c) T Levels in (i) Kent and (ii) England. (48272)

- 7N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which groups were consulted on the withdrawal of funding for non-specialist assistive software through the Disabled Students' Allowance. (48331)
- 8N **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support people whose home values have been affected by spray foam insulation installed under the 2020 Green Homes Grant Scheme. (48247)
- 9N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference oral contribution of 23 April 2025 by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Official Report, column 1141, how much funding has been approved for projects under the Water Restoration Fund in the latest funding round. (48192)
- 10N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference oral contribution of 23 April 2025 by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Official Report, column 1136 and 1165, what proportion of the planned funding for the water system from the private sector had been secured by 23 April 2025. (48193)
- 11N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference oral contribution of 23 April 2025 by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Official Report, column 1141, if his Department will maintain the Water Restoration Fund for this Parliament and beyond. (48194)
- 12N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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. [Transferred] (48039)
- 13N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of applying the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 other than Articles 103-107 and 109 to Northern Ireland compared with equivalent businesses in Great Britain. (48338)
- 14N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions his Department has had with relevant industry bodies in (a) Northern Ireland and (b) the rest of the UK on the potential application the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 apart from Articles 103-107 and 109 to Northern Ireland. (48339)

- 15N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of applying the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 apart from Articles 103-107 and 109 to Great Britain on a regulatory border between (a) Northern Ireland and (b) the rest of the country. (48340)
- 16N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress he has made on the Shared Rural Network (SRN) since July 2024; and what SRN projects are underway in Mid Dorset and North Poole constituency. (48329)
- 17N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of mandating new cars sold to have speed limiters.  
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(48269)
- 18N **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps with (a) Stockport Council and (b) the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to provide Metrolink services to Stockport. (48201)
- 19N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she is taking steps with her EU counterparts to help (a) improve the accessibility and (b) increase the use of UK blue parking badges in the EU. (48293)
- 20N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many unpaid carers concurrently on Personal Independence Payments and Carers Allowance are expected to lose (a) PIP and (b) PIP and Carers Allowance. (48278)
- 21N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many foreign nationals who currently live outside of the UK are paid the state pension. (48197)
- 22N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of the new surgical hubs will be focused solely on orthopaedic procedures. (48274)
- 23N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide mental health support for people waiting for joint replacement surgery. (48275)
- 24N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure people who need joint replacement surgery are able to access treatment in all regions. (48276)
- 25N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to publish an implementation plan alongside the policy paper entitled Reforming elective care for patients, published on 6 January 2025. (48277)

- 26N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many cases of salmonella infections have been reported in Birmingham in each of the last six months. (48158)
- 27N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent meetings (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have had with relevant stakeholders to discuss the potential risks to public health posed by uncollected rubbish in Birmingham. (48159)
- 28N **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 using forecasts of Gross National Income to determine future levels of official development assistance on actual future levels of official development assistance. (48103)
- 29N **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 proposed changes to the level of funding for official development assistance on the potential implementation of recommendations within the review of international development undertaken by Baroness Minouche Shafik. (48104)
- 30N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using UK microbiology expertise to build capacity in Ukraine for countering antimicrobial resistance. (48110)
- 31N **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 using the International Finance Facility for immunisation on delivering development projects. (48115)
- 32N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in Nigeria on support for Christians that country. (48196)
- 33N **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 the (a) independence and (b) effectiveness of (i) Bahrain's human rights oversight mechanisms, (ii) the National Institution for Human Rights and (iii) the Office of the Ombudsman. (48089)
- 34N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many posts there are for (a) press, (b) media and (c) other communications staff in his Department; and what the salary band is for each post. (48098)

- 35N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 March to Question 34638 on Puma Helicopters: Decommissioning, whether he has a formal target date for when the H145 HC2 Jupiter helicopter will enter service in (a) Brunei and (b) Cyprus. (48152)
- 36N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Naval Support Integrated Global Network (NSIGN) Programme. (48153)
- 37N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the New Style of Information Technology Deployed Programme. (48154)
- 38N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Next Generation (fixed) Communication Network Programme. (48155)
- 39N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the Skynet 6 Programme. (48156)
- 40N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many posts there are for (a) press, (b) media and (c) other communications staff in her Department; and what the salary band is for each post. (48100)
- 41N **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 data his Department plans to use. (48207)
- 42N **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, how funding for Fire and Rescue Authorities is distributed through the Settlement Funding Assessment. (48208)
- 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, how population (a) density and (b) sparsity will be updated to use the most up to date data. (48210)
- 44N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 6th March 2025 to Question 34056 on Fire and Rescue Services: Finance, how the growth in population since the 2013 projected population size is accounted for in current funding allocations. (48211)



- 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, how the Fair Funding Review will mean funding differs from the existing funding arrangements. (48212)
- 46N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 24 April 2025 to Question 46451 on Birmingham City Council: Finance, whether her Department has made an inexact estimate of the cost of providing central support to that intervention. (48270)
- 47N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many probation service staff providing pre-sentencing report delivery were in employment for courts in (a) England and (b) Wales in each of the last 10 years. (48157)
- 48N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many posts there are for (a) press, (b) media and (c) other communications staff in his Department; and what the salary band is for each post. (48097)
- 49N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, for what reason the NATO flag was not flown from 10 Downing Street on 4 April 2025. (48180)
- 50N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to the Answer of 22 April 2025 to Question 45018 on Special Advisers: Recruitment, whether the Prime Minister has set a maximum cap on the number of special advisers who can be appointed. (48182)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 1 May

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of encouraging local authorities to adopt the HAF Plus model of delivering the Holiday Activities and Food programme for 13-16 year olds. (48096)
- 2N **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of youth services on (a) preventing exclusions, (b) increasing school attendance and (c) educational attainment. (48241)
- 3N **Lillian Jones** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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. [Transferred] (903899)



- 4N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to implement the recommendations of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures. [Transferred] (48041)
- 5N **Yuan Yang** (Earley and Woodley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help support employees facing redundancy at Moog Reading. [Transferred] (903885)
- 6N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 April 2025 to Question 44517 on Domestic Waste: Birmingham, when he expects the risk assessment on the potential public health impacts of uncollected waste in Birmingham to be published. (48160)