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Questions tabled on Friday 9 May 2025

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Questions for Answer on Monday 12 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to consult stakeholders on (a) alignment with international reporting standards and (b) the potential impact on companies as part of the first two UK Sustainability Reporting Standards, expected in Q1 2025. [Transferred] (51064)
- 2 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether additional funding has been provided to fire and rescue services for protecting (a) large-scale solar farms that are nationally significant infrastructure projects and (b) their respective battery storage infrastructure. [Transferred] (50964)
- 3 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to reduce the number of National Archives documents misplaced while on loan to Departments. [Transferred] (51059)
- 4 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to tackle processing delays of valuations by the Teachers' Pension Scheme; and what steps she is taking to ensure that pensions are paid promptly once teachers have chosen how they wish to receive their benefits. [Transferred] (51054)
- 5 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of student loan debt on young people's ability to (a) save for a home and (b) contribute to the economy. [Transferred] (50917)

6 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many organisations were consulted on the decision to cut funding for specialist software from the Disabled Student's Allowance. (51135)

7 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of increases in National Insurance contributions on the financial sustainability of charitable hospices and the delivery of end-of-life care services. [Transferred] (51049)

8 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether combined authority mayors will be subject to Independent Office for Police Conduct standards. [Transferred] (50514)

9 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will ensure that blasphemy laws are not reintroduced. [Transferred] (51020)

10N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of a new oversight board at the West Midlands Fire Service on the quality of service provided. [Transferred] (50124)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 13 May

Questions for Written Answer

1 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the assumed cost of an hour of staff time is for assessing the disproportionate cost threshold for written parliamentary questions; what the assumed hourly cost was of responding to (a) written parliamentary questions and (b) freedom of information requests in each year since 2000; and what methodology his Department uses to estimate these costs. (51150)

2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether appointments to the Ethics and Integrity Commission will be included in the Public Bodies Order in Council; and whether the chair will be classified as a significant appointment. (51151)

3 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 7754 on Senior Civil Servants: Recruitment, whether a public sector equalities duty assessment was made when appointing the five mission delivery board civil service roles. (51158)

4 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 April 2025 to Question 42606 on Civil Servants: Remote Working, how figures are collated for overall workforce attendance in offices other than the departmental HQ; and whether such figures are reviewed centrally. (51159)

5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 April 2025 to Question 41642 on Office for National Statistics (ONS): Industrial Disputes, what the mandated return to the office is; what the previous office attendance rate was in each ONS building; and what the expected office attendance rate is in those buildings. (51160)

6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's data entitled Cabinet Office: spend data over £25,000 - March 2025, published on 24 April 2025, what the expenditure with Tullo Marshall Warren Ltd was for. (51161)

7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 April 2025 to Question 43463 on Prime Minister: Email, whether emails which are automatically removed after 90 days that have not otherwise been saved for long-term storage are still considered to be held under (a) the Freedom of Information regime and (b) Subject Access Request regime. (51163)

8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13326, on Government Departments: Flags, if he will publish a list of the flags purchased by the Government Property Agency since 4 July 2024; how much each cost; and the purpose for which each flag was bought. (51165)

9 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which Department is responsible for paying the council tax bill for the empty Ministerial residences in Admiralty House. (51120)

10 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential security impact of the proposed Chinese Embassy development on nearby underground communications cables. (51121)

11 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants were subject to formal disciplinary proceedings in each of the last three years. (51188)

12 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants across all departments were awarded performance bonuses in the financial year 2024-2025. (51189)

13 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential risk of e-bike battery fires caused by products manufactured outside the (a) UK and (b) EU. (51246)

14 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many incidents of battery fires on (a) converted and (b) non-converted e-bikes were reported to the Office for Product Safety and Standards in the last 12 months for which data are available. (51247)

15 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what support is available for businesses awaiting admission to the UK Internal Market Scheme. (51184)

16 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the time taken to process business applications to join the UK Internal Market Scheme. (51185)

17 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he is taking steps to improve processing time for applications to join the UK Internal Market Scheme. (51186)

18 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment his Department has made of Royal Mail's compliance with its Universal Service Obligation in areas experiencing delivery delays of 7 to 10 days between mail deliveries. (51176)

19 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he has taken to hold Royal Mail accountable when local delivery services fall below the standard expected under its regulatory obligations. (51177)

20 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that national sports governing bodies enforce compliance with statutory safeguarding guidance; and what assessment she has made of the adequacy of enforcement mechanisms for failing to act in the absence of direct harm. (51203)

21 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to Disney+ making available the 'uncut' version of The Abyss, what steps is she taking to ensure that streaming services ensure their content is not in breach of UK law. (51152)

22 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will hold discussions with UNESCO on the potential merits of recognising the (a) production and (b) serving of cask ale as an intangible cultural heritage. (51183)

23 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of safeguarding legislation in ensuring that organisations outside of formal education settings comply with statutory guidance. (51204)

24 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support pupils undertaking exams when experiencing (a) health issues and (b) bereavement. (51138)

25 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that schools in deprived areas offer A-level physics courses to pupils. (51245)

26 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of emotional based school avoidance on (a) pupils and (b) schools. (51237)

27 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the level of emotional based school avoidance in (a) Southampton Test constituency and (b) England. (51238)

28 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of SEND support recipients were children of non-UK nationals in the latest year for which data is available. (51193)

29 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average cost per pupil was of providing English as an Additional Language support in state schools in the most recent academic year. (51198)

30 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools in England had a majority of pupils without English as a first language in (a) the most recent year for which figures are available and (b) 2005. (51199)

31 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the funding received by schools participating in the National School Breakfast Programme to provide a nutritionally balanced breakfast to each child. (51234)

32 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to review the per-meal funding for schools participating in the National School Breakfast Programme. (51235)

33 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that breakfasts provided through the National School Breakfast Programme are nutritious. (51236)

34 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of public libraries on adult education. (51173)

35 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's blog entitled Warm Homes Plan and heat pumps, published on 21 November 2024, when permitted development rights for air source heat pump installations will be extended. (51149)

36 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to recommendation 12 of the First Report of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee of Session 2022-23 on Preparing for the winter, HC 1720, published on 23 September 2023, whether he plans to implement the proposed changes to standing energy charges. (51180)

37 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to include costed policies to meet the (a) fourth, (b) fifth and (c) sixth carbon budget as part of the forthcoming climate action plan. (51108)

38 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of reporting materials by weight in the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme on incentives for producers to use (a) soft plastics and (b) other lighter but less recyclable materials over (i) paper, (ii) glass and (iii) other more sustainable but heavier alternatives. (51181)

39 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 6 May 2025 to Question 48443 on Water Charges, if he will publish representations received on (a) progressive and (b) seasonal water metering tariffs since 4 July 2024. (51132)

40 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his policy is on the future of the chalk stream recovery pack programme. (51133)

41 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of adopting a not-for-profit model for water companies in England. (51265)

42 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the feasibility of transitioning water companies to (a) public benefit and (b) community interest company models. (51266)

43 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has considered the potential (a) advantages and (b) disadvantages of returning water companies to public ownership. (51267)

44 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with relevant stakeholders on the viability of municipal ownership models for water services. (51268)

45 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of re-establishing regional water authorities on (a) service delivery and (b) accountability. (51269)

46 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of state ownership of water infrastructure assets in the South West. (51270)

47 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to encourage academic research collaboration between UK and Ukrainian universities. [R] (51215)

48 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she is taking steps with the Civil Aviation Authority to help reduce the potential impact of the new scheme of charges on drone operators. (51213)

49 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps with the Civil Aviation Authority to help ensure that (a) existing and (b) future regulation of drone technology is (i) proportionate and (ii) supports growth in the sector. (51214)

50 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people (a) sat and (b) passed a driving test at the Edinburgh (Currie) Driving Test Centre in each year since 2010. (51216)

51 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which railways are planned for (a) full and (b) partial electrification; whether these proposals are funded; what the target delivery dates are; and whether this information is published in tabular format. (51248)

52 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what comparative assessment her Department has made of the reliability of battery (a) bi-mode, (b) tri-mode and (c) battery/electric hybrid trains and fully electric trains; and if she will publish the data underpinning this assessment. (51249)

53 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of (a) discontinuous electrification and (b) battery locomotives on (i) the decarbonisation of rail freight and (ii) increasing the use of rail freight. (51250)

54 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that vehicle manufacturers rectify security issues with cars to prevent theft; and what discussions her Department has had with vehicle manufacturers on preventing car theft. (51179)

55 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of population changes due to immigration on public transport (a) capacity and (b) congestion levels in urban centres. (51191)

56 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people who (a) are currently eligible for PIP and (b) will not be eligible for PIP following her Department's proposed changes to the assessment criteria for that benefit in Wiltshire. (51217)

57 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people with (a) musculoskeletal disorders and (b) learning disabilities who will be affected by changes to PIP eligibility in Wiltshire. (51218)

58 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of her Department's proposed changes to the eligibility for PIP on the number of people who qualify for (a) a Blue Badge, (b) Housing Benefit and (c) Carer's Allowance in Wiltshire. (51219)

59 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the eligibility criteria for Universal Credit on (a) young adults under 25 and (b) young adults under 25 who are (i) living independently and (ii) without family support in Wiltshire. (51220)

60 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reason accessible versions of the Pathways to Work Green Paper were not published at the same time as the original version; and if she will take steps to ensure that accessible versions of documents are published simultaneously in the future. (51221)

61 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing compensation relating to pre-1997 pensionable service for Pension Protection Fund members to be indexed. (51222)

62 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that financial reparations to LGBT veterans are not considered in assessments for benefit entitlement. (51114)

63 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has considered allowing medical students in their second foundation year to apply for positions that are ring-fenced for physician associates. (51223)

64 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has considered reformulating unfilled training posts to enable them to be given to medical students in their second foundation year who have prior experience in the relevant department. (51224)

65 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the (a) career and (b) job search support provisions available to junior doctors. (51225)

66 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment for Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections. (51140)

67 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce health inequalities (a) in general and (b) for children. (51139)

68 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has considered appointing a clinical director for vascular and venous disease. (51105)

69 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to help increase (a) public and (b) medical education on vascular and venous disease; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of doing so on levels of early diagnosis. (51106)

70 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the number of amputations for vascular and venous disease; and what discussions he has had with experts in this area on taking steps to reduce the number of amputations. (51107)

71 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of redundancies arising from the abolition of NHS England. (51164)

72 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the regional variation in GP direct access to brain MRI and CT head scans. [R] (51207)

73 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the uptake of the NHS England 2023 guidance on GP direct access to diagnostic services. [R] (51208)

74 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with Integrated Care Boards on commissioning pathways for suspected brain tumours in primary care. [R] (51209)

75 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve awareness among GPs of NHS England guidance on direct access to brain imaging. [R] (51210)

76 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of patients diagnosed with a brain tumour through emergency presentation in each of the last five years. [R] (51211)

77 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of new GP registrations were made by non-UK nationals in each of the last five years. (51192)

78 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many cases of communicable diseases were recorded in new arrivals to the UK in the last five years by visa status. (51197)

79 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the NHS dentistry funding model in ensuring access to dental care in West Dorset. (51252)

80 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to review the Units of Dental Activity system. (51253)

81 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that funding provided through NHS dental contracts is adequate for meeting the costs of providing care in rural areas. (51254)

82 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential contribution of overseas recruitment in helping to tackle NHS dental workforce shortages. (51255)

83 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of dental school capacity on long-term access to NHS dentistry. (51256)

84 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of GP patient-to-practice ratios in (a) rural constituencies and (b) West Dorset constituency. (51257)

85 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking with Dorset Integrated Care Board to recruit more GPs in West Dorset constituency. (51258)

86 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase the level of funding available for new GP premises in (a) rural areas and (b) West Dorset constituency. (51259)

87 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the average waiting time to see a GP in West Dorset constituency, in the latest period for which data is available. (51260)

88 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department has issued to integrated care boards on maintaining access to dental services in underserved communities. (51271)

89 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children were prescribed antidepressants in each year since 2007. (51143)

90 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support ADHD awareness initiatives in Surrey Heath constituency. (51242)

91 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the employment of qualified counsellors in paid roles within mental health services. (51178)

92 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proportion of the revised ODA budget in the 2024–25 financial year is allocated to support Ukraine; and how much was allocated in (a) 2022–23 and (b) 2023–24. (51226)

93 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many ODA-funded projects operating in Ukraine (a) have secured funding beyond 2024–25 and (b) are at risk of early termination due to ODA budget constraints. (51227)

94 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many ODA-funded projects currently operating in Ukraine (a) have secured funding beyond 2024–25 and (b) are at risk of early termination due to ODA budget constraints. (51228)

95 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any UK Government-funded humanitarian aid projects in Ukraine are scheduled to conclude in 2024; and what assessment has been made of the impact of discontinuation on the Ukrainian population. (51229)

96 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans his Department has to prioritise funding within the reduced ODA budget for the reconstruction and rebuilding of (a) healthcare, (b) housing and (c) education infrastructure in Ukraine. (51230)

97 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure continuity of humanitarian aid funding to Ukraine beyond the 2025–26 financial year; and whether there are any forthcoming funding cliff-edges. (51231)

98 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of ODA reductions on support for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Ukraine; and whether he plans to ringfence funding for such programmes in conflict zones. (51232)

99 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which ODA-funded programmes in countries classified as (a) non-priority, (b) high-income and (c) of no current strategic interest are due to receive funding in the 2025-26 financial year; and whether any such programmes are planned for reduction or cessation. (51233)

100 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on UK Nationals being able to stay in the Schengen Zone for only 90 in every 180 days. (51212)

101 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what guidance his Department has issued to ambassadors on (a) declaring and (b) reporting their interests. (51154)

102 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will raise (a) the maximum permitted stay in Schengen area countries for UK citizens without a visa of 90 days in a 180 day period and (b) increasing this period to six months at the UK-EU Summit on 19 May 2025. (51187)

103 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to increase security cooperation with India to help tackle terrorism. (51169)

104 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to improve accountability measures against (a) state and (b) non-state actors that sponsor terrorism. (51170)

105 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he has taken to ensure that consular support is available to British tourists travelling in Pahalgam following the attack near Pahalgam on 22 April 2025. (51171)

106 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Harehills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 12 February 2025 to Question 27839 on Western Sahara: Politics and Government, whether he supports a referendum on self-determination for the people of Western Sahara. (51141)

107 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Harehills): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with the Moroccan Ambassador on the recent occupation of further territory in Western Sahara. (51142)

108 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 29 April 2025, to Question 45678, on Licensing Laws, who the members of the taskforce are; and how they were selected. (51122)

109 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's news story entitled Statement on Serco asylum accommodation list, published on 27 April 2025, whether her Department asked Serco to remove the list from its website. (51123)

110 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 30 April 2025 to Question 46900 on Asylum: Housing, whether any asylum accommodation is provided directly by local authorities. (51124)

111 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 30 April 2025 to Question 46893 on Asylum: Local Government, what the names of those grants are. (51126)

112 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's news story entitled Statement on Serco asylum accommodation list, published on 27 April 2025, which local authorities in Serco provides asylum accommodation to in (a) the North West, (b) the Midlands, (c) the East of England and (d) the rest of the country; and how many individual properties are managed in each local authority area. (51127)

113 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people deported for criminal offences in the last five years had previously been granted (a) asylum and (b) humanitarian protection. (51194)

114 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people under active surveillance for potential extremist activity are foreign nationals; and what proportion of those people entered via asylum routes. (51201)

115 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many complaints her Department has received relating to the passport photograph software cropping or rejecting images of individuals wearing (a) turbans and (b) other religious head coverings in the last 12 months. (51174)

116 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the photograph software used for passport applications; and what steps she is taking to ensure that the software does not discriminate against people wearing (a) turbans and (b) other religious head coverings. (51175)

117 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support the (a) development and (b) deployment of drone technologies by Ukraine. (51261)

118 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department is providing (a) training and (b) technical assistance to help Ukrainian forces (i) operate and (ii) maintain drone technologies. (51262)

119 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of new housing demand that is attributable to net migration since 2010. (51190)

120 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department has issued on the classification of (a) annexes and (b) sculleries in listed buildings for council tax purposes. (51263)

121 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an estimate of the potential impact of the classification of ancillary spaces as separate dwellings for council tax purposes on costs for owners of listed buildings. (51264)

122 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities to maintain (a) community centres, (b) libraries and (c) other community assets in (i) Leicester East constituency and (ii) England. (51172)

123 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to extend the boundary of Freeport East. (51202)

124 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made an assessment of the financial impact of the Court of Protection's Deputyship application process on families of disabled children who lack capacity to access Child Trust Funds. (51205)

125 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to simplify the Court of Protection's Deputyship application process for families of disabled children who lack capacity to access Child Trust Funds. (51206)

126 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of grooming gang convictions since 2005 have involved perpetrators born outside the UK. (51195)

127 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many foreign nationals with (a) settled and (b) asylum status have been convicted of terrorism-related offences since 2010. (51200)

128 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that spent convictions are not considered once spent. (51276)

129 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that organisations do not discriminate against people with spent convictions. (51277)

130 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made an assessment of the effectiveness of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. (51278)

131 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidance her Department provides to (a) employers, (b) landlords and (c) other entities to ensure they properly understand and respect the rights of people with spent convictions. (51279)

132 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what plans her Department has to strengthen the protection of people with spent convictions, in the context of technological advancements in data sharing. (51280)

133 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how Serco performed against key performance indicators at the most recent performance review on the HMP Ashfield (South Gloucestershire) contract. (51147)

134 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how Serco performed against the key performance indicators at the most recent performance review on their HMP & YOI Fosse Way (Leicester) contract. (51148)

135 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the US-UK trade deal on Northern Ireland businesses. (51243)

136 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what progress he has made on the implementation of City and Growth Deals in Northern Ireland. (51244)

137 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many visits he has made to each constituency in Northern Ireland since his appointment. (51251)

138 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the value inclusive of accrued interest is of assets frozen by the UK that belonged to the Libyan Qaddafi regime. (51166)

139 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 29 April 2025 to Question 45654 on Bank Services: Vetting, what her planned timetable is for issuing revised guidance on Political Exposed Persons. (51128)

140 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2024 to Question 15200 on Council Tax: Wales, when the Valuation Office Agency will publish this information. (51129)

141 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has had discussions with the Bank of England on the proposed Chinese Embassy in London. (51130)

142 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the absence of a cash cap on the cost of retail, hospitality and leisure (RHL) rate relief in 2026-27; and what estimate she has made of the gross revenue required from the multiplier surcharge on hereditaments with a Rateable Value above £500,000 to fund the new RHL multiplier in 2026-27. (51131)

143 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of (a) income tax, (b) VAT and (c) National Insurance revenue was generated by non-UK nationals in the last 10 years; and what information her Department holds on the proportion of public spending on non-UK nationals in the last 10 years. (51196)

144 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many non-domiciled residents have left the UK since 5 July 2024. (51144)

145 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent estimate her Department has made of the potential impact of ending the non-domiciled tax status on revenues to the Exchequer. (51145)

146 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of ending the non-domiciled tax status on the financial sector. (51146)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 14 May

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to make an assessment of the potential impact of new (a) policy and (b) legislation on (i) Northern Ireland-Republic of Ireland and (ii) Great Britain-Northern Ireland trade and cooperation. (51137)

2N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the 41% tariffs imposed by the United States on the Falkland Islands were discussed as part of the negotiations for the US-UK trade deal announced on 8 May 2025.

[Transferred] (50961)

3N **Sam Rushworth** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps UK Research and Innovation is taking to help increase technological capabilities in battery cell production. [Transferred] (904156)

4N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure good quality therapy for care experienced children in a timely manner that meets the needs of families. [Transferred] (51013)

5N **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 awarded less than four points in all daily living activities. (51241)

6N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the release of Adult Social Care Funding Data, following the Information Tribunal order to disclose it in October 2024. (51240)

7N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 28 April 2025 to Question 48367, what his Department's timeline is for implementing that robust mechanism review process; what steps his Department is taking to implement it; and which bodies will oversee its implementation. (51113)

8N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of issuing sanctions on people associated with the detention of Alaa Abd El-Fattah in Egypt. (51104)

9N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 30 April 2025 to Question 46892 on Asylum: Housing, how many dwellings have been procured by (a) Serco, (b) Meads, (c) Clearspring Homes and (d) Corporate Travel Management. (51125)

10N **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with her European counterparts on improving visa-free travel arrangements to Europe for British citizens. (51239)

11N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 7 May 2025 to Question 48630 on Police: Working Hours and with reference to the press notice entitled New measures to put neighbourhood bobbies back on beat, published on 9 April 2025, on what evidential basis she determined the number of neighbourhood police officers required. (51182)

12N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2025 to Question 38911 on Clothing: Public Places, whether she plans to take steps to help support residents who are scared to leave their homes due to people wearing balaclavas in town centres in Hertfordshire. (51275)

13N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 May to Question 48490 on Brunei: Armed Forces, what mitigations are in place until the introduction of the H145 HC2 Jupiter helicopters. (51134)

14N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the First Sea Lord's Sea Power Conference 2024. (51110)

15N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 May 2025 to Question 49322 on Boeing E-7, what further test flights are planned for the first E-7 Wedgetail aircraft before it enters its test and evaluation phase. (51111)

16N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 May 2025 to Question 49325 on Boeing E-7, what challenges his Department has encountered in the (a) modification and (b) integration processes for the second and third E-7 Wedgetail aircraft. (51112)

17N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many species of plant that previously could not be traded between Great Britain and Northern Ireland have been made available following discussions with the EU on horticultural issues in the last six months. (51109)

18N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether qualifying stablecoin issuers will be subject to (a) capital and (b) liquidity requirements under the provisions in the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Cryptoassets) Order 2025. (51116)

19N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has (a) received representations and (b) held discussions with the (i) Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, (ii) Ministry of Defence and (iii) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, on the costs of the proposed (A) lease with Mauritius, (B) proposed Chagosian Trust Fund, (C) proposed economic partnership with Mauritius and (D) the costs of supporting a future Marine Protected Area established by Mauritius. (51115)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 15 May

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Civil Service Commission's publication entitled How Departments are doing on fair and open recruitment: what the Commission's audits found, published in April 2025, in which departments audits found errors on the management of appointments by exception. (51157)

2N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much and what proportion of the proposed network subsidy to the Post Office would be used to support the transition of directly managed branches to franchises.

(51117)

3N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the proposed network subsidy to the Post Office could be used to support Post Offices with rental costs as they become franchises.

(51118)

4N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, over what period the proposed network subsidy to the Post Office would last.

(51119)

5N **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for what reason The Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 do not include time limits on extended subsidies to Drax.

(51136)

6N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle the use of illegally modified (a) cars and (b) motorcycles that produce excessive noise.

(51273)

7N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department has taken to prohibit the sale and use of LEDs which dazzle (a) pedestrians, (b) cyclists and (c) other drivers.

(51274)

8N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent discussions her Department has had with the Health and Safety Executive on the collection of data on (a) fatalities and (b) serious injuries caused by cattle.

(51272)

9N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 December 2024 to Question 20252 on Universities: China, what the terms of reference are of the audit of the UK's interests with regards to China; and whether he plans to publish a report at the end of the exercise.

(51153)

10N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 April 2025 to Question 41270 on MI6: Stonewall, for what reason the Secret Intelligence Service has a membership.

(51155)

11N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2025 to Question 23482 on 11 Downing Street: Council Tax, whether he pays council tax on his official Ministerial residence in Carlton Gardens as a (a) sole or main residence, (b) single person discount and (c) second homes premium in 2025-26.

(51156)

Questions for Answer on Friday 16 May

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the long-term sustainability of palliative and end of life care services. (51167)

Questions for Answer on Monday 19 May

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 29 April 2025 to Question 45981 on Parental Leave, what the breakdown in the Other/Unknown category is between (a) the Channel Islands, (b) the Isle of Man and (c) unknown for the average length of (i) Statutory Paternity Leave, (ii) Shared Parental Leave and (iii) Statutory Maternity Leave claimed in each of the last five years. (51168)

