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Questions tabled on Monday 7 July 2025

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 8 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an estimate of the number of businesses that have ceased trading in (a) Fylde and (b) Lancashire each day since 1 July 2024. [Transferred] (65165)
- 2 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support STEM skills development in (a) secondary schools and (b) colleges in Fylde constituency. [Transferred] (65178)
- 3 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many incidents regarding dangerous dogs have been reported in (a) Ashfield constituency, (b) Nottinghamshire and (c) England in each of the last 5 years. [Transferred] (65035)
- 4 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing stronger penalties for owners involved with dangerous dog incidents. [Transferred] (65036)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on the licensing and regulation of animal rescue and rehoming centres. [Transferred] (65047)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the licensing and regulation of animal rescue and rehoming centres. [Transferred] (65048)

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- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on the licensing and regulation of animal rescue and rehoming centres. [Transferred] (65049)
- 8 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of jobs that could be lost as a result of artificial intelligence. [Transferred] (65034)
- 9 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference page 26 of the National Security Strategy 2025, CP 1338, published on 24 June 2025, what his Department's planned timetable is the publication of the Cyber Security and Resilience Bill; and what plans he has for (a) pre-legislative scrutiny and (b) consultation in relation to that Bill. [Transferred] (65154)
- 10 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities in adopting AI responsibly in service delivery. [Transferred] (65073)
- 11 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to (a) maintain and (b) promote local green spaces in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. [Transferred] (64975)
- 12 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Table 5.8 of the Spending Review 2025, published on 11 June 2025, how much of the spending line Memo: Police Core Spending is made up of (a) government grant and (b) council tax receipts in each year. [Transferred] (65011)
- 13 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to exempt film studios from the business rates surcharge for hereditaments with a rateable value over £500,000. [Transferred] (65014)
- 14 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to mitigate the regional economic impact of the inheritance tax changes on family businesses in the North East. [Transferred] (65145)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 9 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is planning to take to (a) consult further with the infected blood community and (b) involve that community in the development of the Government's response to the Infected Blood Inquiry. (65677)
- 2 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the equality impact assessments undertaken in relation to the development of regulations on infected blood compensation. (65678)
- 3 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the potential cost to the public purse of the (a) establishment and (b) ongoing administration of the Infected Blood Compensation Authority. (65679)
- 4 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the funding allocated to the Infected Blood Compensation Authority is drawn from the £11.8 billion set aside by the Government for infected blood compensation or provided from a separate budget. (65680)
- 5 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of abolishing the Office for Equality and Opportunity. (65206)
- 6 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Departments are required to report on the origin of food purchased through public procurement contracts. (65610)
- 7 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will require public bodies to publish annual data on the percentage of British food procured. (65622)
- 8 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent evaluation his Department has made of the adequacy of the Disability Confident scheme's conversion rate from interview to appointment for disabled applicants across government departments. (65559)
- 9 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the progress of the civil service in increasing the proportion of recruits from (a) lower socio-economic backgrounds, (b) with disabilities and (c) from ethnic minority backgrounds. (65563)
- 10 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) anonymised CVs and (b) name-blind recruitment on diversity outcomes in Government departments. (65567)

- 11 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the removal of potential bias relating to (a) class, (b) race and (c) disability in civil service recruitment. (65569)
- 12 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to (a) monitor and (b) help tackle potential civil service recruitment barriers for candidates from underrepresented backgrounds. (65570)
- 13 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to ensure that suppliers (a) linked to forced labour in Xinjiang and (b) named in allied sanctions lists are excluded from public procurement frameworks. (65641)
- 14 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many contracts held by Serco were extended or renewed between 2020 and 2025; and whether any of those extensions were granted despite outstanding performance concerns. (65292)
- 15 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) flexible and (b) seasonal work patterns in the (i) beer and (ii) pub sector the recruitment and retention of staff. (65246)
- 16 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on ensuring employment policies reflect the needs of sectors with high levels of (a) youth and (b) seasonal employment. (65247)
- 17 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support high street businesses. (65510)
- 18 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Act on small high-street businesses. (65512)
- 19 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Act 2025 on small and medium sized businesses. (65516)
- 20 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help support businesses to invest in skills and training. (65518)
- 21 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help support businesses to take up digital technologies. (65519)

- 22 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he has taken with Cabinet colleagues to accelerate the transition to a circular economy. (65520)
- 23 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has reviewed the findings of the recent national four-day working week pilot; and whether he plans to respond to the 4 Day Week Foundation's recommendation to establish a working time council. (65417)
- 24 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has considered the findings of the most recent four day week pilot; and what steps his Department is taking to ensure businesses have a structured forum in which to share insights on effective implementation. (65418)
- 25 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to hold online marketplaces accountable for the sale of (a) unsafe and (b) non-compliant e-bike products. (65469)
- 26 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with the Office for Product Safety and Standards on the enforcement of existing standards for (a) e-bike batteries and (b) conversion kits. (65470)
- 27 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to prevent people from selling high-powered e-bikes and scooters that are not legal for use on roads. (65471)
- 28 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that self-employed delivery riders are included in mandatory training obligations designed to protect (a) themselves and (b) the public. (65472)
- 29 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support local, independent coffee shops. (65524)
- 30 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on the number of working days lost to strike action in (a) Fylde constituency and (b) Lancashire. (65479)
- 31 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to replace the import safeguard quotas for steel when they expire in June 2026. (65561)
- 32 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to include measures to help protect steelmakers from subsidised steel imports from (a) China and (b) the wider Far East in the forthcoming trade strategy. (65562)

- 33 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has set a cap on the amount of funding he will allocate to the running of British Steel in the next three financial years. (65564)
- 34 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has considered increasing the size of the Steel Fund, in the context of funding allocated to the running of British Steel under the Steel Industry (Special Measures) Act 2025. (65565)
- 35 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he next plans to conduct a national security assessment of (a) British Steel and (b) the wider UK steel industry. (65566)
- 36 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what support mechanisms he is considering for the UK steel industry should the criteria for removing export tariffs on shipments to the US not be met. (65568)
- 37 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of changes in the market share of e-bikes imported from China out of all e-bikes sold in the UK since 6 February 2025. (65628)
- 38 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has collected data on the share of e-bike sales comprising models imported from China. (65629)
- 39 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the current regulatory framework for the locksmith industry. (65354)
- 40 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to address consumer protection concerns in the locksmith sector. (65355)
- 41 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps to ensure that television coverage of the Tour de France remains available to UK viewers. (65556)
- 42 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of ceasing television coverage of the Tour de France in the UK on levels of interest in British cycling. (65557)
- 43 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with UK broadcasters on ensuring that television coverage of the Tour de France remains available to UK viewers. (65558)

- 44 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to ensure that religious organisations' assets are scrutinised before making decisions regarding an extension of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. (65560)
- 45 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the long-term financial sustainability of arts centres. (65686)
- 46 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make capital funding available to arts centres for regular inspections on building conditions. (65553)
- 47 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to increase Parliamentary oversight of the BBC World Service. (65232)
- 48 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when the School Support Staff Negotiating Body will be operational. (65451)
- 49 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure the independence of the School Support Staff Negotiating Body. (65452)
- 50 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that recommendations made by the School Support Staff Negotiating Body are implemented. (65453)
- 51 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure collaboration between the School Support Staff Negotiation Body and academy trusts. (65454)
- 52 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of fines that were issued to parents for unauthorised school absence in (a) South Holland District Council and (b) South Kesteven District Council in the last 12 months. (65208)
- 53 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of access to CAMHS services for special educational needs and disabilities children in Lincolnshire. (65210)
- 54 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to amend the guidance entitled School food standards practical guide, published on 13 February 2025, to encourage schools to buy British produce. (65608)
- 55 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support schools to source (a) fresh and (b) seasonal food produced in the UK. (65612)

- 56 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of children eligible for free school meals who are not currently receiving them in Epsom and Ewell constituency. (65651)
- 57 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many applications for the Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund were made in Cambridgeshire in each year between 2014-15 and 2024-25 inclusive. (65488)
- 58 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many EHCPs were issued in Cambridgeshire in each year between 2014-15 and 2024-25 inclusive. (65489)
- 59 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to encourage more students to study languages in schools. (65645)
- 60 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department funds educational programmes on coastal conservation for schools visiting beaches. (65649)
- 61 **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the absence of legal requirement for local authorities to provide free transport for young people with SEND beyond the age of 16 on (a) parental employment and (b) the future employment prospects of those children. (65522)
- 62 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to reduce energy bills. (65498)
- 63 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to provide funding for renewable energy sources. (65500)
- 64 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to safeguard critical energy infrastructure against the extreme summer temperatures. (65501)
- 65 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans he has to assess land use changes in applications for new energy infrastructure. (65502)
- 66 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the condition is of the Moyle Interconnector; and what plans he has for the development of new energy interconnectors between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (65391)

- 67 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the proportion of UK solar-panel imports sourced from Xinjiang-based polysilicon manufacturers sanctioned by the United States; and whether he plans to introduce a full import ban on such products. (65640)
- 68 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many switch-off orders have been issued to solar power generating facilities by the National Energy System Operator since 5 July 2024. (65487)
- 69 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what comparative assessment he has made of the potential merits of (a) small nuclear power plants and (b) large-scale solar farms. (65552)
- 70 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what information his Department holds on (a) what components used in the power grid were manufactured by Chinese companies and (b) whether (i) Chinese companies and (ii) the Chinese state can (A) access data from and (B) control those components remotely. (65504)
- 71 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of aligning the the UK and EU carbon trading systems on meeting the UK's climate targets. (65626)
- 72 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2025 to Question 37521 on Import Controls: Northern Ireland, whether EU officials have assessed the completed border control posts. (65436)
- 73 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what financial support his Department is providing for people struggling with water bills. (65348)
- 74 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 8 May 2025 to Question 49250 on Plants: Disease Control, what assessment he has made of the the potential impact of the UPOV 1991 convention on small holder and subsistence farmers globally?. (65356)
- 75 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to encourage farmers to farm sustainably. (65503)
- 76 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 4 July to Question 63580 on Public Houses: Recycling, if he will hold discussions with pubs on the potential impact of the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme on glass waste in their businesses in Braintree constituency. (65271)

- 77 **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has assessed the potential merits of allowing the Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund to be used for the acquisition of sustainable refrigerated light commercial goods vehicle transport. (65598)
- 78 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) farmers and (b) landowners in Northern Ireland have equitable access to UK-wide (i) environmental and (ii) biodiversity funding streams. (65394)
- 79 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of global fertiliser supply chain disruptions on farmers in Northern Ireland; and what steps he is taking to mitigate the impact. (65395)
- 80 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to increase the proportion of British-grown food procured by the public sector. (65607)
- 81 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the (a) number of food miles and (b) level of carbon emissions generated through catering provided by the public sector in the most recent period for which data is available. (65615)
- 82 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support is available for public sector caterers that would like to organise farm visits to help improve local food supply relationships. (65620)
- 83 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what comparative assessment his Department has made of the environmental impact of sourcing food from British producers compared to overseas suppliers for public sector contracts. (65623)
- 84 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Scottish Government on the inclusion of species-rich meadows in the list of irreplaceable habitats in Scotland. (65527)
- 85 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the levels of protection for species-rich meadows in devolved Administrations on UK-wide nature recovery objectives. (65528)
- 86 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support cooperation with devolved Administrations on the protection of irreplaceable habitats. (65529)

- 87 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of measures to control the spread of Japanese knotweed. (65530)
- 88 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support landowners in (a) managing and (b) eradicating Japanese knotweed. (65531)
- 89 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support local authorities in (a) managing and (b) eradicating Japanese knotweed. (65532)
- 90 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support otter conservation. (65536)
- 91 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the devolved Administrations on measures to protect otter populations. (65537)
- 92 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is funding UK-wide research into otter conservation. (65538)
- 93 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Scottish Government on conservation of otters in Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire constituency. (65539)
- 94 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the conservation of mountain hares. (65540)
- 95 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the devolved administrations on protecting mountain hare populations. (65541)
- 96 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is funding UK-wide research into mountain hare conservation. (65542)
- 97 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Scottish Government on the conservation of mountain hare in Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire constituency. (65543)

- 98 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce legally binding targets for the reduction of untreated sewage discharges into chalk streams. (65652)
- 99 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 4 July to Question 63361 on Floods: Huntingdon, if will she publish the (a) hydraulic modelling and (b) real-world data from flood events relating to the St Ives Staunch Sluice. (65658)
- 100 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 4 July 2025 to Question 63361 on Floods: Huntingdon, what the condition is of the St Ives Staunch Sluice. (65659)
- 101 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to Information Commission's Office case reference IC-385446-V5T5, if he will place in the Library a copy of the responses to the consultation on the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse. (65551)
- 102 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the cleanliness of beaches in Lancashire. (65646)
- 103 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on the number of miles of public beaches that were inaccessible due to (a) private ownership and (b) development on 7 July 2025. (65647)
- 104 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance his Department has issued to the public on rights of access to (a) coastal paths and (b) beaches. (65650)
- 105 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much Horizon Europe funding has been allocated to organisations in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire since the programme began. (65211)
- 106 **Sir Jeremy Hunt** (Godalming and Ash): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress he has made on AI collaboration with Anthropic since 14 February 2025. (65235)
- 107N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Spending Review 2025, published on 11 June 2025, what proportion of the £22.6 billion increase to research and development funding by 2029-30 will be allocated to support the (a) development, (b) validation and (c) uptake of alternative methods to animal testing. (65359)

- 108N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Spending Review 2025, published on 11 June 2025, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of funding for artificial Intelligence to replace the use of animals in medical research. (65360)
- 109 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of raising the minimum age for social media access. (65432)
- 110 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of parental controls on (a) social media platforms and (b) smartphones. (65433)
- 111 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of banning smartphone in secondary schools. (65434)
- 112 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to support (a) parents and (b) teachers who are concerned about smartphone use (i) children and (ii) teenagers. (65435)
- 113 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help tackle train fare dodging. (65349)
- 114 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to support initiatives aimed at increasing cycling participation among women and girls. (65483)
- 115 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the (a) safety and (b) accessibility of road networks in rural areas in Mid Leicestershire constituency; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of development on road networks between settlements. (65414)
- 116 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of bridleways on supporting active travel nationally. (65449)
- 117 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support community rail in the north of England. [R] (65455)
- 118 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department is taking steps to help support the long-term viability of community rail organisations in the context of (a) her Department's rail reforms and (b) the inception of Great British Rail. (65456)

- 119 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help support the wider community utility of rail stations in the north of England. (65457)
- 120 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on reducing the level of bike thefts. (65306)
- 121 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to electrify the North Wales main line. (65574)
- 122 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve the (a) frequency and (b) capacity of passenger rail services on the (i) Heart of Wales Line and (ii) Cambrian Line. (65575)
- 123 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has taken steps to implement two services an hour on the Shrewsbury-Wrexham-Chester Line. (65577)
- 124 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the decision was made to reclassify the Oxford-Cambridge line from an England-only project to an England and Wales project. (65585)
- 125 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many additional driving test appointments have been made available through extended testing hours since December 2024. (65440)
- 126 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the DVSA's recruitment campaign for new examiners; and how many new examiners have been recruited in the last 12 months. (65441)
- 127 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure (a) equal and (b) fair access to driving test appointments for candidates who are unable to travel outside their local areas. (65442)
- 128 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential risks of the use of (a) illegal or (b) modified e-bikes being used by food delivery riders. (65474)
- 129 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve data collection on e-bike (a) collisions and (b) journey purpose. (65476)

- 130 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to speed up the rollout of South Western Railway Arterio trains in Surrey following renationalisation. (65490)
- 131 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to return the frequency of South Western Railway trains in Surrey back to pre-Covid levels following renationalisation. (65491)
- 132 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of steps to help reduce fatality rates of cyclists on rural roads in West Dorset constituency. (65685)
- 133 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support the aviation sector. (65262)
- 134 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to Q252 of the oral evidence given by Huw Merriman to the Transport Select Committee on 2 July 2025, HC 575, if she will publish the graph referred to in the answer to that question. (65477)
- 135 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the list of professionals who have been given approved third-party status for the purpose of certifying claims under the non-consensual conception exception to the two-child limit; whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of expanding that list to include more third-party professionals; and if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the report by Dr Rebecca Hewer entitled The Rape Clause - How Health and Social Care Professionals Administer the Non-Consensual Conception Exception to the Two-Child Limit, published on 5 May 2025. (65409)
- 136 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the provisions of the Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill on eligibility for Personal Independence Payment on the ability of people who are (a) experiencing and (b) at risk of homelessness to secure (i) housing and (ii) employment. (65410)
- 137 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the beer and pub sector's contribution to employment for 16- to 24-year-olds. (65244)
- 138 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the role (a) pubs and (b) brewers play on the provision of (i) first jobs and (ii) early career opportunities for young people. (65245)

- 139 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Government response to the Child Maintenance: Improving the collection and transfer of payments consultation, published on 23 June 2025, what her planned timetable is for publishing further information on next steps. (65534)
- 140 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of administrative capacity to manage the volume of transitions from Employment and Support Allowance to Universal Credit; and what steps she is taking to ensure that vulnerable claimants do not experience prolonged delays or shortfalls in payment due to outstanding actions as a result of these transitions. (65535)
- 141 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the report entitled Unregulated and Unsafe: The Threat of Illegal E-Bikes by the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Cycling and Walking, published in June 2025, whether her Department plans to commission a review into the exploitation risks faced by gig economy riders using e-bikes. (65473)
- 142 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average time is to process a Personal Independence Payment appeal in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (65204)
- 143 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that people who migrate from income-related Employment and Support Allowance to Universal Credit are not affected by reductions in Council Tax Support. (65499)
- 144 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of reasonable adjustments in public sector recruitment processes for disabled applicants. (65578)
- 145 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to improve accessibility for disabled candidates seeking employment in the public sector. (65579)
- 146 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Pensions Regulator has issued guidance to trustees on the (a) financial and (b) reputational risks of holding equities in Hong Kong-listed companies named in overseas sanctions orders for human rights violations. (65639)
- 147 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much was paid in State Pension to people not born in the United Kingdom in (a) the most recent year for which data is available and (b) in each of the previous five years. (65637)

- 148 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much was paid in (a) Universal Credit, (b) Disability Living Allowance and (c) Personal Independence Payment to people who were not British citizens in each of the last five years. (65644)
- 149 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to accelerate the registration process for overseas-trained dentists to help extend the provision of NHS dental care. (65554)
- 150 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what was the vaccine coverage rate of the HPV vaccine in Ashfield Constituency in the most recent period for which data is available. (65301)
- 151 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) improve public awareness and (b) provide educational campaigns on the HPV vaccine. (65302)
- 152 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) improve public awareness and (b) provide educational campaigns on cervical screening. (65303)
- 153 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to launch targeted outreach programmes in areas with low HPV vaccination rates. (65304)
- 154 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to launch targeted outreach programmes in areas with low cervical screening rates. (65305)
- 155 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce the regional differences in IVF provision. (65350)
- 156 **James Asser** (West Ham and Beckton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to NHS dentistry in (a) England, (b) London and (c) West Ham and Beckton constituency. (65599)
- 157 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to help ensure that men's mental health organisations in the north of England are consulted on the forthcoming men's health strategy. (65458)
- 158 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve screening of new born children for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. (65312)

- 159 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with NHS England on screening new born children for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. (65313)
- 160 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce levels of consumption of highly processed foods. (65624)
- 161 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) research and (b) development into medical treatments for people affected by COVID-19 vaccine injury. (65437)
- 162 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of Crawford & Company in administering the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme; and for what reason that company was selected to manage the process. (65438)
- 163 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to review the (a) scope, (b) eligibility, (c) criteria and (d) compensation level of the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme. (65439)
- 164 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of improving continuing healthcare assessments for (a) progressive supranuclear palsy and (b) corticobasal degeneration. (65443)
- 165 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what training is provided to NHS continuing healthcare assessors on health needs associated with (a) progressive supranuclear palsy and (b) corticobasal degeneration. (65446)
- 166 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the merits of allowing the adoption of Limited Liability Partnerships for GPs. (65681)
- 167 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the reasons for the price differential between (a) ciclosporin and (b) other generic immunosuppressant drugs sold in UK pharmacies compared to the same drugs available overseas; and if he will take steps to review (i) NHS procurement and (ii) pricing arrangements to ensure better value for money. (65462)
- 168 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) data and (b) other information his Department used to inform public health (i) policies and (ii) campaigns related to reducing alcohol consumption in the development of the

NHS 10 Year Plan; from which (A) individuals and (B) organisations that information was sourced; and what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the level of (1) impartiality and (2) scientific robustness of those sources. (65600)

- 169 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the contribution of Community Interest Companies to the provision of day care services for people with early-stage dementia. (65662)
- 170 **Amanda Hack** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with NHS England on the potential merits of funding research on using AI based on the knowledge of expert cardiologists to help interpret ECGs for the diagnosis of young people with cardiac conditions in (a) primary and (b) secondary care. (65603)
- 171 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve mental health outcomes in coastal communities. (65548)
- 172 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve residents' mental health in coastal communities. (65549)
- 173 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle health inequalities in coastal communities. (65550)
- 174 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to mandate the installation of automated external defibrillators in retirement (a) villages and (b) homes. (65238)
- 175 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the proportion of retirement (a) villages and (b) homes without automated external defibrillators. (65239)
- 176 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's publication, Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England, published on 3 July 2025, how many additional GPs will be trained in each of the next 10 years. (65314)
- 177 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to page 10 of the 10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future, published on 3 July 2025, who will decide whether patients require same day GP appointments. (65315)
- 178 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's publication, Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England, published on 3 July 2025, if he will publish the new employment contracts which will allow GPs to (a) work over a larger geographies and (b) lead new neighbourhood providers. (65316)

- 179 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's publication, Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England, published on 3 July 2025, who will be responsible for producing the agreed care plans for people with complex needs. (65317)
- 180 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of people had a personal health budget in each of the year since 2012. (65318)
- 181 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made a recent estimate of how many patients would benefit from a personal health budget. (65319)
- 182 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he expects negotiations on a new dental contract to conclude. (65320)
- 183 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to page 10 of the 10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future, published on 3 July 2025, whether he plans to introduce tie-ins for dentists (a) beginning training after September 2025, (b) already in training and (c) already qualified. (65321)
- 184 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his target date is for 92% of patients to begin elective treatment within 18 weeks. (65322)
- 185 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of emergency departments were co-located with urgent treatment centres in the most recent period for which data is available. (65323)
- 186 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding has been allocated to Healthy Start for 2026-27. (65325)
- 187 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to page 12 of his Department's policy paper entitled Fit for the Future: The 10 Year Health Plan for England, published in July 2025, whether it remains his policy to abolish NHS England. (65326)
- 188 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an estimate of the total cost of providing personalised coaching to each member of NHS staff. (65327)
- 189 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of prioritising UK trained nurses for nursing posts in the NHS. (65328)

- 190 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many newly qualified nurses there have been in 2025. (65329)
- 191 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's publication, Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England, published on 3 July 2025, how the single national formula for medicines will differ from the British national (a) formulary and (b) formulary for children. (65330)
- 192 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of newly qualified GPs recruited were trained in the UK since October 2024. (65331)
- 193 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the (a) efficiency and (b) productivity of the MHRA. (65332)
- 194 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to incorporate targets to provide asthma sufferers with a Personalised Asthma Action Plan into future iterations of the 10 Year Health Plan for England. (65415)
- 195 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure equitable access to (a) maternity and (b) bereavement care services for Black and Asian families. (65334)
- 196 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many additional (a) neonatal, (b) stillbirth and (c) maternal deaths have occurred since 2018 compared to the Government's target to halve 2010 rates by 2025; and what steps he is taking to meet these targets. (65335)
- 197 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of food served in NHS hospitals was sourced from British farms in the latest period for which data is available; and what steps he is taking to encourage NHS hospitals to buy food sourced from British farms. (65609)
- 198 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of sourcing British food for hospitals on levels of (a) hospital food quality and (b) patient recovery. (65614)
- 199 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the NHS on increasing procurement from British food producers in its supply chain. (65618)
- 200 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether planned updates to hospital food standards will include a requirement to prioritise British sourcing. (65621)

- 201 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce delays in adult social care assessments for hospital discharge. (65653)
- 202 **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide an update on the publication of the final cross-government delivery plan for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. (65416)
- 203 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to introduce free personal care for (a) elderly and (b) disabled residents in West Dorset constituency. (65687)
- 204 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential benefits of a Royal College of Care Workers to support rural care staff in West Dorset constituency. (65688)
- 205 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Chair of the independent commission into adult social care on progress to completing the first stage in 2026. (65689)
- 206 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will bring forward legislative proposals for unpaid carers to claim respite breaks in West Dorset constituency. (65690)
- 207 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many overheating incidents have been logged in NHS hospitals in the South West in each of the last five years. (65580)
- 208 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many overheating incidents have been logged in NHS hospitals in West Dorset constituency in each of the last five years. (65582)
- 209 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many GPs his Department intends to recruit over the course of the NHS 10 Year Plan. (65463)
- 210 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the NHS 10 Year Plan, where the 85 mental health crisis centres will be located; and what criteria he is using for determining their location. (65464)
- 211 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a list of the bodies that will be abolished as part of the NHS 10 Year Plan. (65467)

- 212 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to page 110 of the document entitled Fit for the Future: 10 Year Health Plan for the NHS, whether his Department has made an estimate of how many fewer staff there will be in the NHS by 2035 than projected by the 2023 Long Term Workforce Plan. (65468)
- 213 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure newly qualified nurses are not prevented from accessing band 5 roles within the NHS due to (a) experience requirements and (b) such roles only being advertised internally. (65484)
- 214 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve data transparency for vaccination uptake figures for the maternal respiratory syncytial virus vaccination programme by reducing the four-month lag in reporting. (65655)
- 215 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timeline is for the publication of an assessment of the (a) efficacy and (b) impact of the maternal vaccination programme for respiratory syncytial virus. (65656)
- 216 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which (a) stakeholders, (b) NGOs and (c) interest groups took part in the Change NHS consultation. (65576)
- 217 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to amend the eligibility requirements for free NHS prescriptions, in the context of increases to the State Pension age. (65613)
- 218 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of making Apolipoprotein M available through the NHS on the prevention of macular degeneration. (65266)
- 219 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of trials of a test designed to identify pregnant women at risk of miscarriage; and whether his Department plans to roll this out on the NHS. (65267)
- 220 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to increase safety measures at beaches during (a) summer months and (b) other periods of increased activity. (65648)
- 221 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the funding provided by his Department for (a) Walking with the Wounded's Head Start psychotherapy service and (b) OpCourage in the East of England. (65511)

- 222 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is he taking to reduce waiting times for access to (a) Walking With The Wounded's Head Start psychotherapy service and (b) OpCourage in the East of England. (65514)
- 223 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to (a) increase and (b) remove the referral cap for Walking With The Wounded's Head Start psychotherapy service in the East of England. (65515)
- 224 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to create conditions for the release of people persecuted in Russia for political reasons. (65481)
- 225 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help support the mental health needs of children in Gaza. (65459)
- 226 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the mental health needs of children in Ukraine. (65460)
- 227 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has considered secondary sanctions on UK-based financial institutions that continue to (a) underwrite, (b) trade and (c) market securities issued by Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps subsidiaries listed in Hong Kong. (65633)
- 228 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterparts in the G7 on creating a common investment-ban list for companies credibly implicated in (a) forced labour, (b) genocide and (c) mass surveillance in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China. (65634)
- 229 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has considered publishing a consolidated UK list of Chinese companies (a) credibly implicated in forced-labour abuses in Xinjiang and (b) linked to the People's Liberation Army. (65635)
- 230 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he last met with his United Arab Emirates counterpart to discuss that country's actions to deescalate tensions between Israel and Iran. (65214)
- 231 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 June 2025 to Question 60010 on British Indian Ocean Territory (Constitution) Order 2004 and with reference to the UK/

Mauritius Agreement concerning the Chagos Archipelago (CS Mauritius No.1/2025), what plans he has to bring forward legislative proposals to (a) amend and (b) repeal the British Indian Ocean Territory (Constitution) Order 2004. (65215)

- 232 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of reports that Hong Kong's last pro-democracy political party has been disbanded; and if he will have discussions with (a) the Chief Executive of Hong Kong and (b) his Chinese counterparts on the role of Hong Kong's National Security Law on this decision. (65216)
- 233 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with Hong Kong officials on the use of arrest warrants against British citizens. (65217)
- 234 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Chinese ambassador on the case of Anna Kwok. (65218)
- 235 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Hong Kong National Security Law on British businesses operating in Hong Kong. (65219)
- 236 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support civil society organisations in Venezuela. (65220)
- 237 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with Caribbean governments on tackling irregular migration. (65221)
- 238 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the safety of religious minority communities in Syria following the reported attack on Mar Elias Church in Damascus. (65222)
- 239 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support transparent investigations into the (a) recent attack on Mar Elias Church in Damascus, (b) reported killings of Christians and Alawites in Latakia Governorate in March 2025 and (c) reported violence against the Druze community in southern Damascus in May 2025. (65223)
- 240 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has received assurances from the Syrian Interim Government that people responsible for recent attacks on religious minority communities are (a) not affiliated with and (b) supported by that administration. (65224)

- 241 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Syrian Interim Government on the commitment to (a) publish a report on the reported killings of (i) Christians and (ii) Alawites in Latakia Governorate and (b) bring those responsible to justice. (65225)
- 242 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Syrian counterpart on the status of investigations into the reported killings of Christians and Alawites in Syria's coastal region in March 2025. (65226)
- 243 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in the Syrian interim government on taking steps to ensure that they will not be influenced by radical Islamist groups following the lifting of certain sanctions on Syria. (65227)
- 244 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the reported naturalisation of former members of (a) Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham and (b) other extremist groups into the Syrian armed forces on the UK's national security. (65228)
- 245 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of funding English-language BBC World Service (a) content through the licence fee and (b) language services through direct Government grant-in-aid. (65229)
- 246 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of changes to the level of funding for BBC (a) Arabic and (b) Persian services on his Department's strategy in those regions; and whether he plans to maintain levels of funding for those services in the next funding cycle. (65230)
- 247 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the BBC World Service has a role on the Soft Power Council; and what progress that Council has made since its establishment. (65231)
- 248 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of anti-conversion laws in India. (65269)
- 249 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to his Pakistani counterpart on people imprisoned under blasphemy laws for exercising religious beliefs in that country. (65345)

- 250 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in Armenia on tackling the transit of goods from (a) western countries to Russia and (b) Russia to western countries through Armenia in order to circumvent sanctions. (65236)
- 251 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic conditions his Department has attached to engaging with the transitional authorities in Sudan on freedom of religion or belief. (65237)
- 252 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the amount that a person can be fined for having a dangerous dog. (65351)
- 253 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of police powers to tackle bike thefts. (65307)
- 254 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to retain existing restrictions on the number of asylum seekers housed at the former RAF Wethersfield site. (65342)
- 255 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to inform (a) Parliament and (b) the local community prior to any changes to the agreed cap on the number of asylum seekers at the Wethersfield site. (65343)
- 256 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to propose an extension to the commissioning date of the Asylum Reception Centre at the former RAF Wethersfield. (65344)
- 257 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing police forces with new enforcement powers to seize (a) unsafe and (b) non-compliant e-bikes. (65475)
- 258 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 17 June 2025 to Question 58153 on Windrush Commissioner: Finance, what budget will be available to the Windrush Commissioner. (65209)
- 259 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of immigration enforcement operations in Northern Ireland in the last 12 months. (65392)
- 260 **Kevin McKenna** (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce the time taken to reach a decision on the immigration status application of children born in the UK whose biometric enrolment has been completed; and what measures are in place to ensure that these children have access to (a) healthcare, (b) child benefits and (c) other essential services. (65670)

- 261 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will have discussions with Greater Manchester Police on the potential impact of not supplying naloxone to frontline officers on levels of drug-related deaths. (65396)
- 262 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether Cambridgeshire constabulary's rural crime action team have been designated as an operational support unit or a neighbourhood policing resource. (65606)
- 263 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 3 July 2025 to Question 62853 on National Security: Reviews, when he plans to introduce the State Threats Proscription-like Tool. (65667)
- 264 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average response time was to public complaints submitted to her Department in the last 12 months. (65390)
- 265 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications of a national ID card scheme on levels of (a) public surveillance and (b) personal privacy. (65294)
- 266 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has (a) commissioned and (b) reviewed research on the potential impact of mandatory ID card schemes on public trust in (i) the police and (ii) other state authorities. (65295)
- 267 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with civil liberties organisations on (a) national security and (b) the right to privacy in relation to Government ID cards. (65296)
- 268 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of ID card systems in other countries on the prevention of (a) crime and (b) terrorism. (65297)
- 269 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made a recent estimate of the cost to the public purse of (a) implementing and (b) maintaining a national ID card scheme in each of the next ten years. (65298)
- 270 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential risk of data breaches associated with the centralised storage of ID card information. (65299)
- 271 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to help prevent the misuse of ID card data by (a) public authorities and (b) third-party contractors. (65300)

- 272 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of the Volunteer Police Cadets scheme on improving (a) recruitment from underrepresented ethnic groups and (b) diversity within the police workforce. (65308)
- 273 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many former Volunteer Police Cadets have joined the police service in each of the last five years for which data is available; and if she will publish a breakdown of the ethnic background of new joiners in each of the last five years. (65309)
- 274 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of former Volunteer Police Cadets have gone on to careers in (a) policing, (b) the NHS, (c) the fire and rescue service and (d) youth and community work. (65310)
- 275 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to the funding to the Volunteer Police Cadets scheme on (a) police recruitment, (b) youth engagement and (c) community trust in policing. (65311)
- 276 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has any plans to upgrade cannabis to a class A controlled substance. (65263)
- 277 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of seizures of cocaine at (a) ports and (b) airports on the supply of the drug. (65264)
- 278 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of small boat arrivals were (a) children, (b) babies and (c) women in the most recent period for which data is available. (65274)
- 279 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has provided (a) funding and (b) guidance to (i) private contractors and (b) local authorities for the provision of free TV licences to people seeking asylum. (65275)
- 280 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 30 May to Question 52625 on Travellers: Caravan Sites, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of unauthorised traveller encampments on operational policing, in the context of the High Court judgement of May 2024. (65276)
- 281 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answers of 30 May to Question 52709 on Police: Elections and of 2 May to Question 47267 on Cambridgeshire Constabulary: Domestic

Visits, what assessment she has made of the compatibility of speeches made by the (a) Home Secretary and (b) Prime Minister at Cambridgeshire Police Headquarters on 10 April 2025 with the National Police Chief's Council pre-election guidance on impartiality. (65277)

282 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 24 June 2025 to Question 60081 on Asylum: Housing, what her policy for housing asylum seekers in hostels which have been converted from hotels via change of use is. (65278)

283 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her plans to remove asylum seekers from hotel accommodation extends to (a) hostels and (b) other types of communal accommodation. (65279)

284 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 23 June 2025 to Question 59362 on Asylum: Housing, if she will place a copy of the template Asylum Accommodation Service Contracts in the Library. (65280)

285 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 23 June 2025 to Question 59362 on Asylum: Housing, whether local authorities have a veto on the use of specific properties for asylum accommodation. (65281)

286 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce violence against women and girls in (a) Fylde constituency and (b) Lancashire. (65480)

287 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment has been made of the adequacy of the information on gov.uk on the support available to asylum seekers. (65573)

288 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many immigration officials have been dismissed for committing (a) immigration and (b) bribery offences in each year since 2020, broken down by nationality. (65506)

289 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number of immigration officials that have been successfully prosecuted for committing (a) immigration and (b) bribery offences since 2020, broken down by nationality. (65508)

290 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many visas were issued to citizens of the Russian Federation to visit the UK in each of the last five years. (65201)

- 291 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q43 of the oral evidence given by him to the Defence Committee on 2 July 2025, HC 973, if he will outline the responsibilities of the announced Strategic Advisor and Head of Review and Challenge role. (65397)
- 292 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q43 of the oral evidence given by him to the Defence Committee on 2 July 2025, HC 973, what the remuneration package for the announced Strategic Advisor and Head of Review and Challenge will be. (65398)
- 293 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q43 of the oral evidence given by him to the Defence Committee on 2 July 2025, HC 973, whether there was an official application process for the appointment of the announced Strategic Advisor and Head of Review and Challenge. (65399)
- 294 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q43 of the oral evidence given by him to the Defence Committee on 2 July 2025, HC 973, for how long the application process to fill the announced Strategic Advisor and Head of Review and Challenge role lasted. (65400)
- 295 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q43 of the oral evidence given by him to the Defence Committee on 2 July 2025, HC 973, how many candidates were interviewed as part of the recruiting process to appoint the announced Strategic Advisor and Head of Review and Challenge. (65401)
- 296 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q43 of the oral evidence he gave to the Defence Committee on 2 July 2025, HC 973, if the Strategic Advisor and Head of Review and Challenge is a direct replacement for the Director of the Secretary of State's Office for Net Assessment and Challenge. (65403)
- 297 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has appointed a Director of the Secretary of State's Office for Net Assessment and Challenge. (65404)
- 298 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to abolish the Secretary of State's Office for Net Assessment and Challenge. (65405)
- 299 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on UK access to the Security Action for Europe fund. (65447)
- 300 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many VALOUR support centres for veterans he plans to locate in Lincolnshire. (65205)

- 301 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support UK capability through defence contracts for the (a) development, (b) manufacture and (c) maintenance of critical defence (i) equipment and (ii) systems. (65382)
- 302 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it is his Department's policy to procure new defence stocks from UK companies. (65383)
- 303 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of contracts awarded by his Department were given to (a) UK and (b) non-UK companies in the last 12 months. (65384)
- 304 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many times (a) he, (b) his Ministers and (c) his Department's officials have met with representatives of Domo Tactical Comms in Hamble Valley constituency. (65385)
- 305 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of military promotion processes. (65523)
- 306 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that single sex (a) living accommodation, (b) bathroom and (c) changing facilities for service personnel are compliant with the law. (65333)
- 307 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has plans to invest in (a) new and (b) upgraded defence infrastructure projects in Northern Ireland in the next five years. (65393)
- 308 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of food served in military catering contracts was sourced from the UK, in the latest period for which data is available. (65611)
- 309 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of how close Iran is to making nuclear weapons; and what discussions he has had with his NATO counterparts on this. (65492)
- 310 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the potential cost of dismantling Pressurized Water Reactor nuclear reactors on redundant submarines at (a) Devonport and (b) Rosyth dockyards; and what recent discussions the Defence Nuclear Enterprises has had with the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority on decommissioning those nuclear reactors. (65493)
- 311 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has set a target number of days by which individual applications to the LGBT Financial Recognition Scheme need to have been assessed by. (65547)
- 312 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the scope of Project WAVELL is. (65663)

- 313 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the scope of Project ASGARD is. (65665)
- 314 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's news story entitled British Army to increase lethality over the next decade while Royal Navy steps up innovation in NATO, published on 5 June 2025, what metrics will be used to assess the Army's baseline for its current lethality; and what the level of each metric will be in order for the Army to have achieved its target of increasing lethality ten-fold. (65666)
- 315 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on fitting military vehicles with direct energy weapons to help protect from swarm drone attacks. (65265)
- 316 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what leadership skills training is provided by the military to corporate leaders seeking assistance with upskilling their leadership teams. (65268)
- 317 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that all Defence Medical Services medical officers undertaking Foundation Year (a) 1 and (b) 2 training within NHS hospitals receive (i) high-fidelity and (ii) role-specific training to (A) maintain and (B) develop their core military medical skill set. (65590)
- 318 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that armed forces GPs (a) maintain up-to-date skills in the delivery of emergency and urgent care and (b) have access to appropriate NHS (i) placements and (ii) training opportunities. (65595)
- 319 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to publish the outcome of the consultation entitled Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England, which closed on 26 February 2025. (65411)
- 320 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will take steps with (a) academies and (b) schools to introduce impact statements for large housing developments within their catchment area. (65412)
- 321 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has considered including child development in the planning process to encourage outdoor activities. (65413)
- 322 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to protect bridleways in the context of changes to national planning regulations. (65450)

- 323 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to ensure that new housing developments have adequate access to infrastructure. (65505)
- 324 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to protect nature through the planning process. (65507)
- 325 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of abolishing residential leaseholds. (65509)
- 326 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to review the scope of permitted development rights for above-ground utility infrastructure in residential areas; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring prior community consultation before such installations occur. (65444)
- 327 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has issued guidance on the (a) siting and (b) appearance of statutory undertaker infrastructure on highway land; and whether she plans to ensure that (i) local authorities and (ii) residents can determine the placement of visible above-ground installations in residential neighbourhoods. (65445)
- 328N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to support local authorities to ensure Travellers are not able to access public green spaces. [Transferred] (64981)
- 329 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent steps she has taken to increase community involvement in the planning process. (65202)
- 330 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the (a) number and (b) proportion of people granted asylum status who are living in the private rented sector. (65203)
- 331 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the services provided to irregular migrants by (a) South Holland District Council (b) South Kesteven District Council and (c) Lincolnshire County Council in the last two years. (65207)
- 332 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much her Department has spent on stationary since 5 July 2025. (65337)

- 333 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of (a) curfews and (b) licensing restrictions at sporting venues. (65338)
- 334 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of independent schools closing in each (a) Council and (b) Mayoral Combined Authority in England. (65339)
- 335 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she has taken to ensure the objectivity of the Working Group on Anti-Muslim Hatred/Islamophobia Definition. (65363)
- 336 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 10.4.2 of the document entitled The Fair Funding Review 2.0 of 20 June 2025, what (a) fees and (b) charges levied by local authorities are in scope of the consultation. (65364)
- 337 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking through the planning system to support the (a) provision, (b) conversion and (c) construction of family annexes to dwellings. (65365)
- 338 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the bye-law powers in the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [HL] will allow local authorities and the Greater London Authority to issue fixed penalty notices through private sector firms. (65366)
- 339 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether revenues from selective licensing charges on private rented sector landlords (a) are ringfenced and (b) can be applied to the general revenue account; and whether councils can charge above cost recovery. (65367)
- 340 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of empty homes owned by (a) local authorities, (b) the Government Property Agency and (c) other parts of central government. (65368)
- 341 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 6.2.5 of the consultation entitled The Fair Funding Review 2.0, published on 20 June 2025, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of council tax increases on funding allocations to local authorities with average Band D council taxes below £2,000. (65369)

- 342 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, on what dates Ministers in her Department have met with (a) Dominic Grieve and (b) the members of the Working Group on Anti-Muslim Hatred/Islamophobia to discuss (i) that working group and (ii) the definition of Islamophobia. (65370)
- 343 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the report by Localis entitled Reorganisation, local government and the future of English Devolution, published on 25 June 2025; and what estimate her Department has made of the reduction in the number of councillors from local government reforms. (65371)
- 344 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether any members of the Working Group on Anti-Muslim Hatred/Islamophobia informed her Department of potential conflicts of interest. (65372)
- 345 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether private sector landlords will be required to pay multiple fees to register under (a) selective licensing introduced by local authorities, (b) the Private Rented Sector Database and (c) to be regulated under landlord redress schemes; and what assessment she has made of the potential merits of consolidating those fees. (65373)
- 346 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 2.1.1 of the publication entitled The Fair Funding Review 2.0, published on 20 June 2025, whether the transitional arrangements will be subject to downward phasing. (65374)
- 347 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the publication entitled Count of Traveller Caravans, January 2025: England, published on 25 June 2025, what steps she is taking to help tackle the increase of (a) unauthorised traveller development on land they own and (b) unauthorised traveller encampments and trespass on land they do not own. (65375)
- 348 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has considered providing fiscal incentives to local authorities that prioritise British food in their catering contracts. (65617)
- 349 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she takes steps to encourage local authorities to support local producers through food contracts for (a) care homes and (b) civic buildings. (65619)

- 350 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that local authorities offer adequate reasonable adjustments during recruitment assessments for candidates with declared disabilities. (65571)
- 351 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of steps that local authorities are taking to help improve the representation of people with (a) a working class background, (b) a minority ethnic background and (c) disabilities in local government. (65572)
- 352 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent steps she has taken on the capital funding request from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. (65597)
- 353 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the English Devolution Bill will include powers for local councils to tackle pavement parking. (65544)
- 354 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much funding her Department plans to provide to local authorities to (a) house and (b) build housing for (i) asylum seekers and (ii) refugees in each financial year to 2029-30. (65419)
- 355 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 12 June 2025 on Local Government Best Value, HCWS697, what discussions her Department has had with (a) councillors and (b) political assistants from Croydon on the best value intervention in that area since 4 July 2024. (65420)
- 356 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether allotments are classified as (a) greenfield or (b) brownfield land for planning purposes. (65421)
- 357 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has issued recent guidance to local authorities on public right of access to privately-owned public spaces that are owned by (a) private companies and (b) local authorities through a private company. (65422)
- 358 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the new affordable housing programme will include (a) bringing empty homes back into use, (b) the acquisition of existing built properties and (c) traveller pitches. (65423)

- 359 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement of 12 June 2025 on Local Government Best Value, HCWS697, what discussions her Department has had with hon. Members from Croydon on the best value intervention in that area since 4 July 2024. (65424)
- 360 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish a response to the press release by PCS entitled PCS members at MHCLG escalate industrial action, published on 26 June 2025. (65425)
- 361 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled Government calls last orders on red tape choking pubs, clubs and restaurants in major boost to the British night out, published on 4 April 2025, whether the London pilot will operate on a voluntary basis; and whether it will be piloted in London boroughs which do not support the proposals to transfer licensing powers. (65427)
- 362 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 19 June 2025 to Question 58771 on Local Government: Elections, whether she has made an estimate of the number of councils which will be subject to the transitional arrangements in 2026, and have their scheduled 2026 elections cancelled to make way for replacement elections; and in what year would the replacement elections take place. (65428)
- 363 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to inheritance tax on social mobility. (65684)
- 364 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to help improve the quality of probation services across the North West of England. (65461)
- 365 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to support victims of violence against women through the criminal justice system in Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency. (65448)
- 366 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what (a) assumptions and (b) formulae she uses to model prison place need. (65240)
- 367 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average time was that remand prisoners spent on remand in each of the last 20 years. (65241)
- 368 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average number of people in prison on custodial sentences was in each of the last 20 years. (65242)

- 369 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average time was that prisoners released from recall spent on recall in each year for which data are available. (65243)
- 370 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of food served in prisons is sourced from British farms; and what plans she has to encourage more prisons to buy British produce. (65616)
- 371 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 2 July 2025 to Question 62457 on HMP/YOI Downview, how many of the seven males held on E Wing have access to the general women's estate for (a) work and (b) other services. (65526)
- 372 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what proportion of (a) UK-flagged and (b) EU member state-flagged fishing vessels were subject to port inspections in Scotland in the last 12 months. (65378)
- 373 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to protect access to cash. (65346)
- 374 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on the number of banks that have removed access to ATM's from rural communities in each of the last five years. (65347)
- 375 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions her Department has had with representatives of the farming sector on the implications of the proposed changes to inheritance tax. (65586)
- 376 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to engage with (a) farmers and (b) other agricultural groups in the development of proposed changes to inheritance tax. (65587)
- 377 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the merits of implementing a clawback mechanism as an alternative to the proposed changes to Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief. (65588)
- 378 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which Minister has led engagement with the agricultural sector on the proposed changes to inheritance tax. (65589)
- 379 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with representatives of the farming sector on her Department's proposed changes to inheritance tax. (65591)

- 380 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to consult with (a) agricultural stakeholders, (b) farmers and (c) groups that represent farmers in the development of its proposed changes to inheritance tax policy. (65593)
- 381 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a clawback scheme in relation to inheritance tax reliefs previously applied to (a) agricultural and (b) business assets, in the context of her Department's planned changes to inheritance tax policy. (65594)
- 382 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of trends in levels of charges incurred at ports due to customs procedures on small businesses. (65596)
- 383 **Maureen Burke** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing funding from the Growth Mission fund to Springburn Winter Gardens. (65604)
- 384 **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reducing the Soft Drinks Industry Levy thresholds on consumers. (65654)
- 385 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of VAT on the affordability of support services for people with (a) permanent disabilities and (b) dementia. (65660)
- 386 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure that motorists are aware of their rights in relation to mis-sold car finance agreements involving discretionary commission arrangements. (65533)
- 387 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of her Department's proposals for a Remote Betting & Gaming Duty on (a) levels of investment in the UK, (b) consumer costs and (c) levels of illegal gambling. (65683)
- 388 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will commission a review of UK (a) pension fund and (b) insurance fund exposure to Chinese corporations sanctioned by allied jurisdictions. (65642)
- 389 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation plans to issue updated guidance to asset managers on the risks of holding Hong Kong-listed securities that track sanctioned Chinese parent companies through Stock Connect. (65643)

- 390 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of increasing the Trading Allowance to £3,000. (65352)
- 391 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to help improve HMRC investigation times. (65261)
- 392 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of fiscal policy on levels of food inflation in Fylde constituency since 4 July 2025. (65478)
- 393 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support people who were ineligible for government financial support measures during the Covid pandemic. (65485)
- 394 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what proposals put forward for new rail investment in Wales as part of the Spending Review 2025 were rejected by the Treasury. (65583)
- 395 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of local LGBT+ youth groups on supporting young LGBT+ people. (65426)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 10 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he has taken to (a) monitor and (b) evaluate the performance of Serco in the multiple contracts held with central government. (65287)
- 2N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Serco's previous performance is taken into account during procurement evaluations for new contracts. (65288)
- 3N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department has issued on the steps that should be taken when a strategic supplier fails to meet performance expectations on more than one contract. (65289)
- 4N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department maintains a centralised record of contract performance issues relating to Serco. (65290)

- 5N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the government has ever issued a formal warning to Serco under the Strategic Supplier Risk Management Policy. (65291)
- 6N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, pursuant to the Answer of 6 July 2025 to Question 63010 on Church of England: Slavery, how much has been spent on this project so far. (65336)
- 7N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to paragraph 7 of the document entitled Implementing the Employment Rights Bill: Roadmap, published on 1 July 2025, what criteria his Department plans to use to determine which provisions of the Trade Union Act 2016 will be repealed (a) through secondary legislation and (b) upon Royal Assent of the Employment Rights Bill. (65253)
- 8N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the document entitled Implementing the Employment Rights Bill: Roadmap, published on 1 July 2025, whether his Department plans to publish a cost-benefit analysis of the phased implementation approach outlined in that document. (65254)
- 9N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to ensure that the UK Export Finance expansion reaches small businesses. (65255)
- 10N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made on the potential impact of the accelerated Trade Strategy timetable on business planning. (65256)
- 11N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 July 2025 to Question 64503 on British Steel: Scunthorpe, if he will publish (a) the findings of the independent assessment and (b) a summary of the findings of the independent assessment. (65668)
- 12N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps his Department has taken to reduce cross-border trade processes for small businesses. (65674)
- 13N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of carbon reporting requirements on businesses. (65675)
- 14N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to prevent conflict gold from entering UK supply chains. (65495)

- 15N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether a Best Start Family Hub will be located within the (a) Huntingdon constituency and (b) Huntingdonshire District Council local authority area. (65669)
- 16N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which children's centres closed in England between May 2010 and July 2024 by (a) name, (b) postcode and (c) date of closure. (65482)
- 17N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many heat pump installations have been directly funded by his Department outside the Boiler Upgrade Scheme since July 2024. (65358)
- 18N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support households to get value for money from their energy supplier. (65282)
- 19N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much has been paid in compensatory (a) constraint payments and (b) balancing payments to operators of solar power generating facilities following switch-off orders issued by the National Energy System Operator since 5 July 2024. (65486)
- 20N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to increase levels of consumer choice in the Boiler Upgrade Scheme. (65636)
- 21N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2025 to Question 37521 on Import controls, on what date the border control posts will become operational. (65430)
- 22N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2025 to Question 37521 on Import Controls, when was construction of the border control posts completed; and what was the total construction costs of those posts. (65431)
- 23N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 July 2025 to Question 62667 on Animal and Plant Health Agency, whether those investments include (a) biosecurity and (b) the redevelopment of the Animal and Plant Health Agency headquarters. (65353)
- 24N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to lay the Activity Regulations required to give effect to the Animals (Low Welfare Activities Abroad) Act 2023; and which activities he plans to prioritise. (65379)
- 25N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assurance mechanisms his Department has implemented to help ensure the accuracy of AI-derived data that forms part of the new UK peat map. (65381)

- 26N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 4 July 2025 to Question 63361 on Floods: Huntingdon; what works the Environment Agency will undertake on the St Ives Staunch Sluice in the next two years. (65657)
- 27N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an estimate of the cost of introducing a not for EU labelling scheme for agri-food businesses in Fylde constituency. (65625)
- 28N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the differences in remit are between the (a) AI Security Institute and (b) Alan Turing Institute. (65257)
- 29N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps with the Secretary of State for Defence to improve mobile signal at military sites. (65466)
- 30N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish the criteria used to assess applications for transport Development Consent Order projects. (65672)
- 31N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many (a) serious and (b) fatal incidents have occurred at level crossings in each of the last five years. (65673)
- 32N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what funding she has provided for rail electrification in the (a) 2025-26, (b) 2026-27 and (c) 2027-28 financial years. (65283)
- 33N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she expects the West Midlands Rail Hub to be completed. (65284)
- 34N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress he has made with (a) Network Rail and (b) Govia Thameslink on the provision of lifts at Legrave Station. (65380)
- 35N **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 3 July 2025 to Question 63482 on Personal Independence Payment: Medical Examinations and with reference to her letter of 26 June 2025 on the Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill, whether the announced exemption from reassessment for existing Personal Independence Payment claimants will also apply to the All Review claimants whose award is subject to a scheduled review or reassessment process at the time the exemption comes into force. (65555)

- 36N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 16 June 2025 to Question 58269 on Winter Fuel Payment: Rutland and Stamford, how many people will be eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment following the proposed changes in Rutland and Stamford constituency. (65406)
- 37N **Dawn Butler** (Brent East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Palantir will have (a) exclusive and (b) other access to NHS patients' DNA data as part of its contracts with the Government. (65233)
- 38N **Dawn Butler** (Brent East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Faculty will have access to NHS patient DNA data through Government contracts. (65234)
- 39N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of 2 June from the hon. Member for Torbay. (65671)
- 40N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Leader of the House of Lords on the commencement date for the Committee stage of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill. (65324)
- 41N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to regulate the use of conflict minerals in UK supply chains. (65494)
- 42N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Swiss counterparts on preventing the international trade in conflict gold illicitly mined in Africa. (65496)
- 43N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support Sudan's Emergency Response Rooms. (65497)
- 44N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of reports of redevelopment plans impacting Sikh families in the Guru Tegh Bahadur Nagar area of Mumbai. (65361)
- 45N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies on freedom of religion or belief of (a) reports of the escalation of violence against Hindu communities in Bangladesh since August 2024 and (b) the response of the interim government. (65362)

- 46N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to Article 5 of the UK-Mauritius Treaty, when he expects the Mauritian Government to establish a Marine Protected Area in the Chagos Archipelago. (65249)
- 47 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to place China on the enhanced tier of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme. (65250)
- 48N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on continuing to fund the organisations tracking Ukrainian children abducted by Russia. (65251)
- 49N **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with (a) international partners and (b) representatives from the Yale Humanitarian Research Lab Ukraine Conflict Observatory on the future funding of the Yale Humanitarian Research Lab Ukraine Conflict Observatory to support its work on tracking Ukrainian children abducted by Russia. (65252)
- 50 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions her Department has had with the Independent Custody Visiting Association on the effectiveness of the Independent Custody Visiting Scheme in Hampshire. (65270)
- 51N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been charged for knowingly assisting asylum seekers to enter the UK under s25A Immigration Act 1971 in each month since July 2024. (65376)
- 52N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been charged for assisting unlawful immigration under s25 Immigration Act 1971 in each month since July 2024. (65377)
- 53N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of serving officers from Cambridgeshire constabulary's rural crime action team have been included within the number of new officers for Cambridgeshire under the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee. (65605)
- 54N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 12 May 2025 to Question 49682 on Deportation, what estimate she has made of the number of those 24,000 people that entered the UK illegally. (65631)
- 55N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her policy is on recording the (a) DNA and (b) fingerprints of migrants who arrive in the UK illegally. (65682)

- 56N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 July to Question 64518 on Armed Forces: Housing, whether the Defence Housing Strategy will be published before the rise of the House on 22 July 2025. (65357)
- 57N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his oral contribution during the debate on Defence on 2 July, Official Report, Column 327, whether the additional £5 billion spent on defence includes funding for Ukraine. (65402)
- 58N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the numbers of cadets in the combined Cadet Force since the 5 July 2024. (65408)
- 59N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the proportion of rejected applications to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy that were judged eligible on review in (a) 2024 and (b) the first six months of 2025. (65258)
- 60N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applications were made to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy in (a) 2024 and (b) the first six months of 2025. (65259)
- 61N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the proportion of first-time applications to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy that were successful in (a) 2024 and (b) the first six months of 2025. (65260)
- 62N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of veterans therapists' ability to access veteran inmates in Wales to provide PTSD treatment. (65388)
- 63N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using National Insurance numbers to proactively identify veterans in the criminal justice system in order to provide them with appropriate support. (65389)
- 64N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase mobile phone signal in barracks. (65465)
- 65N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 25 June 2025 to Question 60503 on Housing: Construction, what the cost components are of the stability of energy costs in manufacturing. (65285)
- 66N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 25 June 2025 to Question 60503 on Housing: Construction, what steps she is taking to help mitigate risks associated with fluctuations in energy prices. (65286)

- 67N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners have been released under SDS40 since July 2024; and how many of those prisoners have subsequently committed another offence. (65340)
- 68N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many assaults on prison officers by prisoners were recorded by HM Prison & Probation Service in each month since January 2025. (65341)
- 69N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps he is taking to help ensure the independence of the Independent Review of the Windsor Framework during the review process. [R] (65429)
- 70N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when he plans to lay the draft Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (Remedial) Order. (65212)
- 71N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether his Department plans to bring forward legislative proposals to prevent former IRA members from claiming damages from the Government, in the context of the document entitled A proposal for a Remedial Order to amend the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation Act) 2023, published on 4 December 2024. (65213)
- 72N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 4 July to Question 62703 on Defence: Finance, what the total financial quantum was of the elements of the single intelligence account which will be included in the Ministry of Defence budget from 2027. (65293)
- 73N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the fiscal impact of introducing a wealth tax. (65661)
- 74N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential fiscal impact of introducing an exit tax payable upon persons ending their UK tax residency. (65664)
- 75N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of introducing a tiered business rates system to support (a) emerging and (b) small businesses. (65272)
- 76N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent progress she has made on the reform of business rates. (65273)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 11 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 18 June 2025 to Question 58204 on Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund, if she will publish the data her Department collected on the costs of applications for (a) therapeutic interventions and (b) specialist assessments funded by the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund. (65248)
- 2N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Saudi Arabian counterpart on the case of Ahmed al-Doush. (65407)

Questions for Answer on Monday 14 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much and what proportion of parental leave payments were paid to employers claiming Small Employers Relief in each of the last five years. (65513)
- 2N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many businesses (a) claim Small Employers Relief and (b) have more than 100 employees in each (i) region and (ii) nation. (65517)
- 3N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much was paid in parental leave by recipient's income decile for each of the last five years. (65521)
- 4N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many employers claimed parental leave pay through Small Employers Relief in each of the last five years. (65525)
- 5N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether English and Welsh wine was discussed during trade deal discussions with (a) India and (b) the US. (65630)
- 6N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with the Indian Government on reducing tariffs on English wine. (65632)
- 7N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of free childcare hours for disadvantaged two-year-olds were taken up in (a) Bolsover, (b) Derbyshire and (c) England in each of the past three years. (65584)

- 8N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of eligible working parents with children aged from nine months have accessed 15 hours of free childcare per week in (a) Bolsover constituency and (b) England since September 2024. (65592)
- 9N **Natalie Fleet** (Bolsover): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of parents with three and four-year-olds from (a) Bolsover, (b) Derbyshire and (c) England have used their entitlement to 15 hours of free childcare in each of the last three years. (65627)
- 10N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of (a) heat batteries as low-carbon heating systems and (b) including those batteries in the Boiler Upgrade Scheme. (65638)
- 11N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her Department's planned timetable is for publishing its response to the consultation entitled VAT Treatment of Private Hire Vehicles, which closed on 8 August 2024. (65386)
- 12N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the hon. Member for Warrington North, representing the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, if he will publish a breakdown of the number of Freedom of Information Requests received from (a) individuals and (b) organisations in (i) 2024 and (ii) 2025. (65601)
- 13N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of applying VAT to private hire journeys outside London on the private hire industry. (65387)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 15 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to Universal Credit on poverty levels. (65676)
- 2N **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Change NHS Blog entitled Ensuring the Plan represents everyone, published on 21 January 2025, which groups are classified as inclusion health groups. (65581)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 16 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what criteria she will use to decide the (a) placement and (b) funding of Best Start Family Hubs. (65545)
- 2N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether Best Start Family Hubs will be located within walking distance of deprived communities. (65546)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 21 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of the data collated in the Centre for Human Specific Research's Recombinant Antibodies and Mimetics Database on advancing studies in (a) disease mechanisms, (b) diagnostics and (c) therapeutics. (65602)