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Questions tabled on Thursday 17 July 2025

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Questions for Answer on Monday 21 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made an estimate of the average number of businesses that have ceased trading on each day since July 2024. [Transferred] (68459)
- 2 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 1 July 2025 to Question 62990 on House of Lords Appointments Commission, what the Government's policy is on the number of Non-Party Political Life Peers proposed by HOLAC who will be created each individual year of this Parliament. [Transferred] (68483)
- 3 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if his Department will take steps to re-establish the Church of Ireland as the established church of Northern Ireland. (68721)
- 4 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much has been spent on public realm schemes in England in the last 12 months. (68761)
- 5 **Helena Dollimore** (Hastings and Rye): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the length of the statute of limitations for medical devices as specified under the Consumer Protection Act 1987. (68958)
- 6 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions his Department has had with local authorities on the potential impact of Business Improvement Districts on levels of local business investment. (68781)

7 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the Fair Work Agency has the required resource to enforce (a) the minimum wage, (b) protection from harassment and (c) protection from gender discrimination at work for young women. (68867)

8 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of class action lawsuits on levels of (a) inward investment and (b) economic growth. (68843)

9 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with (a) trade bodies and (c) businesses on the potential impact of class action lawsuits on levels of (a) inward investment and (b) economic growth. (68844)

10 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 1 July 2025 to Question 64258 on Companies House: Proof of Identity, what the cost to the public purse is for (a) the Government's verification service and (b) third-party verification services since the Companies House identity verification system was established. (68969)

11 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent progress he has made on consulting animal welfare organisations on the review of fireworks legislation. (68878)

12 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what his planned timeline is for the publication of the interim report on business rates. (68797)

13 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the planned higher multiplier for properties with rateable values above £500,000, broken down by business sector. (68798)

14 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what information his Department holds on the proportion of businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sector that will (a) not qualify for retail, hospitality and leisure relief and (b) pay a higher multiplier due to business properties with rateable values above £500,000. (68799)

15 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps her Department has taken to support small businesses in the aesthetics industry. (68727)

16 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the games publishing industry on the potential impact of remotely disabling and terminating video games on their responsibilities under the Consumer Rights Act 2015. (68901)

17 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she plans to take to support the maintenance of the architectural fabric of the Church of England beyond the expiration of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme in 2026. (68746)

18 **Mr Jonathan Brash** (Hartlepool): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Children's Commissioners survey on school phone policies, published on 10 April 2025; what assessment she has made of the potential merits (a) of the recommendations for parents and carers to receive more support to manage their children's online activities and (b) of evidence-based parenting programmes, like Triple P and Incredible Years, to deliver this support. (68972)

19 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to implement a national exemption from council tax for foster carers; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of such a policy on the recruitment and retention of foster carers. (68866)

20 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help support businesses to invest in skills and training in Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency. [Transferred] (68574)

21 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the changes to attendance and penalty notice regulations that came into effect on 19 August 2024 on school (a) staffing and (b) workload. (68927)

22 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to provide additional funding to schools to help support the administrative workload resulting from the attendance and penalty notice regulations introduced in August 2024. (68928)

23 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate has she made of the number of children who will be eligible for Free School Meals under the plans to expand eligibility in (a) Birmingham Edgbaston constituency, (b) Birmingham and (c) the West Midlands. (68822)

24 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which schools in Birmingham Edgbaston constituency will receive funding from the school rebuilding programme. (68823)

25 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of people aged between 16 and 24 years old that are not in education, employment or training in (a) Norwich North constituency and (b) Norfolk. [Transferred] (68578)

26 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the pupil premium at reducing attainment gaps in (a) England and (b) in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (68904)

27 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Education Policy Institute's Annual Report 2025, what plans she has to review the (a) adequacy and (b) targeting of disadvantage funding across all education phases in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency. (68906)

28 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has to help (a) raise the profile and (b) increase levels of use of the Best Start digital service. (68957)

29 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the policy paper entitled Giving every child the best start in life, published on 7 July 2025, what the terms of the review into fairer funding for early years will be. (68959)

30 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to increase the flexibility of funded childcare arrangements to help increase support for parents (a) who are unable to take up work due to a lack of available nursery places and (b) with restrictive nursery session times. (68933)

31 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that rural areas are not disproportionately impacted by the rollout of the expanded childcare offer, in the context of levels of (a) job availability and (b) childcare capacity in rural areas. (68937)

32 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will take steps to provide (a) funding and (b) other support to help non-accredited aesthetic training academies to gain OFQUAL recognised status. (68725)

33 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she has taken to ensure that educational institutions in England have adequate policies to ensure the safety of staff and students during heatwaves. (68739)

34 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she has taken to improve the safety of students with serious allergies in English educational institutions. (68740)

35 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that teachers are adequately trained to deal with students with ADHD. (68757)

36 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of schools in England that have a fast food facility within 400m. (68760)

37 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure consistency in his planning decisions on applications for solar farm with proposed generating capacity above 50 MW. (68847)

38 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what comparative assessment he has made of the average time taken for planning decisions for solar farm applications in (a) Buckinghamshire and (b) nationally. (68848)

39 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has considered the potential merits of applying the same land access arrangements for distribution network operators as currently apply for other utilities. (68914)

40 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many heat pumps have been removed from homes in the last 12 months. (68778)

41 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to end the (a) exploration, (b) extraction, (c) export and (d) import of fossil fuels by the United Kingdom. (68817)

42 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to ensure that decision making about the return of the BCSSS investment reserve can be made as swiftly as possible. [Transferred] (68572)

43 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to take forward the spirit and substance of the Climate and Nature Bill. (68814)

44 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that the country's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions minimises damage to ecosystems. (68815)

45 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether it is his Department's policy that all planning decisions should adhere to the Mitigation and Conservation Hierarchy. (68816)

46 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate she has made of the potential impact of her Department's plan to introduce a higher multiplier on properties with rateable value of £500,000 and above on the food and drink wholesale sector. (68735)

47 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress he has made on signing the Global Plastics Treaty. (68934)

48 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of fossil fuel lobbying groups on the effectiveness of the Global Plastics Treaty. (68935)

49 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce levels of plastic waste. (68936)

50 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support his Department is offering to small independent family (a) butchers and (b) abattoirs. [Transferred] (68623)

51 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of moving to (a) single and (b) double summer time on cumulative carbon emissions. (68877)

52 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage the integration of rainwater harvesting systems in new housing developments. (68883)

53 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of a national rainwater management strategy. (68884)

54 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to publish a national strategy for rainwater management to promote (a) sustainable and (b) decentralised water use. (68897)

55 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in the devolved Administrations on new dog breeding laws. (68759)

56 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many full-time equivalent staff were assigned to the (a) identification and (b) removal of yellow-legged Asian hornet nests in (i) 2025, (ii) 2023 and (iii) 2022. (68890)

57 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether allocated funding to the Animal and Plant Health Agency for Asian hornet response operations has changed since 2023. (68891)

58 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether any dedicated Asian hornet rapid response teams have been (a) disbanded and (b) downsized since 2023. (68892)

59 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle people who commit fraud by developing fake romantic relationships on (a) Tiktok and (b) other steaming platforms and manipulate victims into transferring large sums of money. (68924)

60 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has had recent discussions with (a) Tiktok and (b) other social media platforms on taking steps to help reduce incidents of fraud where people develop fake romantic relationships and manipulate victims into transferring large sums of money. (68925)

61 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress he has made on the review into legal frameworks governing subsea telecommunications cables. (68932)

62 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to engage with (a) Waltham Forest local authority, (b) the Greater London Authority, (c) Transport for London, (d) existing cross-Channel train operators, (e) potential future cross-Channel train operators, (e) London St. Pancras Highspeed and (f) other stakeholders on long-term plans for the expansion of rail maintenance capacity around the Temple Mills depot in Leyton. (68902)

63 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timescale is for (a) consultation and (b) decision-making on long-term plans for the expansion of rail maintenance capacity around the Temple Mills depot in Leyton. (68903)

64 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the policy paper entitled Greater Birmingham and Solihull: Growth Deal, published on 7 July 2014, how much funding was (a) allocated and (b) provided for the Hagley Road SPRINT project. (68827)

65 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the report entitled Annual Shared Micromobility Report 2024 published by CoMoUK. (68876)

66 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of pavement parking on people with (a) sight loss, (b) mobility impairments and (c) other disabilities. (68998)

67 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with local authorities on ensuring the safety of (a) wheelchair users, (b) people with visual impairments and (c) parents with prams when pavements are obstructed by parked vehicles. (68999)

68 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to recruit additional driving examiners through gov.uk. (68851)

69 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps the Government is taking to establish Great British Railways, following the disbandment of the Great British Railways Transition Team in March 2025. (68893)

70 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what role Network Rail's System Operator has in the establishment of Great British Railways; and whether any staff have been moved to the System Operator since March 2025. (68898)

71 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she has taken to ensure the safety of ground operations at English airports. (68729)

72 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she has taken to improve aviation interconnectivity between the four nations of the UK. (68730)

73 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of British aviation safety standards. (68731)

74 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of British railways safety standards. (68732)

75 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she has taken to work with relevant authorities to ensure the safety of commuters at (a) overground and (b) underground railway stations in England. (68738)

76 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of appeals in the First-tier Tribunal for (a) Personal Independence Payment, (b) Disability Living Allowance and (c) Employment and Support Allowance were upheld in favour of the claimant in the last year. (68882)

77 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of Disability Living Allowance Tribunal hearings her Department sent a presenting officer to in the last year. (68885)

78 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the investigation of the pensions regulator into NHSBSA. (68839)

79 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in Birmingham Edgbaston constituency were enrolled on Pension Credit in (a) 2023, (b) 2024 and (c) 2025 to date. (68826)

80 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are enrolled on Pension Credit, by (a) religion and (b) ethnic group. (68828)

81 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact the Pension Schemes Bill on the savings of people in (a) Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard constituency and (b) East of England. (68875)

82 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her oral contribution of 23 June 2025, Official Report, column 823, what steps her Department is taking to enable face-to-face meetings for PIP appeal hearings more accessible. (68886)

83 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that vulnerable people are not adversely impacted by welfare reforms. (68756)

84 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an estimate of the NHS dental workforce that will be required in Buckingham and Bletchley constituency in each of the next five years. (68863)

85 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that new mental health staff are deployed in areas of greatest demand in Buckingham and Bletchley constituency. (68864)

86 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the level of equity of access for children to healthcare checks in independent schools in the UK. (68802)

87 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the recovery pathways for the care of patients who have had a sudden cardiac arrest not related to myocardial infarction. (68830)

88 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the underspend was in the additional roles reimbursement scheme in each year since it was launched. (68833)

89 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the underspend in the additional roles reimbursement scheme has been reallocated. (68834)

90 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of remedial pension savings statements (a) remain outstanding and (b) have been issued. (68835)

91 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2025 to Question 28133 NHS Business Services Authority: Workplace Pensions, whether the Pensions regulator has required the NHS Business Services Authority to remedy the (a) errors and (b) delays in NHS pensions. (68836)

92 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the delays in issuing (a) remedial pension savings statements and (b) remedial service statements on patient care. (68837)

93 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he expects the outstanding (a) remedial pension savings statements and (b) remedial service statements to be delivered. (68838)

94 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to 10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future, published on 3 July 2025, if he will publish a list of regulatory bodies he plans to merge or abolish. (68840)

95 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the 10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future, published on 3 July 2025, what steps he plans to take to ensure that people who need one will be able to get a same-day GP appointment. (68963)

96 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to 10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future, published 3 July 2025, how the planned multi-neighbourhood providers covering large geographical areas will improve local continuity of healthcare. (68964)

97 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the 10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future, published on 3 July 2025, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of reducing the share of expenditure on hospital care on his Department's goal for 92 percent of patients to be treated within 18 weeks by 2029. (68965)

98 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to p.98 of the document entitled Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England, published on 3 July 2025, if he will list the training requirements identified as (a) irritating staff and (b) adding unnecessary burdens staff's working days. (68967)

99 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the information sharing duties in the (a) Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill and (b) Crime and Policing Bill on GPs. (68971)

100 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of long-term exposure to PFAS in drinking water on public health. [Transferred] (68492)

101 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many full time equivalent NHS dentists were employed in (a) Birmingham Edgbaston constituency, (b) Birmingham and (c) the West Midlands in (i) 2010 and (ii) 2024. (68824)

102 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many GP practices (a) opened and (b) closed in (i) Birmingham Edgbaston constituency, (ii) Birmingham and (iii) the West Midlands between May 2010 and June 2024. (68825)

103 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data (a) his Department and (b) NHS England hold on the number of (i) Sikh and (ii) Jewish people with late stage cancer diagnoses. (68829)

104 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of trends in the level of investment in rural VCSE infrastructure on inequalities in access to (a) GP, (b) mental health, (c) community and (d) other essential healthcare services in rural localities; and what steps he plans to take with local VCSE partners to reduce these inequalities. (68944)

105 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to implement benchmarking measures to ensure access to care for people with (a) respiratory conditions and (b) chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in England. (68795)

106 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure access to new medicines for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in England. (68796)

107 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to increase the amount of money available to people using the Healthy Start scheme, in the context of increases in the cost of (a) fruit, (b) vegetables, (c) infant formula and (d) other essential items. (68800)

108 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2025 to Question 65186 on Asthma: Medical Equipment, which pharmaceutical companies are registered as marketing authorisation holders for (a) dry powder inhalers containing (i) salbutamol and (ii) terbutaline and (b) pressurised metered dose inhalers containing salbutamol. (68960)

109 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the National Cancer Plan will include measures to ensure earlier diagnosis. (68869)

110 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to guarantee the inclusion of (a) Admiral Nurses and (b) other dementia specialist nurses as core members of the Neighbourhood Health Service. (68908)

111 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the 10-year dementia plan leads to a consistent standard of care and support for dementia patients across communities. (68909)

112 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to review the severity threshold used by NICE for appraising treatments for incurable cancers. (68910)

113 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to commission an independent review of how severity is defined in NICE appraisals and its effect on access to new cancer drugs. (68911)

114 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that the UK does not fall behind other countries in access to innovative treatments for secondary breast cancer. (68912)

115 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of third-sector providers on NHS pressures related to drug and alcohol treatment. (68992)

116 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to support the continued delivery of SOS buses. (68993)

117 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to support partnerships between local pharmacies and drug and alcohol support charities to deliver harm reduction services. (68994)

118 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department is providing to NHS trusts to support mental health inpatient wards operating above safe occupancy levels. (68995)

119 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve recruitment and retention in the mental health workforce. (68996)

120 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate has he made of the average length of stay in mental health inpatient units; and how this compares with the average length of stay for physical health inpatient admissions. (68997)

121 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce the time taken to diagnose brain tumours. (69000)

122 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what litigation costs his Department incurred in Wilson and others v Bayer Pharma and others, [2023] EWHC 1282 (QB); and how many representatives of his Department attended the Royal Courts of Justice for that hearing. (68737)

123 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve (a) child and (b) adult mental health services in Cornwall. (68952)

124 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the (a) nursing and (b) safeguarding workforce on system-wide NHS reforms. (68899)

125 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure ongoing compliance with statutory safeguarding duties if designated safeguarding professionals are removed from Integrated Care Boards. (68900)

126 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has produced an impact assessment into the potential impact of (a) removing and (b) reducing levels of safeguard functions provided by integrated care boards. (68905)

127 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the availability of Liraglutide for patients with type 2 diabetes; and what steps his Department is taking to ensure that patients with a clinical need for GLP-1 agonists are able to access appropriate treatment when first-line options are unsuitable. (68968)

128 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of working with Integrated Care Boards to ensure that (a) Admiral Nurses and (b) other dementia specialist nurses are included within each new neighbourhood health team. (68810)

129 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the core staffing requirements that the new neighbourhood health teams must fulfil are; and whether these staffing requirements will include a dementia specialist nurse. (68811)

130 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what specialist dementia support will be available in neighbourhood health centres to support people with dementia in the community following a hospital stay. (68812)

131 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what representatives his Department plans to send to the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Eleventh Session of the Conference of Parties by (a) job title and (b) name. (68895)

132 **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to promote the UK's Swap to Stop scheme at the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Eleventh Session of the Conference of Parties. (68896)

133 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on implementing 24/7 mental health text lines. (68939)

134 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much transformation funding for (a) learning disability and (b) autism services NHS England has allocated to integrated care board areas for 2025-26. (68917)

135 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has considered (a) requiring non-medical practitioners to be shadowed during treating grade two aesthetic procedures and (b) undertaking an independent review of (i) statistics and (ii) petition responses to inform the development of a regulatory model that (A) safeguards public health and (B) supports (1) businesses and (2) (a) female entrepreneurs and (b) other working parents in the aesthetics sector. (68723)

136 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support public education platforms that promote safe aesthetic treatment practices for (a) consumers and (b) practitioners. (68724)

137 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to introduce (a) subsidised costs for (i) medical oversight and (ii) job support schemes and (b) other financial assistance for non-medical aesthetic practitioners. (68726)

138 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to publish (a) a consultation and (b) an impact assessment before implementing regulations affecting non-medical aesthetic practitioners. (68728)

139 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been admitted to hospital for detached retinas in the last six months. (68734)

140 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase awareness of the potential risks of unregulated online pharmacies. (68749)

141 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people across the UK have been hospitalised for opioid overdoses. (68752)

142 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using nano needles to detect cancers. (68753)

143 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on approving new drugs for Alzheimer's disease. (68754)

144 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support dementia patients with (a) memory loss and (b) other symptoms. (68755)

145 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help prevent bullying amongst staff in health settings. (68758)

146 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of babies born with rare diseases in the first half of (a) 2025 and (b) 2024. (68762)

147 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many bountied Hong Kongers living in the UK (a) she and (b) her Department have consulted while updating the Defending Democracy Taskforce. (68813)

148 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) ensure the safety of British nationals in Iran and (b) provide safe routes for (i) those nationals and (ii) their families to return to the United Kingdom. (68929)

149 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Albania. (68973)

150 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Bosnia and Herzegovina. (68974)

151 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Bulgaria. (68975)

152 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Czechia. (68976)

153 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Croatia. (68977)

154 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Hungary. (68978)

155 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Iceland. (68979)

156 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Luxembourg. (68980)

157 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Malta. (68981)

158 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Moldova. (68982)

159 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Monaco. (68983)

160 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Montenegro. (68984)

161 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with the Netherlands. (68985)

162 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with North Macedonia. (68986)

163 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Romania. (68987)

164 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with San Marino. (68988)

165 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Serbia. (68989)

166 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Liechtenstein. (68990)

167N **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Prime Minister has had discussions with US president Donald Trump on the proscription of Palestine Action. [Transferred] (68336)

168N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Written Statement of 23 June on Security, HCWS729, what guidance her Department has issued to police forces on (a) the implementation of the Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2025 and (b) how to interpret placards relating to (i) Gaza and (ii) Israel's actions in Gaza that do not refer to Palestine Action. (68923)

169 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what dates the Violence Against Women and Girls strategy advisory panel has met since its establishment. (68950)

170 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to publish the minutes or summaries of any meetings of the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Advisory Panel. (68951)

171 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to introduce a firewall to prevent data sharing between public services and immigration enforcement to help encourage migrants to report domestic abuse through her forthcoming Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy. (68953)

172 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Destitute Domestic Violence Concession to include all migrant survivors of domestic abuse. (68954)

173 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the level of funding available to specialist by and for violence against women and girls organisations. (68955)

174 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the level of funding available for specialist by and for violence against women and girls organisations that support (a) Black, Asian and minority ethnic survivors, (b) migrant victim-survivors and (c) migrant victim-survivors with No Recourse to Public Funds. (68956)

175 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the recommendations of the article entitled Abuse of Women Runners: implications for the violence against women and girls policy agenda, published in November 2024. (68865)

176 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of outsourced forensics contracts. [Transferred] (68682)

177 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been granted entry clearance to the UK under the (a) Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy, (b) Afghan citizens resettlement scheme and (c) Afghanistan Response Route. (68938)

178 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Prime Minister's oral answer to the hon. Member for Newton Abbott of 16 July 2025, Official Report, whether the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme (a) is currently due to end in August 2026 or (b) has been extended beyond August 2026. [Transferred] (68530)

179 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, when the external windows were last cleaned on (a) Norman Shaw South, (b) Portcullis House and (c) Richmond House. (68879)

180 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the King's Gurkha Artillery will recruit female Nepali citizens. [R] (68748)

181 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to improve the mine hunting capabilities of the Royal Navy. (68744)

182 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to improve the domestic (a) development, (b) production and (c) delivery of autonomous systems for service in the Royal Air Force. (68745)

183 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using drones for defence missions. (68733)

184 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Harehills): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) the proposed requirement that trans people be excluded from (i) services and (ii) facilities that are designated single sex and (b) other proposals in the recent EHRC Draft Code of Practice to the Equality Act on the (A) financial and (B) operational readiness impacts of (1) his Department and (2) the armed forces. (68794)

185 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help support people to purchase affordable electric charging points for existing homes in Yeovil constituency. (68943)

186 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what data she holds on the number of (a) referrals and (b) complaints to social care services received by councils from (i) retirement residential home and (ii) independent living providers. (68819)

187 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of safeguards protecting residents of retirement homes from additional paid-for services from independent living providers. (68820)

188 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Reforms to Building Safety Regulator to accelerate housebuilding, published on 30 June 2025, if she will set out how Building Safety Regulator processes will change under the Fast Track Process; and what steps she is taking to reform the Building Safety Regulator (a) to implement the Fast Track Process (b) more broadly. (68764)

189 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what criteria will be used to determine eligibility for the Building Safety Regulator's fast track process. (68765)

190 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to publish regular reports on the outcomes of the fast track process of the Building Safety Regulator. (68766)

191 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will hold discussions with London boroughs on abolishing council directly elected mayors. (68768)

192 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 July 2025 to Question 64086 on Local Government: Cost Effectiveness, if he will publish the Local Government Association's Corporate Peer Challenge. (68769)

193 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 July 2025 to Question 64086, on Local Government: Cost Effectiveness, what formal and informal representations have been received on escalating the intervention. (68782)

194 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the new retail, hospitality and leisure multiplier from 2026-27 will be higher in (a) value and (b) scope than the 2025-26 RHL relief. (68783)

195 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 31879 on Councillors: Data Protection, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to amend the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill to include the reforms to the Localism Act 2011 on councillor's home addresses. (68784)

196 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 14 June 2025 to Question 59791 on Greater Manchester Combined Authority: Housing Investment Programmes, if he will publish the Facility Agreement. (68785)

197 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 8 July 2025 to Question 62598 on Right to Buy Scheme, what the monetary amount was of Right to Buy receipts allocated to local government in each year from 2012. (68786)

198 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether Articles 13 and 141 of the EU Treaty Articles have been assimilated into the English planning system. (68787)

199 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of EPC requirements for commercial properties on trends in the level of empty office accommodation. (68788)

200 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 July 2025 to Question 63619 on Permitted Development Rights, which local authorities have issued Article 4 directions to remove the Class E change of use rights. (68789)

201 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 July 2025 to Question 64088 on Civil Servants: London Allowance, what her Department's policy is on paying London weighting to staff living in Hertfordshire. (68790)

202 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it a requirement for all documents published by her Department to be written in plain English. (68791)

203 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will place a copy in the Library of the House a copy of the letter of 11 November 2024 to Chief Executives of local authorities on out-of-area accommodation placements. (68792)

204 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to strengthen Section 157 of the Housing Act 1985 to prevent its circumvention through legal or administrative loopholes. (68907)

205 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the implications for her Department's policies of the report by the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Electoral Conduct, published in 2013; and whether she has had discussions with the Electoral Commission on that report. [Transferred] (68548)

206 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an estimate of the changes to elector numbers in each constituency following the reduction of the voting age. (68919)

207 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of updating the Licensing Act 2003 to provide Licensing Authorities with greater powers to respond effectively to issues linked to licensed premises. (68803)

208 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of reforming the Licensing Act 2003 to tackle anti-social behaviour in town centres. (68804)

209 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of reforming the licence review process for off-licenses. (68805)

210 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking with local authorities to prevent (a) unlawful occupation of council-owned homes and (b) unlawfully attempting to purchase council-owned homes. (68741)

211 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the number of properties owned by (a) local authorities and (b) His Majesty's Government that contain asbestos in England. (68742)

212 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with local authorities on the adequacy of their preparedness for extreme weather conditions. (68743)

213 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of short-term funding grants on the ability of drug treatment services to (a) provide long term care and (b) retain staff. (68750)

214 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what proportion of drug treatment services have fewer than 24 months of secured funding. (68751)

215 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 17 March 2025 to Question 36526 on Legal Ombudsman, what steps her Department is taking to (a) identify and (b) resolve complaint cases awaiting investigation for more than four years; and whether the Legal Ombudsman has a procedure for prioritising those cases where delay may cause further harm to the complainant. (68930)

216 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has had discussions with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime on (a) level of funding and (b) future sustainability for the holistic advocacy wrap around service provided by Southall Black Sisters. (68948)

217 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions she has had with the (a) Home Secretary and (b) Minister for Women and Equalities on (i) level of funding and (ii) future sustainability for the holistic advocacy wrap around service provided by Southall Black Sisters. (68949)

218 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the civil justice system for litigants in person. (68887)

219 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure (a) her Department and (b) the UK legal system support attracting inward investment, in the context of the Civil Justice Council's review of the litigation funding sector. (68841)

220 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to introduce mandatory reporting on overseas funding used for third-party litigation. (68842)

221 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of allowing inquests into cases of child death by suicide to sit in private. (68854)

222 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 42776 on Marriage: Humanism, what progress she has made on reviewing the recommendations of the Law Commission's report on marriage reform, published in July 2022. (68940)

223 **Yuan Yang** (Earley and Woodley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to monitor the number of hours that magistrates volunteer each year. (68889)

224N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make a comparative estimate of the potential impact of the EU Import Control System 2 on costs to businesses of the trade movements of goods (a) between Great Britain and Northern Ireland and (b) within other international internal markets. [Transferred] (68602)

225N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the potential combined impact of the (a) Windsor Framework (i) red and (ii) green lane border crossing requirements and (b) the implementation of the EU Import Control System 2 from 1 September 2025 on costs to businesses. [Transferred] (68603)

226 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has considered the potential merits of mandating the Listings Taskforce to consider sector-specific listing challenges for those priority areas identified in the Industrial Strategy. (68850)

227 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her Department's planned timetable is for publishing the (a) draft legislation and (b) impact assessment for its proposed changes to (i) Agricultural Property Relief and (ii) Business Property Relief. (68846)

228 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing a VAT exemption for home renovations to improve energy efficiency. (68779)

229 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing targeted business rates relief for food and drink wholesalers. (68736)

230 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent progress she has made with the banking industry on the roll out of banking hubs in Birmingham Edgbaston constituency. (68821)

231 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 9 July 2025 to Question 64049 on Alcoholic Drinks, what the evidential basis is that the exclusion of the direct manufacture of alcohol beverages is in line with international conventions for green bond frameworks. (68763)

232 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of high interest public debt obligations owed by developing nations to UK private creditors on the public finances of those developing nations. [Transferred] (68644)

233 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to work with (a) The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and (b) other relevant charities to help reduce the high interest public debt owed by certain developing countries. [Transferred] (68645)

234 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increased National Insurance contributions on voluntary sector health organisations. (68913)

235 **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with care and support charities on proposed VAT rule changes. (68991)

236 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of anti-money laundering compliance requirements on the financial viability of small and medium-sized law firms. (68855)

237 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she is taking steps to review the oversight mechanisms of the Financial Conduct Authority. (68856)

238 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Financial Conduct Authority on the adequacy of its money laundering risk management policies. (68857)

239 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of Financial Conduct Authority support for victims of financial fraud in the context of the insolvency of 79th Group. (68719)

240 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Authorised Push Payment framework in tackling financial fraud. (68720)

241 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to ensure that investors in 79th Group receive adequate compensation. (68722)

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Questions for Written Answer

1N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with business groups on the impact of increases to employer's National Insurance contributions. (68880)

2N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with business groups on the impact of changes to Business Property Relief. (68881)

3N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to p.12 of The UK's Modern Industrial Strategy 2025 published on 23 June 2025, on what evidential basis his Department determined which business sectors have high potential. (68767)

4N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many companies with addresses in Northern Ireland have been removed from the Companies House register in the last year by the National Economic Crime Centre. (68868)

5N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will list the names of the six digital influencers who were funded by his Department to promote the Living Wage and Minimum Wage. (68770)

6N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the National Visitor Economy Strategy will include provisions to support areas with a majority of domestic tourism. (68922)

7N **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to respond to the letter from Fiona Davidson, dated 4 July 2025. (68942)

8N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that schools in (a) Fylde constituency and (b) across England are equipped with adequate (i) cooling and (ii) ventilation systems to protect (A) pupils and (B) staff during heatwaves. (68874)

9N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans his Department has to include grants for replacement windows in the upcoming Warm Homes Plan. (68777)

10N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what support is available to low-income households in (a) Fylde constituency and (b) across the UK to improve home cooling infrastructure in response to rising summer temperatures. (68873)

11N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timeframe is for making a decision on increasing the minimum landing size of Fal oysters. (68931)

12N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to promote the separation of clean water from (a) sewage systems and (b) natural surface water drainage ponds in new housing developments. (68918)

13N **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what comparative assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of its policies on (a) decentralised rainwater management and (b) building (i) reservoirs and (ii) sewage plants on levels of flood risk. (68858)

14N **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing incentives for developers to install (a) rainwater capture and (b) other decentralised water systems in new homes. (68859)

15N **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on updating planning guidance to require on-site water reuse and sustainable drainage in new developments. (68860)

16N **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of shifting from centralised stormwater solutions to decentralised approaches such as rainwater harvesting on carbon savings. (68861)

17N **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to promote property-level rainwater harvesting and sustainable drainage systems as part of the Government's water infrastructure strategy. (68862)

18N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled Designate a bathing water: guidance on how to apply, updated on 15 May 2025, for what reason applications cannot include organised swim events. (68849)

19 **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies on animal testing of the ability of (a) organ-on-chip, (b) artificial intelligence and (c) advanced use of human cells and tissues to provide human-relevant data on the effects of potential new medicines in whole biological systems. (68853)

20N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Civil Service 2024/2025 External Expenditure on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion of 30 May 2025, if he will list (a) the suppliers and (b) a breakdown of the expenditure related to the £3,779 of expenditure on (i) LGBT+ and (ii) Humanists' Convention. (68774)

21N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when her Department plans to respond to correspondence of 1 July 2025 from the hon. Member for Meriden and Solihull East on the Midlands Rail Hub, reference MC2025-14224. (68945)

22N **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill and her Department's document entitled English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, whether she will bring forward legislative proposals for (a) Mayors to

have a statutory role in (i) governing, (ii) managing and (iii) planning railways, and (b) an option for Mayors to control local railway stations and (c) the right for Mayors to request rail devolution.

[Transferred] (68476)

23N **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2025 to Question 65933 on Dartford-Thurrock Crossing: Tolls, on what evidential basis her Department expects there to be fewer car journeys due to higher charges on that crossing. (68915)

24N **Jen Craft** (Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2025 to Question 65933 on Dartford-Thurrock Crossing: Tolls, what estimate she has made of the change in the level of car journeys on that crossing due to (a) the change in charges and (b) other factors for the years 2025 to 2030 inclusive. (68916)

25N **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 June 2025 to Question 57194 on Motorcycles: Convictions, on what date the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency plans to complete its scan of the driver database; and when the information will be shared. (68888)

26N **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many staff were moved from Great British Railways Transition Team to (a) Network Rail, (b) DfT Operator and (c) her Department following the disbandment of the Great British Railways Transition Team on March 31, 2025. (68894)

27N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what information her Department holds on the number and what proportion of Universal Credit claimants who have (a) no qualifications, (b) Level 2 qualifications, (c) Level 3 qualifications, (d) Level 4 qualifications, (e) Level 5 qualifications and (f) Level 6 qualifications or above. (68832)

28N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to improve (a) enforcement and (b) arrears recovery in child maintenance cases where the paying parent resides abroad. (68845)

29N **Sir Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of the total caseload for UC LCWRA and ESA Support Group participated in Additional Work Coach Time in the most recent (a) month and (b) financial year for which data is available; and what estimate she has made of what that proportion will be for financial year 2026-27. (68747)

30N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of the inclusion of Oxford University Hospitals Trust in the rapid review of NHS maternity services. (68962)

31N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to (a) improve access to antenatal care education for women and families and (b) ensure that high-quality (a) information and (b) information on birthing is delivered during antenatal classes. (68966)

32N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a regulatory body for antenatal education organisations. (68970)

33N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for the review of NHS England guidance entitled Delivering same-sex accommodation; and what role he will play in the process. (68772)

34N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the conflict in Gaza on the mental health and wellbeing of children. (68806)

35N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations his Department has made to the Government of Israel on the reported bombing of (a) schools and (b) shelters in Gaza. (68807)

36N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to support access to education for children in Gaza whose schools have been (a) damaged and (b) destroyed. (68808)

37N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of children at risk of waterborne diseases due to fuel shortages in Gaza. (68818)

38N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Oral Statement by the Prime Minister of 25 February 2025 on Defence and Security, Official Report, column 631, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the reduction in overseas development aid on local development service providers. (68852)

39N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to his counterparts in (a) Israel and (b) the United States on the effectiveness of the functionality of the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation aid distribution centres. (68780)

40N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing a concession for care workers in the qualifying time for indefinite leave to remain due to delays in UK visa and immigration processing times for skilled worker visas. (68946)

41N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment has she made of the potential merits of using the certificate of sponsorship start date to start the qualifying period for care workers on skilled worker visas to apply for indefinite leave to remain. (68947)

42N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made with Cabinet colleagues of how many (a) prison service, (b) DWP and (c) general civil service staff members with Skilled Worker visas will lose their visa eligibility due to changes to immigration rules from 22 July 2025. (68831)

43N **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Leader of the House, if she will publish a list of the statutory instruments made since the last general election and set out the provisions in the parent act of Parliament which are relied upon to provide statutory authority for the making of that statutory instrument by 22 July 2025. [Transferred] (68335)

44N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his oral statement of 15 July 2025 on Afghanistan, Official Report, column 149-152, whether the £5.5 to 6 billion lifetime cost of the Afghan resettlement schemes includes further family members coming to the UK. (68793)

45N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2024 to Question 19002 on Ministry of Defence: Temporary Accommodation, how many Afghans are being accommodated on the defence estate. (68801)

46N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the assumptions used to generate the figure of a 5.5 to 6 billion lifetime cost of the Afghan re-settlement schemes. (68809)

47N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support the UK glass manufacturing sector. (68775)

48N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has put guarantees in place for using British-made glass in the windows and doors in her Department's housebuilding programme. (68776)

49N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department is taking steps to give Community Land Trusts improved access to Registered Provider status. (68920)

50N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to allocate fines to housebuilders from the Competition and Markets Authority to support the community land trust sector. (68921)

51N **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Transport on the powers of councils to improve transport accessibility for people with disabilities. (68941)

52N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance her Department provides to local planning authorities on the installation of air conditioning systems in residential developments in anticipation of more frequent extreme heat events. (68871)

53N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Government plans to revise building regulations to require (a) passive or (b) mechanical cooling systems in new homes in response to rising summer temperatures. (68872)

54N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has (a) received reports of technical problems with and (b) investigated the functionality of the online evidence submissions form for the Islamophobia/Anti-Muslim Hatred Definition Working Group. (68870)

55N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Civil Service 2024/2025 External Expenditure on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, published on 30 May 2025, which suppliers were used to provide the LGBTI internal conference. (68773)

56N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the FCDO press release entitled LGBTQIA+ Legal Guidebook launched in Philippines for Pride Month, published on 23 June 2025, whether her Department has a policy on the use of the phrase LGBTQIA+; and whether it has replaced (a) LGBT and (b) LGBT+. (68771)

Questions for Answer on Monday 1 September

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent supply chain disruption for automotive retailers. (68926)

2N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he had discussions with his Syrian counterpart on a timetable for democratic elections in Syria during his recent official visit; and whether it remains his policy to support national elections in Syria. (68961)