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Questions tabled on Tuesday 2 September 2025

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 3 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if 10 Downing Street has spent money on social media influencers since July 2024.
[Transferred] (73944)
- 2 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what resources he is providing to Companies House to (a) detect and (b) prevent the use of fraudulent corporate structures for criminal activity.
[Transferred] (73646)
- 3 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of the Government issuing an official apology to people affected by forced adoptions.
[Transferred] (73789)
- 4 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what (a) financial and (b) legal support has been made available for local nature recovery strategies.
[Transferred] (74020)
- 5 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that Lancashire cheesemakers can access the benefits of the new Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement on equal terms with other UK artisan exporters.
[Transferred] (74076)
- 6 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) Lightspeed and (b) other (i) broadband and (ii) connectivity companies on the effectiveness of their consultation processes with local residents before any telegraph pole installation takes place.
[Transferred] (73791)

- 7N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will make an assessment of (a) trends in the level of online abuse of sport people and (b) the effectiveness of online safety provisions. [Transferred] (73580)
- 8 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to tackle number plate cloning; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of vehicle cloning on (a) the finances, (b) the legal position and (c) other factors for motorists in Hertfordshire incorrectly pursued for offences committed by others. [Transferred] (73848)
- 9 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help reduce inequalities for young disabled people in the labour market. [Transferred] (73709)
- 10 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support young disabled people into further (a) training and (b) education. [Transferred] (73710)
- 11 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, why (a) notice or (b) a transition period was given for the closure of the ARAP scheme. [Transferred] (73908)
- 12 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with (a) the Scottish Government and (b) local authorities on providing support to help tackle reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete in residential buildings. [Transferred] (73741)
- 13 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Justice on the potential impact of auditing car park operator records where recurring disputes over charges have been identified on County Court caseloads. [Transferred] (74030)
- 14 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what funding has been allocated to the new homes accelerator during the Spending Review period. [Transferred] (74080)
- 15 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to (a) alter the statute of limitations and (b) review time limits for claims for (i) brain injuries and (ii) other lifelong conditions resulting from (A) medical and (B) clinical negligence. [Transferred] (74066)
- 16 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to protect vulnerable consumers from disproportionate online insurance price increases. [Transferred] (73982)

- 17 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism will have a military use exemption. [Transferred]
(73889)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 4 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Solicitor General, whether her Department has spent money on promotion through social media influencers since July 2024. (74318)
- 2 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Solicitor General, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74155)
- 3 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Chief Secretary to the Prime Minister has any line management responsibilities for (a) civil servants and (b) special advisers in 10 Downing Street; and whether the (i) responsibilities and (ii) remit of the Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister have changed since the appointment of the Chief Secretary. (74500)
- 4 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014. (74507)
- 5 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his planned timetable is for updating the webpage entitled Salaries of members of His Majesty's Government on gov.uk. (74509)
- 6 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 11 July 2025, to Question 64830, on Civil Service: Equality, whether his Department has consulted trade unions in relation to planned updates to the Guidance for Civil Service Staff Networks. (74510)
- 7 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 29 August 2025 to Question 62335 on Senior Civil Service: Training, if he will list the external venues that have been authorised for hire since 4 April 2025; and the cost for each hire. (74512)
- 8 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much council tax was paid by his Department on the Deputy Prime Minister's flat in Admiralty House in each month since 4 July 2024. (74185)

- 9 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason his Department pays council tax on Ministerial residences which are deemed to be second homes. (74186)
- 10 **Katie Lam** (Weald of Kent): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) arm's-length bodies, (b) Government Departments, (c) agencies and (d) public bodies (i) have been assessed as redundant and (ii) are being prioritised for (A) merging and (B) closure. (74098)
- 11 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74154)
- 12 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information (a) his Department and (b) the Crown Commercial Service hold on the fee structures used by Bloom Procurement Services Ltd under the NEPRO3 framework; and what proportion of public contracts awarded through NEPRO3 in the 2024–25 financial year involved an undisclosed intermediary fee. (74203)
- 13 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an estimate of the total cost of the Civil Service paybill in the (a) 2023–24 and (b) 2024–25 financial years. (74204)
- 14 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his Department's planned timetable is for the publication of the seventh UK National Action Plan for Open Government; and what consultation his Department has undertaken in relation to the sixth UK National Action Plan for Open Government since it was published in December 2023. (74205)
- 15 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the (a) Crown Commercial Service and (b) Government Communications Service has (i) a framework agreement for the procurement of social influencers and (ii) roster of preferred or recommended influencers. (74206)
- 16 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will place in the Library copies of each HR Connect newsletter issued since 1 January 2025. (74207)
- 17 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his Department's policy is on whether (a) trade union diversity networks are eligible for trade union facility time and (b) whether staff can claim both diversity network time and facility time. (74208)

- 18 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to p.382 of the document entitled Central Government Supply Estimates 2024-25, Main Supply Estimates, HC139, published on 17 July 2025, what policy area relates to the Cabinet Office's contingent liabilities that are subject to legal privilege. (74209)
- 19 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the document entitled Statistical bulletin - Civil Service Statistics: 2025, published on 30 July 2025, for what reason the proportion of staff in his Department who have self-reported a disability have risen from 8.9% in 2015 to 16.9% in 2024; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of his Department's recruitment policies on the number of staff self-reporting a disability in this time period. (74210)
- 20 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2025 to Question 37808 on Prime Minister: Recruitment, if he will list the job title of each position in the Prime Minister's Office that was filled by exception since 4 July 2024. (74211)
- 21 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the name of each of the Prime Minister's (a) special representatives, (b) envoys and (c) direct ministerial appointments who were in post on 2 September 2025. (74274)
- 22 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the iPhones provided to No.10 staff use a Virtual Private Network. (74275)
- 23 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse was of each official reception in 10 Downing Street since 4 July 2024. (74276)
- 24 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 22 August 2025 to Question 69070 on Syria: Inter Mediate, what meetings the Prime Minister's National Security Adviser has had with Inter Mediate. (74277)
- 25 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department is taking steps to help (a) increase recruitment and (b) tackle staffing shortages in the hospitality sector in (a) towns, (b) rural communities and (c) other places in (i) Somerset and (ii) other regions. (74474)
- 26 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has spent money on promotion through social media influencers since July 2024. (74315)
- 27 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people with disabilities were employed in his Department on 2 September 2025. (74298)

- 28 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many pubs have closed each year since 2015. (74479)
- 29 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74153)
- 30 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on creating the new British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme. (74168)
- 31 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what funding he has provided to the Cambridge x Manchester Innovation partnership. (74169)
- 32 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, how much funding his Department plans to provide to the Cambridge Growth Company. (74170)
- 33 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, which areas within Cambridgeshire fall within the scope of the Cambridge Growth Company. (74171)
- 34 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what his planned timetable is for publishing further information on the funding of the Cambridge Growth Company. (74172)
- 35 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what recent progress he has made on reducing the administrative costs of regulation for businesses. (74173)
- 36 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, how much of the £500 million Local Innovation Partnerships Fund will be spent in Huntingdon constituency. (74174)
- 37 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what steps has he taken to increase support for the Oxford to Cambridge growth corridor. (74175)
- 38 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increasing support for the Oxford to Cambridge growth corridor on Huntingdon constituency. (74176)

- 39 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what recent progress has he made in establishing a high-calibre concierge service in the office for investment. (74177)
- 40 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what his Department's approach is to placements within industry. (74178)
- 41 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made in developing the new business growth service. (74179)
- 42 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what procurement reforms will his Department introduce to improve the process in order to secure government contracts. (74180)
- 43 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, which elements of the Global Combat air programme are included within the scope of the Industrial Strategy partnership with the Japanese government agreed in March 2025. (74181)
- 44 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, when he expects the Office for Investment to establish a new national investment partnership framework to help Mayoral Strategic Authorities to build their investment (a) capacity and (b) capability. (74182)
- 45 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, how much of the £350 million Nations and Regions investment fund will be spent in Huntingdon constituency. (74183)
- 46 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she last met the (a) Rugby Football Union and (b) Premiership Rugby; and what issues were discussed. (74384)
- 47 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many people with disabilities were employed in her Department on 2 September 2025. (74291)
- 48 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of maintaining long wave radio transmission infrastructure on (a) national resilience and (b) strategic defence. (74349)

- 49 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to provide financial support to maintain long wave radio services. (74351)
- 50 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help increase girl's participation in rugby. (74419)
- 51 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help increase participation in women's rugby. (74421)
- 52 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74152)
- 53 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the swing bridge is eligible for repair funding from the National Lottery. (74266)
- 54 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether science and discovery centres fall within the remit of her Department. (74267)
- 55 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether cultural access to science falls within the remit of her Department, in the context of the UK's obligations under (a) Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and (b) Article 15 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. (74268)
- 56 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure schools reach Sustainable Development Goal 4.7. (74408)
- 57 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the withdrawal of government funding for Global Citizenship Education in England on the provision of Global Citizenship Education programmes. (74409)
- 58 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions her Department has had with industry bodies on strengthening (a) apprenticeships and (b) training routes in the hospitality sector to support small and medium-sized businesses in Yeovil constituency. (74468)
- 59 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has for the Holiday activities and food programme after 31 March 2026. (74364)

- 60 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the introduction of VAT on independent school fees on the ability on non-affluent families to afford private school education. (74389)
- 61 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people with disabilities were employed in her Department on 2 September 2025. (74299)
- 62 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has provided funding to the Centre for Hate Studies at the University of Leicester. (74478)
- 63 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure schools have sufficient funding to retain experienced teachers alongside recruiting new staff. (74548)
- 64 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to introduce targeted retention incentives for experienced teachers in addition to those offered to early-career teachers. (74549)
- 65 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of revising how the high needs national funding formula is calculated. (74134)
- 66 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent progress she has made in establishing defence technical excellence colleges. (74135)
- 67 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74160)
- 68 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential (a) merits of virtual teachers in allowing pupils to (i) rewatch and (ii) relisten to lessons and (b) impact of those teachers on pupils with lower achievement rates. (74101)
- 69 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support children who arrive at school by (a) state-provided buses and (b) taxis to make use of free breakfast clubs. (74231)
- 70 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of rising energy costs on small to medium sized hospitality businesses in Yeovil constituency. (74470)
- 71 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has spent money on promotion through social media influencers since July 2024. (74317)

- 72 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many people with disabilities were employed in his Department on 2 September 2025. (74295)
- 73 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department plans to take to support (a) lower income families and (b) pensioners impacted by the energy price cap increase. (74416)
- 74 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions his Department has had with (a) the Department of Business and Trade and (b) the Cabinet office on ensuring its supply chains do not involve forced labour. (74575)
- 75 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of progress towards making the UK a clean energy superpower. (74281)
- 76 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of progress in transitioning to net zero across the economy. (74282)
- 77 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74157)
- 78 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will set out the scope the proposed ban on trophy hunting imports. (74374)
- 79 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to support the horticultural industry in transitioning to peat-free growing. (74530)
- 80 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 13 May 2025 to Question 49987, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that there is no funding gap between the end of Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme and the opening of the application window for Environmental Landscape Management schemes for landscape-scale restoration of upland peatland areas. (74532)
- 81 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the final report of the Independent Water Commission, published on 21 July 2025, what progress he has made on implementing the recommendations of that report. (74521)
- 82 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he expects Ofwat's replacement to be in place. (74523)

- 83 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 26 June 2025 to Question 61000 on Hunting, what recent progress he has made to ban trail-hunting. (74498)
- 84 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the police of (a) kennelling and (b) court fees for dogs subject to seized dog cases. (74382)
- 85 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has considered increasing funding for the Capital Grants scheme, in the context of levels of demand. (74599)
- 86 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many people with disabilities were employed in his Department on 2 September 2025. (74297)
- 87 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the cost to the public purse was of investigating unlicensed fishing by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs. (74345)
- 88 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has met with representatives from Red Tractor to discuss the effectiveness of the Red Tractor assurance scheme regarding animal welfare standards. (74225)
- 89 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which public sector organisations are required to ensure that 50 per cent of their catering consists of British produce. (74136)
- 90 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74156)
- 91 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with UKRI on steps his Department is taking to support innovative materials whose development has been funded by grants from Innovate UK. [R] (74372)
- 92 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent guidance his Department has provided to local authorities on the (a) collection and (b) disposal of independently certified BS 13432 compliant compostable packaging. [R] (74373)
- 93 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of soft plastic recycling schemes operated by supermarkets. [R] (74386)

- 94 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to review the definition of recycled in Section 49 of the Finance Act 2021 to recognize organic recycling through food waste schemes. [R]
(74387)
- 95 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether Parliamentary time will be allocated for an annual debate to monitor progress towards achieving the goals set out in the animal welfare strategy. (74576)
- 96 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what reason Natural England is no longer accepting complaints about the spread of injurious weeds. (74517)
- 97 **Dr Roz Savage** (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in the context of Natural England no longer accepting complaints about the spread of injurious weeds, by what means the Weeds Act 1959 is now being enforced. (74519)
- 98 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of recent trends in levels of water pollution in England. (74088)
- 99 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to develop an effective vaccine for bluetongue virus serotype 3. (74232)
- 100 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many people with disabilities were employed in his Department on 2 September 2025. (74301)
- 101 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps their Department is taking to implement the guidance entitled The government's approach to rural proofing 2025, published on 15 May 2025. (74307)
- 102 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74158)
- 103 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to provide funding for research into the (a) prevention and (b) treatment of arthritis and musculoskeletal disease in UK universities. (74263)
- 104 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether any third-party contractors have been engaged to assist with the monitoring of social media content. (74343)

- 105 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his policy is on the (a) storage, (b) retention and (c) use of data collected from social media monitoring activities by (i) government departments and (ii) affiliated agencies. (74346)
- 106 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to roll out noise detection cameras on roads. (74554)
- 107 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to reintroduce measures to increase tax on higher polluting vehicles. (74555)
- 108 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to review proposals to tax pickup trucks as personal vehicles. (74556)
- 109 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to standardise the measure of vehicle sound testing in MOTs. (74557)
- 110 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she plans to have discussions with unions ahead of rail companies being taken into public ownership. (74442)
- 111 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish the membership and terms of reference of the Rail Engagement Group. (74443)
- 112 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to ensure that rail workers maintain their (a) pay and (b) working conditions when their rail company is moved into public ownership. (74448)
- 113 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending (a) free and (b) discounted bus travel to people under the age of 22; and what steps his Department is taking to ensure that young people in rural areas are not excluded from (i) education, (ii) employment and (c) family and community life due to the (A) rising cost of bus fares and (B) reduction of local services. (74558)
- 114 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to improve transparency in the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's decision-making process for over-70s driving licence renewals; and what weightings are given to recent eyesight tests conducted by qualified opticians when assessing over-70s driving licence renewals. (74236)
- 115 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the level of variation in the time taken to complete private hire vehicle licence applications across local authorities in England. (74535)

- 116 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of a licensing authority taking an extended period of time to accept or reject a private hire vehicle licence application. (74536)
- 117 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people with disabilities were employed in her Department on 2 September 2025. (74293)
- 118 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people who were applying for asylum have been issued with a driving licence since 2020. (74316)
- 119 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve mobile and internet connectivity on long-distance rail services between Scotland and London. (74395)
- 120 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of satellite technology on (a) mobile and (b) internet connectivity on long-distance rail services between Scotland and London. (74396)
- 121 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has had recent discussions with Starlink on satellite services for trains. (74397)
- 122 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74166)
- 123 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on taking steps to help ensure that transport links are adequate to support funding for cricket facilities at The Dome in Farrington. (74233)
- 124 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment has the government made of the impact of increasing the cap on a single bus fare from £2 to £3 on bus journeys across England. (74234)
- 125 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with The Pensions Regulator on strengthening its Code of Practice to require large companies running trust-based pension schemes to establish and maintain an internal audit capability. (74547)
- 126 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the processing times of (a) applications for and (b) mandatory reconsiderations of Disability Living Allowance. (74551)

- 127 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help reduce the delays in decisions on Disability Living Allowance claims. (74552)
- 128 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people with disabilities were employed in her Department on 2 September 2025. (74292)
- 129 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the report from the Child Poverty Action Group entitled 'Two-child limit statistics briefing', published on 10 July 2025, what steps she is taking to lift children out of poverty. (74230)
- 130 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish a breakdown of Personal Independence Payment claimants by (a) nationality and (b) immigration status in each year since 2020. (74344)
- 131 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many child benefit claims were cancelled because the claimant was found to be living abroad in each year since 2020. (74355)
- 132 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent progress she has made in establishing the jobs and careers service. (74130)
- 133 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74159)
- 134 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to review the housing benefits earnings disregard threshold for individuals in supported accommodation. (74417)
- 135 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of young people in supported accommodation who have (a) reduced working hours and (b) turned down employment opportunities due to the tapering of housing benefit. (74418)
- 136 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of adult social care on supporting people of working age into the labour market. (74354)
- 137 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of establishing an Older People's Commissioner for England. (74363)

- 138 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the pension credit threshold. (74253)
- 139 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support employment in the production of Sustainable Aviation Fuels. (74254)
- 140 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will conduct a lessons learned review from the initial period of the decision to withdraw universal Winter Fuel Payments. (74255)
- 141 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the (a) commissioning and (b) funding model for gambling harm treatment services is structured across England; and whether he plans to issue a Letter of Comfort to Providers. (74187)
- 142 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he expects the Tobacco and Vapes Bill to receive Royal Assent. (74375)
- 143 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for banning heated tobacco adverts following the Royal Assent of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward that ban. (74377)
- 144 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the Dental Act 1921 in meeting patient needs in orthodontic care. (74390)
- 145 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) recognising and (b) including low-grade brain tumours in the forthcoming National Cancer Plan. (74524)
- 146 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to review the NICE guidelines on NHS-funded IVF treatment to allow for exceptions in cases where (a) short-term illness and (b) clinical advice from NHS staff has prevented a person from starting IVF treatment before the age eligibility cut-off. (74563)
- 147 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the £26 million NHS England Children's Hospice Grant for meeting the costs faced by children's hospices in South Suffolk. (74480)
- 148 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to extend the NHS England Children's Hospice Grant beyond the 2025-26 financial year. (74481)

- 149 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to undertake a comprehensive review of the (a) planning, (b) commissioning and (c) funding of children's palliative care in South Suffolk. (74482)
- 150 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the planned £29 billion annual increase in the NHS budget over the next three years will be allocated to children's palliative care services. (74483)
- 151 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to increase support available for people with neurological conditions. (74487)
- 152 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support research into motor neurone disease. (74488)
- 153 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much of the £50 million allocated for targeted motor neurone disease research has been allocated as of September 2025. (74489)
- 154 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to enable Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB to allow GP to make referrals to adult ADHD assessment waiting lists. (74235)
- 155 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential links between hypermobility and neurodivergence. (74439)
- 156 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to increase (a) awareness and (b) understanding of the association between (i) hypermobility and (ii) neurodivergence in the NHS. (74440)
- 157 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential need to improve screening for hypermobility in neurodivergent individuals. (74441)
- 158 **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending the provision of Covid vaccinations to people with (a) type 1 diabetes and (b) long term immunosuppressive health conditions. (74525)
- 159 **Amanda Hack** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that NICE appraisal decisions for (a) progressive and (b) degenerative diseases are taken in a timely manner. (74492)
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- 160 **Amanda Hack** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to review the manner in which NICE considers carer-related quality of life in its assessments of treatments for (a) rare, (b) progressive and (c) paediatric diseases. (74493)
- 161 **Amanda Hack** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the potential impact on carers is taken into account in NICE's health technology appraisal decisions. (74495)
- 162 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress his Department has made on the implementation of the Oliver McGowan mandatory training on learning disability and autism across the NHS and social care workforce. (74371)
- 163 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the availability of ultrasound scans to pregnant women who (a) report reduced foetal movement before 28 weeks' gestation and (b) present on more than one occasion after 24 weeks' gestation. (74238)
- 164 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many child deaths were recorded where parental consanguinity was (a) identified and (b) not identified in England in each year since 2019. (74239)
- 165 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people with disabilities were employed in his Department on 2 September 2025. (74302)
- 166 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing English language requirements for non-UK staff within the NHS. (74475)
- 167 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking with devolved Administrations to help reduce waiting times from GP referral to first routine dermatology appointments. (74352)
- 168 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether funding is available to upgrade hospital helipads to enable night-time operation. (74194)
- 169 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of progress on reducing NHS waiting lists in North East Somerset and Hanham constituency. (74283)

- 170 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74162)
- 171 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the wholesale price increase of Mounjaro on patients managing (a) obesity and (b) type 2 diabetes. (74420)
- 172 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will ensure that (a) prioritisation for medical evacuation and treatment of children from Gaza is based solely on clinical urgency and medical need and (b) it is not contingent on the availability of private funding or charitable sponsorship. (74426)
- 173 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, , how many sickle cell patients have developed haemolysis due to receiving a blood transfusion with unmatched blood during the last 12 months. (74428)
- 174 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients with (a) leukaemia and lymphoma, (b) myeloma, (c) other cancers, (d) myelodysplastic syndromes, (e) aplastic anemia, (f) thalassemia, (g) bleeding disorders and (h) other conditions which require regular blood transfusions have developed haemolysis due to receiving a blood transfusion with unmatched blood in the last 12 months. (74433)
- 175 **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 Functional Electrical Stimulation devices to support people with Parkinson's disease. (74087)
- 176 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women under the age of 18 have been diagnosed with ADHD in the last 12 months. (74090)
- 177 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women aged between (a) 50-60 and (b) 60-70 years olds have been diagnosed with bowel cancer in the last 12 months. (74091)
- 178 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many deaths there have been due to sepsis in the last 24 months. (74093)
- 179 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve levels of early diagnoses of dementia. (74095)
- 180 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of excessive alcohol consumption on levels of prevalence of cancer. (74097)

- 181 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that patient data is seamlessly shared between the NHS in (a) England and (b) the devolved Administrations. (74102)
- 182 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that people impacted by (a) long-term health conditions and (b) disabilities are consulted during the review of changes to Personal Independence Payment. (74360)
- 183 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of Enhertu for the treatment of (a) HER2-positive and (b) HER2-low breast cancer. (74361)
- 184 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the press release entitled Internship Scheme To Get More Working Class Students Into Civil Service, published on 1 August 2025, whether children of (a) NHS doctors and (b) NHS nurses will be able to apply for the Summer Internship Programme in (i) DHSC and (ii) NHS England in 2026. (74280)
- 185 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans his Department has to provide (a) urgent aid and (b) longer-term climate adaptation support to Pakistan following recent floods. (74533)
- 186 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 8 July 2025 to Question 64094 on Chagos Islands: Sovereignty, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing the payments to Mauritius in advance of the releasing of annual accounts. (74392)
- 187 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): 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 recent reports of the shelling of civilian infrastructure in Thailand by Cambodian forces; and if he will support a UN investigation into potential breaches of international humanitarian law. (74574)
- 188 **John Grady** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with international allies to help bring greater stability to Lebanon. (74347)
- 189 **John Grady** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with international allies to help bring greater stability to Syria. (74348)
- 190 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what due diligence was undertaken for the appointment of the UK ambassador to the US. (74188)

- 191 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department responded to the correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government of 6 August 2025 on the proposed Chinese Embassy. (74189)
- 192 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many people with disabilities were employed in his Department on 2 September 2025. (74300)
- 193 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the total cost to the public purse is for the evacuation of children from Gaza as of 2 September 2025. (74319)
- 194 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the projected cost to the public purse is of Chevening scholarships awarded to students from Gaza for 2025-26. (74356)
- 195 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure enforcement of international humanitarian law protections for journalists in Gaza. (74359)
- 196 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the findings by the Human Rights Watch entitled Questions and Answers on Israel's Use of White Phosphorus in Gaza and Lebanon, published on 12 October 2023. (74226)
- 197 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of deepening (a) commercial and (b) other economic ties between Russia and North Korea. (74129)
- 198 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74161)
- 199 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to his counterpart in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the reported increase in the use of (a) judicial and (b) non-judicial travel bans imposed on (i) released prisoners of conscience and (ii) family members of peaceful activists. (74581)

- 200 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to the Government of Saudi Arabia on the reported rise in executions in relation to non-violent drug-related offences. (74582)
- 201 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the interim Syrian authorities on (a) preventing human rights violations, (b) protecting all Syrians and (c) ending all forms of sectarian violence. (74583)
- 202 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of Israel's involvement in the sectarian violence in southern Syria; and what assessment he has made of the risk of Israeli annexation of parts of southern Syria. (74584)
- 203 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Saudi Arabian counterparts on its use of capital punishment in (a) non-lethal criminal cases and (b) other criminal cases. (74434)
- 204 **John Slinger** (Rugby): 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 the relationship between the Federal Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. (74566)
- 205 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, in what circumstances would the (a) Mauritius and (b) UK Government be able to terminate the UK/Mauritius: Agreement concerning the Chagos Archipelago including Diego Garcia once it is in force. (74272)
- 206 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 May 2025 to Question 51154, if he will publish the declaration by the Ambassador to the United States of America. (74273)
- 207 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 30 June to Question 59825 on Gaza: Humanitarian Aid, what diplomatic steps his Department has taken to help ensure freedom of navigation in the Eastern Mediterranean. (74490)
- 208 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 30 June to Question 59824 on Gaza: Humanitarian Aid, whether his Department has had discussions with the International Maritime Organisation on the reported drone attack on the vessel Conscience. (74491)

- 209 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 February 2025 to Question 30304 on Gaza: Internally Displaced People, what estimate his Department has made of the number of people displaced from Gaza City since July 2025. (74496)
- 210 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of existing levels of central government funding for fire and rescue services. (74401)
- 211 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Border Force staff have been allocated to fast parcels in each of the last 10 financial years. (74600)
- 212 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has spent money on promotion through social media influencers since July 2024. (74309)
- 213 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Act 2024, whether citizens who naturalised prior to 22 July 2025 will be included in the new registration route. (74522)
- 214 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people with disabilities were employed in her Department on 2 September 2025. (74303)
- 215 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish the number of staff working in her Department, broken down by nationality. (74304)
- 216 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will provide an estimate of the total number of Gazans that will enter the asylum system following medical treatment in the UK. (74320)
- 217 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost to the public purse was of the (a) evacuation and (b) relocation of Palestinian students from Gaza to the UK in 2025. (74357)
- 218 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the the suspension of refugee family reunion route on number of visa applications. (74477)
- 219 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department encouraged the Tunisian government to set up complaint mechanisms for people to report alleged violations of their human rights

as part of the implementation of (a) the upskilling of migrants in-country, (b) the International Organisation for Migration's Assisted Voluntary Returns & Reintegration Programme and (c) other UK funded programmes. (74227)

220 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of granting biometric deferrals for students from Gaza who have been awarded UK scholarships but are unable to access biometric facilities. (74195)

221 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to provide safe routes for students from Gaza who have secured UK scholarships but are currently unable to meet biometric requirements. (74196)

222 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many students from Gaza that were awarded UK scholarships in the 2024-25 academic year are unable to take up their places due to lack of access to biometric enrolment facilities. (74197)

223 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on biometric processing for students from Gaza seeking to take up scholarships in the UK. (74198)

224 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the size was of the initial asylum application decision backlog on 1 August 2025. (74131)

225 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the size was of the asylum application decision appeals backlog on 1 August 2025. (74132)

226 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how attendees at the College for National Security are selected. (74133)

227 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74163)

228 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of what the pull-factors are that are encouraging illegal immigration to the UK. (74271)

229 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the minimum salary requirement is for overseas-qualified veterinary surgeons to be eligible for Skilled Worker visas. (74402)

- 230 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Skilled Worker visa salary threshold on the ability of veterinary practices to recruit staff; and what appeals process is available where salary thresholds do not reflect local pay levels. (74403)
- 231 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of incorporating remote digital testing platforms into the forthcoming Home Office English Language Test contract on cybersecurity; and what steps she plans to take to ensure (a) data security and (b) fraud prevention across the 142 countries in which the test will be administered. (74585)
- 232 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of adopting modes of English language assessment based on at-home proficiency tests within the planned Home Office English Language Test tender. (74586)
- 233 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 17 July to Question 67336 on Crime, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the Safer Streets Summer Initiative in reducing (a) town centre criminality, (b) shop theft, (c) street crime and (d) anti-social behaviour. (74587)
- 234 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that visa applications for injured Palestinian children are processed without delay; and whether those visas applications can be fast-tracked. (74486)
- 235 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to help ensure that children medically evacuated from Gaza will not be subject to forced return to (a) Gaza or (b) an unsafe country following treatment in the UK. (74422)
- 236 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help ensure that children evacuated from Gaza for medical treatment are accompanied by appropriate family members. (74423)
- 237 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to waive biometric requirements for children medically evacuated from Gaza to the UK. (74424)
- 238 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the number of critically injured Palestinian children that are permitted into the UK for life-saving medical treatment. (74425)

- 239 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of people working in the UK illegally after their visa has expired. (74092)
- 240 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to deport convicted violent foreign criminals. (74094)
- 241 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Class A drugs have been seized from organised crime in the last 12 months. (74096)
- 242 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle cannabis use on streets. (74099)
- 243 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has issued guidance to retailers on the use of live facial recognition technology for (a) security and (b) commercial purposes. (74504)
- 244 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the (a) number and (b) nature of instances in which members of the public have been subject to monitoring by government agencies on social media platforms in the last 12 months. (74332)
- 245 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what oversight mechanisms are in place to ensure that government monitoring of public social media content does not infringe upon freedom of expression and privacy rights. (74342)
- 246 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the licensing system for Section 2 shotguns on rural economies. (74367)
- 247 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she consulted people with direct experience of the immigration system prior to designing the (a) settlement and (b) citizenship changes proposed in the Immigration White Paper. (74457)
- 248 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the students from Gaza granted permission to study in the United Kingdom under the Chevening scheme will be subject to any security checks or vetting. (74278)
- 249 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Leader of the House, with reference to the Government press release entitled Internship Scheme To Get More Working Class Students Into Civil Service, published on 1 August 2025, whether children of Hon. Members will be able to apply for the Summer Internship Programme in 2026. (74515)

- 250 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 78 of the Strategic Defence Review: Making Britain Safer: secure at home, strong abroad, published on 2 June 2025, whether he has consulted external sources on the new Defence Diplomacy Strategy. (74140)
- 251 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to recommendation 38 of the Strategic Defence Review: Making Britain Safer: secure at home, strong abroad, published on 2 June 2025, if he will list the (a) Governments and (b) private financial institutions that his Department will engage with to deliver an integrated frigate force for anti-submarine warfare. (74141)
- 252 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 1 September on Ukraine, Official Report, columns 93-94, what his timeline is for the review into armed forces readiness levels. (74538)
- 253 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 1 September on Ukraine, Official Report columns 93-94, when he expects to publish his review into armed forces readiness levels. (74539)
- 254 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 1 September on Ukraine, Official Report columns 93-94, whether urgent operational requirements are being considered as part of his review into armed forces readiness levels. (74540)
- 255 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 1 September on Ukraine, Official Report columns 93-94, how many of the 5 million rounds delivered to Ukraine were manufactured in the UK. (74541)
- 256 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 1 September on Ukraine, Official Report columns 93-94, how many of the 60,000 (a) artillery shells, (b) rockets and (c) missiles delivered to Ukraine were manufactured in the UK. (74542)
- 257 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 01 September on Ukraine, Official Report columns 93-94, how many of 2,500 uncrewed platforms delivered to Ukraine were manufactured in the UK. (74543)
- 258 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 1 September on Ukraine, Official Report columns 93-94, how many of the 30 vehicles and engineering equipment delivered to Ukraine were manufactured in the UK. (74544)
- 259 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Oral Statement of 1 September on Ukraine, Official Report columns 93-94, how many of the 200 electronic warfare and air defence systems delivered to Ukraine were manufactured in the UK. (74546)

- 260 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his planned timetable is for approval of the Review Note for the Protector programme. (74406)
- 261 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason the Protector programme has a red delivery confidence rating. (74407)
- 262 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what measures are outlined in the pending Review Note to transition the Protector programme from red to green delivery confidence rating; and what (a) timelines and (b) oversight mechanisms are in place to ensure that programme achieves Full Operating Capability. (74410)
- 263 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has spent money on promotion through social media influencers since July 2024. (74310)
- 264 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people with disabilities were employed in his Department on 2 September 2025. (74296)
- 265 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department holds contracts with Straight Flight Nevada Commercial Leasing LLC. (74223)
- 266 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how his Department is increasing the integration of artificial intelligence into flying drones to help counteract signal blocking. (74212)
- 267 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how his Department is increasing the integration of artificial intelligence into unmanned ground vehicles to counteract signal blocking. (74213)
- 268 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to improve the communications capabilities of unmanned ground vehicles. (74214)
- 269 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to improve communications capabilities of flying drones. (74215)
- 270 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what comparative assessment he has made of the potential merits of (a) unmanned ground vehicles and (b) quadcopter drones. (74216)
- 271 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the development of unmanned ground vehicles for combat support. (74217)

- 272 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the development of unmanned ground vehicles for engineering support. (74218)
- 273 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the development of unmanned ground vehicles for (a) logistics and (b) casualty evacuation. (74219)
- 274 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department is providing for the development of unmanned ground vehicles. (74220)
- 275 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department has made on developing an open-architecture app based combat management system interoperable across (a) the Army, (b) the Royal Navy, (c) the RAF and (d) UK Space Command. (74103)
- 276 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on re-establishing a nuclear fuel cycle for defence reactor fuel. (74105)
- 277 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding from the National Security and Strategic Investment Fund will go to companies in Huntingdon constituency. (74106)
- 278 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 14 of the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what growth spillover benefits he plans to unlock in Huntingdon constituency. (74107)
- 279 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress the Royal Navy has made on developing Maritime Integrated Air and Missile Defence and Strike capability. (74108)
- 280 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the Royal Navy's Mine Hunting Capability Block 1 operational capability is. (74109)
- 281 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the scope is of Project CORVUS. (74110)
- 282 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the development of a Type 91 uncrewed arsenal ship/missile barge. (74111)
- 283 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on developing the Royal Navy's Force Threat Evaluation and Weapon Assignment functionality enabled by Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning. (74112)

- 284 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the scope is of Project RECODE. (74113)
- 285 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress the Royal Navy has made on Sea Viper Evolution. (74114)
- 286 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress the Royal Navy has made on developing the Common Anti-air Modular Missile. (74115)
- 287 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what funding his Department provides to BAE Systems' Falconworks programme. (74116)
- 288 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the contribution of Typhoon jets to GDP. (74117)
- 289 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the projected contribution of the Tempest Global Combat Air Programme to GDP. (74118)
- 290 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the number of jobs the Tempest Global Combat Air Programme will create. (74119)
- 291 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Commonwealth service-leavers who have served between four and six years have paid for a visa upon discharge since 5 July 2024. (74120)
- 292 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Commonwealth service-leavers have paid for visa applications for dependents since 5 July 2024. (74121)
- 293 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to develop the Defence industrial base in order to rapidly scale lower-value and highly attritable autonomous collaborative platforms. (74122)
- 294 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of enhancing machine-speed (a) processing, (b) exploitation and (c) dissemination in order to rapidly transform raw sensor data into actionable intelligence. (74123)
- 295 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghans were brought to the UK via the Afghan Response Route in each month the scheme was open. (74124)

- 296 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 May 2025 to Question 49543, how many of the houses reacquired by his Department in January 2025 from Annington Homes have been used to house Afghans brought to the UK via (a) the Afghan Resettlement Programme and (b) separately as a subset of the Afghan Response Route. (74125)
- 297 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74142)
- 298 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the outcome was of the recent trial by HMS Trent of the Helicopter Visual Landing Aid System. (74143)
- 299 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the United States Navy's Modular Autonomous Surface Craft programme on future (a) Royal Navy fleet operations and (b) US Navy interoperability. (74144)
- 300 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the scope is of Project TELUM. (74145)
- 301 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any defence operational developments are eligible for fast-track planning as nationally important Crown Developments in Huntingdon constituency. (74146)
- 302 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what was included within the air defence export deal with Poland. (74147)
- 303 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on launching new defence growth deals. (74148)
- 304 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of launching a defence growth deal in Huntingdon constituency. (74149)
- 305 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of growth potential in defence-related industries in Huntingdon constituency. (74150)
- 306 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the lead time is between purchasing and delivery for Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile missiles. (74151)
- 307 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 1 September 2025 to Question 69515 on Typhoon Aircraft: Decommissioning, what roles the four Tranche 1 Typhoons are conducting. (74241)

- 308 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 1 September 2025 to Question 69521 on Ajax Vehicles: Procurement, what will be the distribution of the 93 Ares vehicles across units. (74242)
- 309 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his interview with the BBC on 15 August 2025 regarding a potential post-ceasefire UK military presence in Ukraine, which UK forces would be deployed to the region; and which are ready to act from day one. (74270)
- 310 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many cyber attacks there have been on the UK in the last 12 months. (74100)
- 311 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to address leasehold issues arising from probate sales of properties which did not qualify for cladding remediation support under the Building Safety Act (2022). (74388)
- 312 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to equip local authorities to (a) identify and (b) appropriately respond to (i) United Front activity and (ii) transnational repression. (74520)
- 313 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, further to her Department's press release of 17 June 2025 entitled Over 500,000 homes to be built through new National Housing Bank, what is her planned timetable for the financial guarantees be allocated; and over what period of time will the houses be constructed. (74324)
- 314 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 1 April 2025 to Question 38374 on Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill, what assessment her Department made of the potential impact of the divestment policy adopted by Cumberland Council in August 2025 on integration and community cohesion. (74325)
- 315 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the total council tax receipts in England from 2024-25 and each subsequent year of the spending review. (74326)
- 316 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for the introduction of National Development Management Policies; and whether she has made changes to the policy developed by the previous Administration. (74327)
- 317 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of housebuilding on the land designated as industrial at Old Oak Common. (74329)

- 318 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to provide funding for councils to support long-term empty homes being put back into use. (74330)
- 319 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to introduce (a) schemes and (b) fiscal incentives to help first-time buyers onto the housing ladder. (74331)
- 320 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what planning (a) policies and (b) guidance her Department has issued on council farms. (74333)
- 321 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department holds information on (a) the total number of allotments in England and (b) the number of allotments by local authority. (74335)
- 322 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the abolition of fixed term tenancies on the security of tenure for rental properties for those who needed to be in an area for a fixed period. (74336)
- 323 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 July 2025 to Question 66192 on Emergency Services: Employers' Contributions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of basing allocations on net current expenditure on the level of mitigation made to fire and rescue authorities. (74337)
- 324 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish the (a) allotment disposal application and (b) allotment disposal consent by the Secretary of State for the Ravenscroft Allotments in Horsham. (74338)
- 325 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to consult on the repeal of Strategic Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Assessments regime. (74339)
- 326 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what representations she has received on increasing permitted development rights for onshore wind turbines to 30 metres. (74340)
- 327 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether a new (a) memorandum of understanding and (b) facility agreement is being agreed between her Department and its agencies with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority in relation to the (i) Affordable Housing Programme and (ii) National Housing Bank. (74341)

- 328 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help support the local hospitality sector to regenerate high streets in (a) Yeovil, (b) Chard and (c) other towns. (74473)
- 329 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of Section 23 of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 for ensuring that (a) district and (b) parish councils provide allotments in response to public demand. (74378)
- 330 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Allotment Act 1925 for protecting allotments from being sold by local authorities. (74379)
- 331 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many allotment sites have been sold by local authorities with permission from her Department since July 2024. (74380)
- 332 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has spent money on promotion through social media influencers since July 2024. (74308)
- 333 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people with disabilities were employed in her Department on 2 September 2025. (74294)
- 334 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support is available for first-time buyers in Cornwall. (74464)
- 335 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has considered introducing additional measures to support first-time buyers. (74465)
- 336 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will consider increasing the £450,000 cap for buying a first property with a Lifetime ISA in line with property price inflation. (74467)
- 337 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to support landlords to meet the deadline for all rental properties to have an EPC C minimum rating by 2030. (74469)
- 338 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help support landlords to ensure their properties comply with the Decent Homes Standard. (74471)

- 339 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the potential impact of the requirement for letting agents to carry out money laundering checks on landlords and tenants on the number of rental properties available. (74472)
- 340 **Katie Lam** (Weald of Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities in effectively managing (a) waste disposal, (b) water pollution and (c) other environmental and public safety issues arising from traveller sites. (74328)
- 341 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of reductions in Government funding for neighbourhood plans on rural communities in West Dorset constituency. (74199)
- 342 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to provide alternative financial support to communities in West Dorset constituency following reductions in Government funding for neighbourhood plans. (74200)
- 343 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, how many investable sites have been brought forward through the Government's £600m Strategic Sites Accelerator. (74126)
- 344 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many of the investible sites due to be delivered via the Strategic Sites Accelerator are in the Huntingdon constituency. (74127)
- 345 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many of the Government's new AI Growth Zones are in (a) Cambridgeshire and (b) the Huntingdon constituency. (74128)
- 346 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74165)
- 347 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to delay any local elections as a result of the new local government structures proposed in the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill. (74511)
- 348 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what is her planned timetable for the Building Safety Regulator to determine the majority of building control applications within the regulator's statutory time frame. (74571)

- 349 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled Reforms to Building Safety Regulator to accelerate housebuilding of 30 June 2025, when she plans to (a) establish the new regulator and (b) introduce legislation to amend Section 2 of the Building Safety Act 2022 to change the regulator. (74572)
- 350 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to Sections 79-81 of the Building Safety Act 2022, how many buildings the Building Safety Regulator has (a) invited to submit a building assessment certificate application, (b) received a building assessment certificate application from, (c) granted a building assessment certificate to and (d) rejected a building assessment certificate application for. (74573)
- 351 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of her Department's fair funding review for local authorities on adult social care provision for people of working age. (74353)
- 352 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of Homes England's management of the (a) Techforest and (b) Woolmead sites in Farnham and Bordon constituency. (74370)
- 353 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 2 of the the report entitled New Towns for England, published by WPI Strategy in May 2025, whether her Department has made an assessment of the accuracy of the statement that new towns will cost around £4bn each to build. (74256)
- 354 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 3 of the report entitled New Towns for England, published by WPI Strategy in May 2025, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of modular construction. (74257)
- 355 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to page 19 of the report entitled New Towns for England, published by WPI Strategy in May 2025, which funding model the Government is considering. (74258)
- 356 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Written Statement on Local Government Reorganisation of 3 June 2025, HCWS676, for what reason Bedfordshire has not received funding to support development of proposals for a Mayoral Combined Authority. (74259)

- 357 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of reforms to Level 7 apprenticeships on the Pathways to Planning programme. (74260)
- 358 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the national distribution of the length of time between the date on which developers and local authorities agree funding under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the date on which developers transfer funds under that agreement. (74261)
- 359 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled Government protects thousands of miles of bus services from being scrapped, published on 3 June 2025, whether her Department plans to provide additional funding to local authorities who establish bus companies. (74262)
- 360 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the budget is for the Office of the Standing Advocate in financial years (a) 2025-26 and (b) 2026-27. (74485)
- 361 **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to remove the sanction of imprisonment for non-payment of Council Tax in England as part of wider proposed sentencing reforms. (74391)
- 362 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to section 28 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Justice Act 1999, what steps she is taking to ensure court proceedings in sexual cases are not repeatedly adjourned. (74460)
- 363 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Section 28 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) victims and (b) witnesses are supported following their pre-recorded evidence. (74461)
- 364 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to section 28 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Justice Act 1999, whether she has had discussions with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Women and Safeguarding on the use of pre-recorded evidence in cases of (a) sexual assault and (b) rape. (74462)
- 365 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if her Department will make an assessment of the proportion of inmates on the women's estate who have immediate access to menstrual products in their cells. (74591)
- 366 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many psychologists have been employed on (a) the secure estate, (b) the open estate and (c) young offenders' institutions in each of the last 10 financial years. (74592)

- 367 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing inmates to apply for jobs in prison while on remand. (74593)
- 368 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many neurodiversity support staff have been employed on the open and secure estate in each of the last 10 calendar years. (74594)
- 369 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much staff time, in hours, was lost to sick leave in (a) the open estate, (b) the secure estate and (c) Young Offenders Institutions in each of the last 10 years. (74595)
- 370 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many assaults on (a) children and (b) staff have occurred in Young Offenders Institutions in each of the last 10 years. (74596)
- 371 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Criminals to face football, travel, club and pub bans, published on 23 August 2025, what impact her Department estimates these measures will have on (a) rates of first offence and (b) rates of reoffence. (74597)
- 372 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent steps her Department has taken to help reduce levels of reoffending in (a) South Norfolk constituency and (b) Norfolk. (74598)
- 373 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has spent money on promotion through social media influencers since July 2024. (74306)
- 374 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners released under the early release scheme have subsequently been (a) rearrested, (b) charged and (c) convicted of other offences. (74313)
- 375 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much was spent on legal aid for asylum cases in each year since 2019. (74358)
- 376 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been (a) arrested, (b) charged and (c) convicted for social media posts in each of the last five years. (74476)
- 377 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74164)
- 378 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been prosecuted for unpeaceful protest in the last 12 months. (74089)

- 379 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Justice Secretary introduces democratic lock over Sentencing Council, published on 2 September 2025, what plans she has for enabling Parliament to (a) scrutinise and (b) influence future Sentencing Council guidelines. (74529)
- 380 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for what purposes government agencies monitor social media activity by members of the public; and whether there are limits on the scope of such monitoring. (74334)
- 381 **John Whitby** (Derbyshire Dales): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the amount jurors can claim for jury service in the context of trends in the level of childcare costs in the last five years. (74400)
- 382 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the press release entitled Internship Scheme To Get More Working Class Students Into Civil Service, published on 1 August 2025, whether prison wardens are defined as working class, for the purpose of their children applying to the internship scheme. (74279)
- 383 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether his Department has spent money on promotion through social media influencers since July 2024. (74311)
- 384 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether his Department has spent money on promotion through social media influencers since July 2024. (74314)
- 385 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the evidential basis is for the Office for Value for Money making almost £14 billion of annual efficiency gains by 2028-29 against planned day-to-day budgets for 2025-26. (74514)
- 386 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government is taking steps to monitor fraud under the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure business rate relief scheme, in the context of businesses falsely claiming a discount when they would otherwise be subject to the £110,000 cap. (74221)
- 387 **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the level of (a) Value Added Tax rates and (b) business rates on the recovery of hospitality businesses in rural areas in Yeovil constituency. (74466)
- 388 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the Lords' Commissioners of the Treasury will next meet. (74184)
- 389N **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 those international conventions are. (74201)

- 390 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people with disabilities were employed in her Department on 2 September 2025. (74290)
- 391 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps their Department is taking to implement the guidance entitled The government's approach to rural proofing 2025, published on 15 May 2025. (74305)
- 392 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many days were lost to sickness absence by civil servants in their Department (a) in total and (b) on average per employee between 5 July 2024 and 4 July 2025. (74167)
- 393 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the Approved Mileage Allowance Payments rate; and whether she plans to update that rate. (74404)
- 394 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on aligning the Housing Benefit taper rate with the Universal Credit taper rate for young people in supported accommodation. (74415)
- 395 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of bank branch closures on older people's access to cash. (74362)
- 396 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of amending the rules for the childcare vouchers scheme to allow participants to receive refunds, subject to the appropriate tax and National Insurance contributions, in instances where (a) exceptional and (b) unforeseen changes in circumstances have resulted in unused balances that can no longer be spent on eligible childcare, in the context of the covid-19 pandemic. (74365)
- 397 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential long-term fiscal merits of retaining the Bitcoins held by UK authorities in connection with investment fraud. (74368)
- 398 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has conducted a risk or opportunity assessment of the potential strategic use of seized Bitcoin assets as part of the UK's financial reserves. (74369)
- 399 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that business rates reform supports regional economic growth in (a) rural and (b) coastal areas. (74244)
- 400 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the long-term economic benefits of permanently reducing the business rates multiplier for the (a) beer and (b) pub sectors. (74245)

- 401 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans reforms to encourage (a) investment and (b) growth in the (i) beer and (ii) pub sector. (74246)
- 402 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of reducing funding for Natural England's programme to (a) designate and (b) expand National Landscapes on economic growth. (74247)
- 403 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 13 May 2025 to Question 49823 on Air Passenger Duty: Economic Growth, if she will estimate the potential impact of higher rates of Air Passenger Duty on the number of flights taken. (74248)
- 404 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the impact of her Budget in 2024 on the performance of AIM shares. (74249)
- 405 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the findings of the report entitled Taxing Futures: The economic and fiscal implications of changes to BPR & APR for UK family businesses and farms, published by Family Business UK in June 2025. (74250)
- 406 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to Agricultural and Business Property Relief on the economy of the East of England. (74251)
- 407 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the findings of the report entitled Impact of changes to the UK non-domiciled regime, published by the Centre for Economics and Business Research in April 2025. (74252)
- 408 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment (a) HM Treasury and (b) the Government Actuary Department has made of the accuracy of the GDP deflator forecasts by the Office for Budget Responsibility. (74284)
- 409 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Business Engagement Lead is a (a) special adviser, (b) direct ministerial appointment, (c) civil servant appointed by open and fair competition and (d) civil servant appointed by recruitment principles exemption. (74285)
- 410 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many times the Treasury Board has met since 4 July 2024; and on what dates she attended. (74286)

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- 411 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much her Department has allocated (a) overall, (b) to the Ministry of Defence and (c) to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to fund payments under the UK/Mauritius: Agreement concerning the Chagos Archipelago including Diego Garcia [CS Mauritius No.1/2025] in each year of the agreement. (74287)
- 412 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether her Department has spent money on promotion through social media influencers since July 2024. (74312)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 5 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the report by Action on Smoking and Health entitled At risk? Tobacco dependence treatment in the NHS, published on 28 August 2025. (74228)
- 2N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent with Straight Flight Nevada Commercial Leasing LLC since October 2023. (74222)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 8 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made a recent assessment of the level of efficiency across government in answering correspondence from members of the public. (74454)
- 2N **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to raise the potential impact of Chinese companies providing military support to Russia during his upcoming trade talks with China. (74224)
- 3N **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to (a) monitor and (b) help prevent the online sale of products containing asbestos; and whether the Health and Safety Executive has issued recent (i) enforcement actions and (ii) guidance to online marketplaces on this matter. (74366)

- 4N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Statutory levy and online slot stake limits to be introduced to tackle gambling harm, published on 27 November 2024, what steps she is taking to ensure gambling companies accurately verify gamblers' ages when enforcing stake limits for online slots. (74085)
- 5N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increasing the tax rate paid by bookmakers to align it with the online gaming tax rate on Huntingdon Racecourse. (74243)
- 6N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many and what proportion of full-time equivalent staff in her Department work on the (a) promotion and (b) preservation of industrial heritage; whether industrial heritage sites are eligible to apply for funding through Historic England; what criteria are used to assess such applications; and what proportion of the (i) £15 million allocated to the Heritage at Risk Fund and the (ii) £4.85 million allocated to the Heritage Revival Fund in 2025–26 will be directed towards industrial heritage projects. (74265)
- 7N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether his Department has had discussions with civil liberties organisations on the use of facial recognition technology in commercial settings. (74513)
- 8N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will consider adding cheerleading as an approved (a) sport and (b) activity which can be assessed for GCSE Physical Education qualifications. (74086)
- 9N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data her Department holds on the (a) number and (b) availability of nursery places in (i) North Shropshire constituency and (ii) Shropshire. (74567)
- 10N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of nursery places available for children in rural areas. (74568)
- 11N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase the number of nursery places available for children in rural areas. (74569)
- 12N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to increase the number of staff working in nursery settings. (74570)
- 13N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the use of non-SELT, unregulated English language tests for admission to UK higher education institutions on (a) universities and (b) students. (74579)

- 14N **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill will prohibit the voluntary engagement of children as matchball assistants at grassroots football clubs. (74550)
- 15N **Sir Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how his Department's capital budgets (a) were allocated in each financial year since 2023-24 and (b) have been allocated for each of the next five financial years. (74565)
- 16N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help (a) ensure that energy consumers receive a reliable electricity supply and (b) reduce power cuts due to issues with the electricity distribution network. (74383)
- 17N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of revising the compensation scheme for electricity consumers to include compensation for the inconvenience caused by power cuts of shorter duration where these occur repeatedly. (74385)
- 18N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of no rollover option being in place for the Countryside Stewardship scheme on (a) farmers and (b) 2030 nature recovery targets. (74289)
- 19N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he science and discovery centres fall within the remit of his Department. (74264)
- 20N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if his Department will issue guidance to retailers on ethical standards for the use of facial recognition technology. (74508)
- 21N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to start building a third track between York and Skelton Junction during this Parliament. (74561)
- 22N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Government plans to impose VAT at 20% on all private hire fares. (74444)
- 23N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to her Department's consultation entitled Consultation on the VAT Treatment of Private Hire Vehicles, which closed on 8 August 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of applying 20% VAT to private hire vehicle journeys on vulnerable users. (74446)

- 24N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she plans to publish a response to her Department's consultation entitled Consultation on the VAT Treatment of Private Hire Vehicles, which closed on 8 August 2024. (74447)
- 25N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department produced an impact assessment prior to the Supreme Court judgment in DELTA Merseyside Ltd v Uber Britannia Ltd on the application of VAT to private hire vehicle journeys. (74450)
- 26N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she has taken to prevent (a) insolvent and (b) financially restricted organisations in the Aircraft Engineering Industry continuing to issue Certificates of Release to Service outside of effective regulatory compliance. (74577)
- 27N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, further to the Answer of 1 September 2025 to Question 69372 on Midland Main Line: Electrification, what is her Department's estimate of the cost of completing electrification of the Midland Main Line to Nottingham and Sheffield. (74601)
- 28N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions her Department has held with railway trade unions on transfers of employment to DfT Operator Limited. (74376)
- 29N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of parents who are unable to take up or remain in employment because they have children with special educational needs and disabilities that do not have access adequate educational provision and require full-time care at home. (74528)
- 30N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of abolishing the two-child benefit cap on children in poverty. (74229)
- 31N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the current Child Maintenance Service income-based model on middle-income paying parents. (74484)
- 32N **Sir Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many households were exempted from the benefit cap for the latest period for which data is available, by (a) reason for exemption and (b) amount they would otherwise have had capped. (74560)
- 33N **Sir Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people were in receipt of Pension Credit for each of the last five financial years, by immigration status. (74562)

- 34N **Sir Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average award is for pension credit claimants with a non-CTA immigration status. (74564)
- 35N **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with (a) Citizens Advice, (b) disabled people and (c) carers as part of the upcoming Timms Review. (74435)
- 36N **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many appointments to ministerial private offices since July 2024 have been made by civil service recruitment principles exceptions including the transfer of civil servants from other departments who were appointed by exceptions without open and fair competition. (74531)
- 37N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to deliver the national lung cancer screening programme by the target date of end of 2029-30. (74534)
- 38N **Cat Eccles** (Stourbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make his policy to introduce a Long service and good conduct medal for (a) doctors and (b) nurses. (74463)
- 39N **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average per-patient spend is per hospital (a) in England and (b) within the top quarter of most efficient hospitals. (74190)
- 40N **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what comparative assessment he has made of the efficiency (a) rural and (b) urban hospitals; and how many hospitals in each of those categories are within the top quarter most efficient hospitals. (74191)
- 41N **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the potential financial impact of aligning funding to the average per-patient spend of the top quarter most efficient hospitals on rural hospitals. (74192)
- 42N **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the difference is between per-patient spend in (a) each hospital, (b) the average per-patient spend of hospitals in the top quarter of efficiency and (c) the average per-patient spend of hospitals in the bottom quarter of efficiency. (74193)
- 43N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the NHS on its policy of informing Sickle Cell patients when they are not given Ro matched blood. (74427)
- 44N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many sickle cell patients have died due to complications due to sickle cell in the last 12 months. (74429)

- 45N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether it is NHS policy to carry out an inquest if a patient dies within 48 hours of being admitted to hospital. (74430)
- 46N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many sickle cell patients whose cause of death was listed as complications due to sickle cell have had an inquest into their death. (74431)
- 47N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many sickle cell patients who had complications due to sickle cell listed as their cause of death experienced haemolysis in the period before their death in the last 12 months. (74432)
- 48N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with Baroness Casey on how sector stakeholders can engage with the commission on adult social care. (74350)
- 49N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 31168 on Primodos: Research and with reference to the oral contribution of Mr Roland Moyle on 26 May 1978, HC official record Volume 950, whether (a) the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency and (b) Commission on Human Medicines considered the findings of the Committee on Safety of Medicines study that began in 1969 as part of the recent review that is referred to in that Answer. (74394)
- 50N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he last raised the case of Jimmy Lai with US counterparts. (74393)
- 51N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with European counterparts on offering support to Bosnia and Herzegovina on the rule of law. (74445)
- 52N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support state-level institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina. (74449)
- 53N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with European counterparts on export tariffs for the British Overseas Territories. (74451)
- 54N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with his Moroccan counterpart on the blocking of visits by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to occupied Western Sahara since 2015. (74321)

- 55N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to increase the provision of aid to the Sahrawi refugee camps, following the UN Secretary General's report entitled Question of Western Sahara of 31 July 2025. (74322)
- 56N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 9 July to Question 64209 on Western Sahara: Human Rights, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in Morocco on the details of what autonomy within the Moroccan State could entail. (74323)
- 57N **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 Honduran counterpart on the killing of Juan López. (74405)
- 58N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of further sanctions on Israel in response to (a) the humanitarian situation in Gaza and (b) plans for further illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank. (74580)
- 59N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions his Department has had with the government of Saudi Arabia on the death sentences given to (a) Rami Gamal Shafik al-Najjar, (b) Ahmed Zeinhom Omar, (c) Hesham Al Teles, (d) Abdelfattah Kamal, (e) Issam Al Shazly, (f) Mohamed Saad and (g) Omar Sherif. (74537)
- 60N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's press release entitled We're recruiting Asylum Decision Makers across the UK, published on 28 April 2025, how many asylum decisionmakers have been hired since 28 April. (74527)
- 61N **Jonathan Hinder** (Pendle and Clitheroe): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to publish the outcome of the Police Activity Survey; and what plans she has to conduct a further such survey. (74240)
- 62N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of routinely (a) recording and (b) reporting the number of animals bred for and not used in scientific research. (74237)
- 63N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the UK-France one-in, one-out pilot scheme signed on 4 August 2025, what (a) security checks and (b) acceptance criteria are applied to asylum seekers accepted to the UK under the terms of the deal. (74269)
- 64N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many firearms enquiry officers are employed across police forces in England and Wales. (74553)

- 65N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of the firearms enquiry officers employed across police forces in England and Wales are warranted police officers. (74559)
- 66N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to inform veterans who served in Northern Ireland of the Victims Pension Scheme. (74459)
- 67N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will have discussions with representatives of Londonderry Port on its viability as a national maritime defence asset. (74138)
- 68N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will list of all orders placed by each FLC on an Urgent Operational Requirements basis in relation to planning for potential Coalition of the Willing operations in Ukraine since such planning commenced by his Department. (74497)
- 69N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to respond to Question 59818 on Defence: Public Expenditure, tabled on 13 June 2025. (74526)
- 70N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the Ministry of Defence budget was as a percentage of GDP in each of the last five financial years. (74545)
- 71N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the additional costs arising from inflation on the Type 31 frigate programme. (74411)
- 72N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to meet the first-of-class schedule for the Type 31 frigate. (74412)
- 73N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what risks he has identified in the complex integration challenges for the Type 31 frigate programme; and what (a) technical and (b) contractual steps he is taking to help mitigate those risks. (74413)
- 74N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the red delivery confidence rating for the Type 31 frigate programme on the (a) overall user requirements and (b) operational readiness of the Royal Navy. (74414)
- 75N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department holds contracts with Straight Flight Nevada Commercial Leasing LLC. (74399)
- 76N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the transfer of Stirling Castle from the Royal Fleet Auxillary to the Royal Navy on the operational capacity of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. (74501)

- 77N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) cost and (b) duration are for the contract between his Department and Serco Marine Services for the support vessels (i) SD Victoria and (ii) SD Northern River. (74503)
- 78N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will list all live maritime service contracts his Department has with subsidiaries of Serco Limited. (74505)
- 79N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Strategic Defence Review on the (a) budget and (b) headcount of the (i) UK Hydrographic Office and (ii) National Shipbuilding Office. (74506)
- 80N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the affordability of ground rents in Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend constituency. (74455)
- 81N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of people convicted of death by dangerous driving were given a lifetime driving ban in the last 12 months. (74588)
- 82N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of people convicted of death by dangerous driving did not pass the compulsory extended re-test in the last 12 months; and of these drivers, how many received a lifetime driving ban. (74589)
- 83N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of drivers who have repeatedly committed driving offences have received a lifetime driving ban. (74590)
- 84N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will have discussions with Invest Northern Ireland and the Minister for the Economy of Northern Ireland on inward investment opportunities following the golf Open Championship at Royal Portrush Golf Club in July 2025. (74137)
- 85N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will have discussions with the US Consulate General in Belfast on how (a) heritage and (b) community groups in Northern Ireland can commemorate the 250th anniversary of the USA. (74139)
- 86N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Mansion House speech on 15 July 2025, what deregulatory steps her Department has taken as part of the commitment to roll back regulations that have gone too far since 15 July 2025. (74578)

- 87N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many employees of the National Employment Savings Trust will be paid more than £160,000 in the current financial year. (74104)
- 88N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help increase the number of people employed by the Government Social Research Profession in Northern Ireland. (74288)
- 89N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the (a) Bank of England and (b) Financial Conduct Authority have a role in the (i) authorisation and (ii) regulation of bond sales (A) by and (B) on behalf of the Development Company for Israel in the UK. (74453)
- 90N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the average wait time for callers to HMRC helplines; and what steps her Department is taking to reduce waiting times for callers to HMRC helplines. (74452)
- 91N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of the tax-free childcare system on levels of administration for early years providers. (74381)
- 92N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what safeguards are in place to ensure that facial recognition technology used in supermarkets does not contribute to discriminatory outcomes based on race, gender, age, or disability. (74516)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- 1 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): What steps he is taking to increase innovation in the defence sector. (905500)
- 2 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): What steps he is taking to ensure that veterans receive adequate support after leaving the armed forces. (905501)
- 3 **Mr Gagan Mohindra** (South West Hertfordshire): What discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on meeting the NATO target of spending 5% of GDP on defence. (905502)
- 4 **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): Whether he plans to implement the outstanding recommendations of the Second Report of the Defence Committee of Session 2021-22, Protecting those who protect us: Women in the Armed Forces from Recruitment to Civilian Life, HC 154. (905503)

- 5 **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): Whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the use of military assets to help prevent crossings by illegal migrants of the English Channel. (905504)
- 6 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): What steps he is taking to help support veterans. (905505)
- 7 **Sam Carling** (North West Cambridgeshire): What steps he is taking to improve skills in the defence sector. (905506)
- 8 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): What steps he is taking to increase the UK's amphibious capabilities. (905507)
- 9 **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What steps he is taking to improve recruitment and retention in the armed forces. (905508)
- 10 **Lillian Jones** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): What steps he is taking to increase the number of cadets. (905509)
- 11 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the planned timetable for implementing the recommendations of the Strategic Defence Review. (905510)
- 12 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): What recent discussions he has had with allies on military support for Ukraine. (905511)
- 13 **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): What steps he is taking to increase the number of cadets. (905512)
- 14 **Chris Ward** (Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven): What recent progress he has made on making payments to LGBTQ+ veterans under the LGBT Financial Recognition Scheme. (905513)
- 15 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of Continuity of Education Allowance rates for the children of service personnel. (905514)
- 16 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): What discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on meeting the NATO target of spending 5% of GDP on defence. (905515)
- 17 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): What recent steps he has taken to help increase the number of cadets. (905516)
- 18 **Steve Yemm** (Mansfield): What steps he is taking to help strengthen the defence industrial base. (905517)
- 19 **Katrina Murray** (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch): What steps he is taking to increase innovation in the defence sector. (905518)
- 20 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): What steps he is taking to help strengthen the defence industrial base. (905519)
- 21 **Chris Vince** (Harlow): What steps he is taking to increase the number of cadets. (905520)

- 22 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): When he plans to publish the Defence Investment Plan. (905521)
- 23 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): What assessment he has made of the effectiveness of security measures at Royal Air Force bases. (905522)
- 24 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon and Consett): What steps he is taking to improve the welfare of armed forces personnel. (905523)
- 25 **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): What steps he is taking to help support veterans into employment. (905524)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- T1 **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (905525)
- T2 **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): (905526)
- T3 **Gordon McKee** (Glasgow South): (905527)
- T4 **Chris Vince** (Harlow): (905528)
- T5 **Adam Thompson** (Erewash): (905529)
- T6 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): (905530)
- T7 **Katrina Murray** (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch): (905531)
- T8 **Chris McDonald** (Stockton North): (905532)
- T9 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): (905533)
- T10 **Emma Lewell** (South Shields): (905534)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 9 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the operation of the Prevent programme in schools. (74502)
- 2N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the number of ARAP eligible Afghans currently staying in British High Commission supported hotels in Islamabad. [Transferred] (74025)

- 3N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy-eligible Afghans living in British High Commission-supported hotels in Islamabad have been deported to Afghanistan. [Transferred] (74045)
- 4N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the extension of permitted days for temporary campsites on licensed campsite operators; and what steps she is taking to ensure a level regulatory playing field between licensed and temporary sites. (74398)
- 5N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Independent Technical Review of Qualifications and Experience Requirements for the Provision of Spoken Language Interpreting of 17 March 2025, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure the sufficient recruitment of qualified Level 6 interpreters. (74494)
- 6N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to help improve pay and conditions for court interpreters in the contracted service. (74499)
- 7N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of protections for defendants under the Single Justice Procedure. (74518)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 10 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **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 the cholera response in Sudan. (74437)
- 2N **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with international counterparts on compliance with international humanitarian law in relation to access of Gazan civilians to water. (74438)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 11 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the reduction in the post-decision move on period on levels of homelessness. (74458)
- 2N **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent analysis she has made of the potential impact on the economy of Lifetime ISA savers deferring utilising the scheme for purchasing houses due to the house price restriction and withdrawal penalty. (74436)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 15 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support social housing tenants affected by the transition from Employment and Support Allowance to Universal Credit. (74456)