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# Questions tabled on Thursday 4 September 2025

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 8 September

- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Solicitor General, whether the Attorney General has discussed the UK-Mauritius Treaty over the future sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago with Philippe Sands. (75278)
- 2 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Solicitor General, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of resources available to the Crown Prosecution Service to meet current case volumes. (75241)
- 3 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Solicitor General, how many additional prosecutors the Crown Prosecution Service has recruited in each of the last three years. (75243)
- 4 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Solicitor General, what the average time taken is from referral to charging decision by the Crown Prosecution Service. (75245)
- Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Solicitor General, how many prosecutions the Crown Prosecution Service has discontinued in the last three years; and for what reasons. (75246)
- 6 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 4 June 2025 to Question 53898 on Senior Civil Servants: Pay, whether that list will be published in 2025. (74947)

- 7 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the number of additional (a) civil servants and (b) contractors required to administer a digital ID system. (75234)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the written statement of 21 July 2025 on Government of service, HCWS870, whether the new rules on repayment of Ministerial severance payments will come into effect on 13 October; and whether the Deputy Prime Minister has now signed a waiver.
- 9 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if his Department will issue guidance to retailers on mitigating risks for lone workers. (75301)
- 10 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies on Investor-State Dispute Settlement mechanisms of the request for the institution of arbitration proceedings between Woodhouse Investment Pte Ltd and West Cumbria Mining (Holdings) Limited v. United Kingdom (ICSID Case No. ARB/25/37); and if he will make it his policy to initiate a review of UK treaties containing Investor-State Dispute Settlements.
- 11 Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and
  Trade, what recent discussions he has had with the Commonwealth Enterprise and
  Investment Council. (74998)
- 12 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the oral contribution, Volume 768, column 142 of 2 June 2025, what is the programme relating to the £120 million worth of military licenses for Israel issued in 2024 for components to support exports of military items from Israeli companies to a single programme for a NATO ally. (75110)
- Susan Murray (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what strategic steps his Department is taking to protect (a) SMEs and (b) other UK exporters from the compounded impact of (i) new tariffs, (ii) customs charges and (iii) administrative burdens in the context of the removal of the US de minimis tariff exemption for small packages; and how this aligns with the Government's broader (A) trade and (B) industrial policy objectives.
- Connor Naismith (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to review the requirement for small businesses to file profits and losses with Companies House.

  [Transferred] (74652)
- 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 tackling high industrial electricity costs. [Transferred] (74638)

- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of US tariffs on economic growth.

  [Transferred] (74685)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the sectoral economic impact of US tariffs.

  [Transferred] (74686)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has conducted an impact assessment for the UK-India trade deal.

  [Transferred] (74688)
- **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to review regulations and enforcement of PPE standards for sale through online marketplaces. (75057)
- **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to coordinate the new Fair Work Agency with the Health and Safety Executive to enforce better-fit PPE standards. (75058)
- **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support defence companies. (75279)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to bring forward regulations on the fast fashion industry.

  (75172)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of Sport England in supporting grassroots sport in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (75038)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the Independent Football Regulator will be required to publish an annual report detailing the number of (a) individuals and (b) entities it assessed under the ownership and directorship tests. (75149)
- Mr Andrew Snowden (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the Independent Football Regulator will have the power to retrospectively investigate incumbent owners or directors in instances where new information comes to light after their appointment. (75150)
- Mr Andrew Snowden (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has made provision for the ability of the Independent Football Regulator to require an owner to divest from a club to be subject to (a) Ministerial oversight and (b) parliamentary scrutiny. (75151)

- 27 Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help support West Berkshire Council to increase SEND provision in Newbury. (75199)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support (a) children experiencing Emotionally Based School Avoidance and (b) their families. (75161)
- **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the net financial impact of international students to the economy.

  [Transferred] (74807)
- **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of adding Ukrainian language GCSE to the curriculum. (75309)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to strengthen the provision of financial education in schools beyond the mathematics curriculum. (75082)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to enhance the teaching of financial education within the Personal, Social, Health and Economic curriculum. (75083)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that teachers receive adequate (a) training and (b) other resources to provide financial education. (75084)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to (a) improve and (b) expand the financial education resources available through Oak National Academy to help support schools to provide financial literacy teaching. (75085)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on reducing funding for Level 7 apprenticeships. (74971)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the press release entitled Patients and pupils to benefit from school and hospital repairs, published on 30 May 2025, whether any schools in Bedfordshire will be included.

  (74972)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of apprenticeships on increasing the environmental health workforce. (74973)

- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of teaching assistants on the provision of SEND support within schools. (74974)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 5 June 2025 to Question 54102 on Schools: Flood Control, whether her Department has had discussions with Kimberley College in Stewartby on flood protections. (74975)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the reasons for changes to the number of private school pupils between the 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic year. (74976)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Thousands of children with SEND to benefit from assistive tech, published on 27 June 2025, which local authorities will receive that funding. (74977)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help improve adult literacy. (74978)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 16 July 2025 to Question 63763 on Technical Excellence Colleges: Apprentices, if she will provide funding for Level 7 apprenticeships undertaken by people over 22 at Technical Excellence Colleges. (74979)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the press release entitled Prime Minister unveils new opportunities for young people to re-connect with their communities, published on 5 August 2025, how much additional funding will be available in Bedfordshire. (74980)
- Kirsteen Sullivan (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will provide (a) support and (b) resources to schools to help them deliver the revised Relationships and sex education and health education guidance, published on 15 July 2025, in an (i) evidence-based and (ii) age-appropriate manner. (75090)
- **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data her Department holds on the (a) impact of and (b) implementation of the inclusion of menstrual wellbeing education in the curriculum since September 2020. (75091)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support children's wellbeing in schools in Newton Abbot constituency. (75249)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to provide additional support for energy bills for people in Newbury in winter 2025. (75201)

- 49 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on building the world's first commercial scale High Assay Low Enriched Uranium fuel supply chain. (75313)
- 50 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, when he plans to make a decision on the implementation of zonal pricing. (75314)
- 51 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many jobs there are within the civil nuclear sector. (75315)
- 52 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the cost of the (a) pylons, (b) cables and (c) batteries required for upgrading the power grid to net zero by 2030. (74984)
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to support increasing the production of Sustainable Aviation Fuels in addition to legislating for the certainty mechanism. (74985)
- Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Millions more families to get £150 off energy bills this winter, published on 19 June 2025, what support is available for families in properties that are not on the gas grid. (74986)
- 55 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the solar industry. (75273)
- Jim Allister (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what reason businesses in Northern Ireland are being charged (a) £127.60 per GB inspection of GB potatoes they wish to buy and move to Northern Ireland and (b) different rates for each SPS certificate depending on the GB farm from which the potatoes are bought.
- 57 **Lizzi Collinge** (Morecambe and Lunesdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with (a) landowners and (b) Natural England on the (i) risk of wildfire in areas of moorland that is not actively managed and (ii) potential impact of policies of non-intervention in rewilded moorland areas. (75023)
- Jonathan Davies (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to take steps to increase transparency around use of pesticides by local authorities. (75062)
- Jonathan Davies (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support local authorities to (a) reduce and
   (b) replace their use of pesticides.

- Jonathan Davies (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of potential impact of pet pesticide products on the environment. (75065)
- 61 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that water bills do not rise in the context of the closure of Ofwat. (75200)
- 62 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to take steps to hold (a) highway businesses, (b) agriculture businesses and (c) other non-water sector polluters accountable for water pollution.

  (75202)
- 63 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to lower the threshold for the number of poultry places permitted on a farm before an environmental permit is required. (75204)
- 64 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department will make an announcement on the future funding arrangements for Stewardship schemes that were designed to replace the loss of direct payments. (75206)
- 65 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the new iteration of the Stewardship scheme will be open to all farmers.

  (75207)
- 66 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to encourage crop-based biomethane to support regenerative farming practices. (75039)
- 67 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the role of anaerobic digestion to secure rural economic growth. (75040)
- 68 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to integrate biogas into its circular-economy strategy. (75041)
- Food and Rural Affairs, which localised hotspots in the reporting zones of (a) Greater London, (b) Nottingham, (c) Reading/Wokingham, (d) Coventry/Bedworth, (e) Eastern, (f) Greater Manchester, (g) Portsmouth, (h) South East, (i) Liverpool, (j) West Yorkshire, (k) Bristol, (l) Sheffield, (m) The Potteries, (n) West Midlands and (o) Tyneside are delaying compliance with the nitrogen dioxide annual mean limit value beyond 2023 in each calendar year until full compliance is achieved.

- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
  Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the localised hotspots in the reporting zones of
  (a) Greater London, (b) Nottingham, (c) Reading/Wokingham, (d) Coventry/Bedworth,
  (e) Eastern, (f) Greater Manchester, (g) Portsmouth, (h) South East, (i) Liverpool, (j) West
  Yorkshire, (k) Bristol, (l) Sheffield, (m) The Potteries, (n) West Midlands and (o) Tyneside
  which are not complying with the nitrogen dioxide annual mean limit value beyond 2023 in
  each calendar year until full compliance is achieved.
- 71 Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps (a) his Department and (b) Natural England are taking to help tackle large-scale illegal waste dumping in ancient woodlands; and if he will review the adequacy of enforcement processes where (i) substantial environmental damage and (ii) tax evasion are suspected. (75164)
- 72 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, , what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle safety risks associated with landfill sites. (74991)
- 73 **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst** (Solihull West and Shirley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2025 to Question 69586 on Food Supply, which (a) supermarkets and (b) food producers he has met with to discuss mitigating the risk of shortages to key food supplies in the last 12 months.
- 74 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of rising block tariffs for water usage on (a) families with young children, (b) households of multiple occupancy and (c) multi-generational households. (74987)
- 75 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to legislate to mandate the installation of smart meters for water usage. (74988)
- 76 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to legislate to mandate the introduction of rising block tariffs for water bills. (74989)
- 77 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Ofwat to be abolished in biggest overhaul of water since privatisation, published on 21 July 2025, whether the new water regulator will be responsible for flooding. (74990)
- 78 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in what way is the Animal and Plant Health Agency verifying that approved methods are used in (a) farms with large integrated businesses and (b) other sized farms.

(75187)

- **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to ensure that approved methods of killing piglets on farms are being adhered to through proactive inspections. (75189)
- **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the
  Online Safety Act 2023 for reducing children's exposure to harmful online content. (75255)
- **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that
  parents and carers understand the new protections for children under the Online Safety
  Act 2023. (75257)
- **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to reduce digital exclusion in
  Beckenham and Penge constituency. (75260)
- **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to phase out the use of
  animals in scientific research. (75267)
- Liam Conlon (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the potential
  role of new technologies in reducing the use of animals in scientific research. (75274)
- Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of procurement rules on the government's ability to engage with start-up search engine businesses to support their growth.

  (75209)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the value for money of a digital ID system compared to existing forms of identification. (75233)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on doubling commercial interventional trial participants by the end of 2025. (75330)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on reducing trial approval times to under 150 days.

- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on bringing globally mobile manufacturing investments to the UK via the Life Sciences Innovative Manufacturing Fund. (75332)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on streamlining (a) regulation and (b) market access by supporting the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency. (75333)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on developing a route for international reliance for (a) medicines and (b) medical devices. (75334)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on making the UK the leading life sciences economy in Europe by 2030. (75335)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on making the UK the third most important life sciences economy globally by 2030. (75336)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what proportion of funding for the Health Data Research Service will be allocated to (a) increasing development of non-animal methods of testing and (b)phasing out animal testing. (75337)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what proportion of funding for Genomics England will be allocated to (a) developing non-animal methods of testing and (b) phasing out animal testing. (75338)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what proportion of funding for Our Future Health will be allocated to (a) developing non-animal methods of testing and (b) phasing out animal testing. (75339)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what proportion of funding for preclinical infrastructure linked to translational research networks will be allocated to (a) developing non-animal methods of testing and (b) phasing out animal testing. (75340)

- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what proportion of funding for UK BioBank will be allocated to (a) developing non-animal methods of testing and (b) phasing out animal testing. (75341)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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 prioritising frontier life sciences industries in pharmaceuticals on (a) developing non-animal methods of testing and (b) phasing out animal testing. (75342)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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 the commitment to unleash the economic potential of the life sciences cluster in Cambridge on Huntingdonshire. (75343)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what his target date is for the rollout of 6G networks in the UK. (75344)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what the scope is of the National Quantum Technologies Programme. (75345)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what the purpose is of the AI Energy Council. (75346)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23

  June 2025, what progress he has made on establishing the new Sovereign AI Unit. (75347)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what the projected expansion is of the AI Research Resource in each year from 2025.
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on accelerating the uptake of robotics via expanding the Made Smarter Adoption programme for SMEs. (75351)
- 107 Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on developing a new network for Robotics Adoption Hubs.
  (75349)

- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of quantum computing as a domain of strategic competition on the economy. (75352)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of engineering biology as a domain of strategic competition on the economy. (75350)
- 110N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has had discussions with civil liberties organisations on the use of facial recognition technology in commercial settings. [Transferred] (74513)
- Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with National Highways on the potential merits of introducing spacing chevrons on the A34. (75173)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to introduce tougher questions in driving (a) practical and (b) theory tests on equestrian road safety. (75203)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her

  Department is taking to help support the decarbonisation of the cruise industry. (75107)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of low noise vehicles on (a) visually impaired people and (b) guide dogs. (75289)
- John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to the LNER timetable on (a) the local economy, (b) tourism, and (c) connectivity in the Scottish Borders. (75308)
- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether Great British Railways will introduce a centralised lost property system across the rail network. (75213)
- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the decision to extend UK e-scooter rental trials until 2028 on (a) private and (b) public funding of active travel infrastructure. (75214)
- **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of trends in current levels of concessionary bus travel usage. (75215)

- 119 Alex Mayer (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of road traffic incidents in which unrestrained pets have caused (a) injury to vehicle occupants, (b) difficulty for emergency services accessing vehicles and (c) secondary accidents as a result of pets escaping following a collision. (75216)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which organisation is leading strategy for the transfer from (a) the privately owned train operating companies to the Department for Transport Operator (DfTO) and (b) from DfTO to Great British Railways. (75050)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with trade unions on the formation of Anglia Railways. (75051)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how the nations and regions of Great Britain will be reflected in the governance structure of Great British Railways. (75052)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, by what mechanism the DfT Operator Limited and Network Rail will be brought into Great British Railways. (75053)
- **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how the (a) Southeastern and Network Rail Alliance and (b) proposed Anglia Railways will be integrated into Great British Railways. (75054)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will have discissions with Dorset Council on the adequacy of the scheduling of the (a) Axminster to Exeter train and (b) its connecting bus services from Bridport and Lyme Regis. (75223)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her
  Department will have discissions with Dorset Council on the adequacy of the scheduling of
  the X51 Bridport to Axminster bus service. (75224)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her
  Department will have discissions with Dorset Council on the adequacy of the scheduling of
  the X53 Weymouth to Axminster service. (75225)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her
  Department will have discissions with Dorset Council on the adequacy of the scheduling of
  the X53 Weymouth College to Axminster service. (75226)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her

  Department will have discissions with Dorset Council on the adequacy of the scheduling of
  the CR6 Bridport to Beaminster service. (75227)

- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress she has made on the transition to Connected and Autonomous Mobility. (75322)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress she has made on introducing low-earth-orbit satellite connectivity on mainline trains. (75323)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, how much of the capital funding to (a) maintain and (b) improve roads between 2026-27 and 2029-30 will be spent in Huntingdon constituency. (75324)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, how much of the funding for the Local Transport Grant to improve transport connectivity in (a) smaller cities, (b) towns and (c) rural areas will be spent in Huntingdon constituency. (75325)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, how much of the funding to (a) maintain and (b) improve bus services will be spent in Huntingdon constituency in each year between 2025-26 and 2029-30. (75326)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, how much of the funding to support the roll-out of charging infrastructure will be spent on (a) privately-owned cars, (b) zero emission vans and (c) zero emission HGVs in Huntingdon constituency.
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, how much of the Freight Innovation Fund accelerator is allocated to be spent in Huntingdon constituency. (75328)
- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, by what date she plans to publish the new plan for freight and logistics. (75329)
- **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps her Department has taken to ensure local authorities have sufficient resources to repair and maintain residential roads; and what steps she plans to take to improve the long-term funding settlement available for tackling potholes and surface deterioration. (75030)

- 139 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support (a) local transport authorities and (b) bus operators to increase use of (i) hybrid, (ii) electric and (iii) hydrogen buses on local transport networks.

  [Transferred] (74788)
- 140 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to introduce incentives for British businesses that produce Sustainable Aviation Fuels.

  [Transferred] (74684)
- Max Wilkinson (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential benefit of changing the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence test by (a) using CCTV on test vehicles and (b) introducing detailed written feedback for failed tests. (75280)
- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department taking to ensure that retail employers comply with health and safety regulations in relation to lone working.

  [Transferred] (74902)
- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of existing guidance issued to retailers on lone working.

  [Transferred] (74903)
- Suella Braverman (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has considered commissioning a review into the (a) prevalence and (b) potential risks of lone working in the retail sector.

  [Transferred] (74905)
- 145 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department is taking steps to support retail workers who report abuse while working alone.

  [Transferred] (74906)
- 146 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help support the creation of graduate jobs. (74969)
- 147 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had recent discussions with retailers on the safety and security of people who are lone working in stores.

  [Transferred] (74723)
- 148 **Kim Leadbeater** (Spen Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of (a) regulatory oversight and (b) consumer protection for Small Self-Administered Schemes (SSAS); and if she will take steps to (i) improve regulatory oversight of SSAS trustees and (ii) ensure that people who have suffered losses relating to SSAS are able to access compensation. (75221)
- 149 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what impact the Pension Commission will have for residents in (a) Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard constituency and (b) Bedfordshire. (75217)

- 150 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of reducing waiting times for gynaecology services on women's ability to return to or remain in work. [Transferred] (74796)
- 151 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) regulations and (b) guidance for the Employment Rights Bill will require relevant employers to consider whether people with menstrual health conditions are adequately supported by workplace equality action plans.

  (75089)
- 152 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) individuals, (b) businesses and (c) disability rights groups will the Timms review consult. (75044)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many disabled people will be consulted on the Timms review plan in Devon. (75045)
- 154 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will set out a timeline for the Timms review. (75046)
- Dan Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve catering policies in health services to ensure are they are (a) patient-centred and (b) nutritious. (75101)
- Dan Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to review approaches to improve the integration of (a) nutritional science and (b) dietetic services into standard patient care pathways for (i) recovery, (ii) managing chronic ailments and (iii) in general. (75106)
- 157 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to commission research on (a) essential tremor and (b) other neurological movement disorders. (75086)
- 158 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of recognising Essential Tremor as a disability. (75087)
- 159 **Lizzi Collinge** (Morecambe and Lunesdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the use of covid vaccines on levels of (a) hospitalisations and (b) disability caused by long covid.

  (75025)
- 160 Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to help reduce the average diagnosis time for endometriosis. (74967)

- Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in Newbury constituency are waiting for an ADHD assessment; what the average waiting time is for ADHD assessments in Newbury constituency. (75208)
- Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to introduce a right for every adult patient to have a named advocate or support person with them throughout their hospital stay. (75210)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase access to care in the community in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (75042)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to publish a progress report for the antimicrobial resistance action plan following the completion of its first year. (75069)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) safeguard and (b) improve hospital helipad access at all major trauma centres. (75163)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase support for children with Wiedemann-Steiner syndrome. (75303)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve awareness of the potential impact of Group B Strep on (a) pregnant women and (b) newborn children. (75305)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the Care Quality Commission adequately monitors the provision of meaningful activities in care homes. (75307)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of food labelling requirements for people with (a) intolerances, (b) allergies and (c) undergoing cancer treatment of products that contain artificial sweeteners. (75310)
- **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the reasons for which females who have an out of hospital cardiac arrest are less likely to receive (a) resuscitation and (b) defibrillation than males. (74951)
- **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposed abolition of NHS England on the provision of central estates. (74958)

- **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the abolition of NHS England on local clinical services. [R] (74959)
- **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of headcount reductions in (a) NHS England, (b) his Department and (c) Integrated Care Boards on the implementation of the 10 Year Health Plan.

  [R] (74960)
- **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an estimate of the value for money of paying NHS trusts to validate the data on their waiting lists. [R] (75244)
- **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many incomplete pathways have been removed as a result of data validation in each month since July 2024. [R] (75247)
- **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many incomplete pathways have been removed as a result of data validation sprint in each month since April 2025. [R] (75251)
- **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance he has issued to (a) NHS England and (b) NHS Trusts to validate their waiting list data. [R] (75252)
- **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with Integrated Care Boards to facilitate the return of used (a) wheelchairs and (b) other medical equipment. (75312)
- **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve (a) early diagnosis and (b) treatment of genetic haemochromatosis. (75290)
- **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of controls on the (a) sale and (b) import of kava for food purposes in The Kava-kava in Food (England) Regulations 2002. (75197)
- **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of new research into the hepatotoxicity risk posed by kava on The Kava-kava in Food (England) Regulations 2002.

  (75198)
- **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Kava-kava in Food (England) Regulations 2002, what provision exists for the revocation of this legislation should the evidence no longer support such controls.

- **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, CP 1337, published on 23 June 2025, what progress he has made on creating the world's most (a) advanced, (b) secure and (c) AI-ready health data platform. (75316)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve the quality of maternity care for women across the country.

  [Transferred] (74789)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support the development and expansion of Women's Health Hubs.

  [Transferred] (74792)
- **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the progress made on (a) preventing and (b) treating all types of brain tumours. (75169)
- 187 Ian Sollom (St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to (a) minimally-processed and (b) nutritious foods for (i) families and (ii) children and young people in food poverty.
  (75162)
- **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will commission an (a) independent and (b) peer reviewed study of the accuracy of AI in healthcare settings. (74950)
- **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to (a) review endometriosis classification as an acute illness and (b) introduce long-term care plans for endometriosis patients. (75060)
- **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the amount of theatre time provided to gynaecology in comparison to other specialties; and in what way this has changed since the Covid-19 pandemic. (75088)
- **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with (a) Endometriosis UK and (b) other relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the 10 Year Health Plan to ensure it supports people with endometriosis. (75092)
- **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to increase awareness among healthcare professionals that endometriosis is a (a) long-term and (b) chronic condition, as recommended by the National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death. (75093)
- **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to increase the recruitment of GPs. (75262)

- 194 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding his Department has allocated to GP practices to hire more GPs. (75264)
- 195 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's planned timetable is for increasing the annual provision of specialty training places for resident doctors. (75266)
- 196 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to deliver a pay restoration framework for resident doctors. (75268)
- 197 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many GPs have (a) been hired and (b) left practice since July 2024. (75269)
- 198 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to review NHS outsourcing contracts. (75270)
- 199 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of conducting efficiency savings to fund more (a) clinical staff and (b) equipment in the NHS. (75272)
- 200 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 April 2025 to Question 46764 on Industrial Disputes: Trade Unions, if he will make it his policy to suspend (a) facility time and (b) check-off for NHS-recognised trade unions whilst they are on strike. (75031)
- 201 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2025 to Question 42740 on Smoking: Hospitality Industry, what his planned timetable is for the consultation on the vaping and smoking provisions in relation to outdoor public places; and what role local authorities would be expected to play in enforcement. (75032)
- 202 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill on industrial action in the NHS. (75033)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether trade union diversity networks in (a) his department and (b) NHS England are eligible for trade union facility time; and whether people can claim both diversity network time and facility time.
- 204 Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) embedded communications and (b) members of the Government Communications Service are employed by (i) his Department and (ii) NHS England.
  (75035)

- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 28 July 2025 to Question 66478
  Innovation: Beer and Public Houses, for what reason it is his policy to prohibit sales of non-alcoholic products to people under the age of 18; and how non-alcoholic drinks would be differentiated from soft drinks.

  (75036)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much and what proportion of employer pension contributions for NHS employees are funded by NHS England. (75037)
- 207 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to his Chinese counterparts on the detention of Pastor Huang Zi; and what steps he is taking to support his release.

  (75048)
- 208N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 9 June 2025 to Question 56288 on Arms Trade: Israel, if he will now publish the Research Report: Long-Range Shootings or Shootings of Minors that was included in evidence in Al-Haq v Secretary of State for Business and Trade.

  [Transferred] (74899)
- 209 Carla Denyer (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) respond to the humanitarian situation in Somalia and (b) help mitigate (i) regional and (ii) humanitarian impacts.
  (75153)
- 210 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much and what proportion of the £120m funding increase for Sudan is going to (a) local and (b) national organisations; and what steps he is taking to ensure that the funding strengthens the longer-term resilience of communities. (75154)
- 211 Alex Easton (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Iranian counterparts on increases in the number of arrests of (a) human rights defenders and (b) religious minorities in that country. (75024)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to the authorities in Myanmar on the reported increase in attacks on the Rohingya community; and what steps he is taking with international partners to help ensure humanitarian aid reaches displaced minority communities. (75108)
- 213 **John Grady** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the UK is taking (a) on its own and (b) with international counterparts to improve the rights of Women and Girls in Afghanistan. (75067)

- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many days was the Union Flag flown on the main Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office building in (a) 2024 and (b) 2025 to date. (75291)
- **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the
  Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council. (74997)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his US counterpart on providing USAID to Sudan. (75008)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Israeli Ambassador to the UK on Israel's plans to clear Gaza City. (75009)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he is having with international partners on protecting Palestinians living in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and East Jerusalem.

  (75010)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proportion of UK Aid is entering Gaza. (75011)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to provide safe zones around hospitals and recognised refugee camps in Gaza. (75012)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his Israeli counterpart on allowing the UK to bring aid into Gaza with UN protection. (75013)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to secure a deal with the Palestinian Authorities which recognises a future Palestine without the presence of Hamas or other terrorist organisations. (75014)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the protection of the Christian communities in (a) Gaza, (b) the Occupied Palestinian Territories and (c) East Jerusalem. (75015)
- **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish all the estimates he received on the financial costs of the UK-Mauritius Treaty from the Government Actuary's Department since 5 July 2024.

(75281)

- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on what date he agreed to remove the provision to provide the UK with a unilateral right to extend the 99-year lease for the use of Diego Garcia from the draft UK-Mauritius Treaty. (75282)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer given 3 September 2025 to Questions 69773 on Chagos Islands: Marine Protected Areas, on what dates implementation talks have taken place since 22 May 2025; and which (a) ministers and (b) officials were present at those meetings.
- 227 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he will respond to the House of Lords International Agreements Committee's report entitled UK-Mauritius Agreement on the Chagos Archipelago including Diego Garcia, HL 146, published on 25 June 2025. (75284)
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to paragraph 49 of the House of Lords International Agreements Committee report on the UK-Mauritius Agreement on the Chagos Archipelago including Diego Garcia, published on 25 June 2025, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Chagossian Trust Fund.
- Priti Patel (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and
  Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of
  China's Gray Zone activities in (a) Mauritius, (b) the African continent and (c) the IndoPacific region on UK interests; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential
  impact of those activities after UK-Mauritius Treaty comes into effect. (75287)
- 230 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Minister for the Overseas Territories' answer to Q13 of the oral evidence session with the Foreign Affairs Committee meeting on 23 June 2025, when he will publish the costings of the financial implications of the UK-Mauritius Treaty.

  (75288)
- 231 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of reports of attacks against churches in Vietnam; and what diplomatic steps he is taking to help (a) ensure the protection of the Christian community and (b) promote religious freedom in that country. (75142)
- 232 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the safety of
  auxiliary workers to British (a) diplomatic and (b) military operations in Afghanistan. (75078)

- **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will consider relocating auxiliary workers
  to British (a) diplomatic and (b) military operations in Afghanistan for their safety. (75079)
- **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many (a) ambassadors and (b) high commissioners are not (a) civil servants and (b) members of the Diplomatic Service.

  (74956)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy to stop UK (a) owned and (b) insured LNG carriers from transporting Russian products.

  [Transferred] (74919)
- **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when his Department plans to respond to the correspondence of 24 July 2025 from the hon. Member for Newton Abbot. (75074)
- **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number of reported incidents of (a) assault and (b) abuse against lone retail workers in each of the last three years. (75302)
- **Lizzi Collinge** (Morecambe and Lunesdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the guidance entitled Skilled Worker visa: minimum salary if you're under 26, studying, training or in a postdoctoral role, last updated on 22 July 2025, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of increasing the salary threshold for the skilled worker visa for people under the age of 26 on (a) young professionals, (b) regional employers and (c) graduate visa holders seeking to transition to skilled worker status.
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department plans to publish further information on the extension of the Ukrainian visa scheme. (75205)
- 240 Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
   Department, how much was given to the Labour Party for Party Political Conference
   Security Grant in each year since 2019.
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to amend the (a) funding and (b) qualifying spending for Party Political Conference Security Grants. [R] (74946)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to protect (a) children and (b) young people from online sextortion. (75152)

- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the safety of Uyghur (a) exiles and (b) dissidents residing in the UK. (75218)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the number of (a) rape and (b) sexual violence cases that are withdrawn at the police stage before referral to the Crown Prosecution Service; and what support is available to victims to help them continue with their cases. (75259)
- **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating a (a) single, (b) centralised and (c) digitised firearms licensing body to replace the current system of 44 separate licensing authorities. (75047)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of leaving European Convention on Human Rights on the ability of the UK to deport foreign nationals. (74961)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many detention places are currently available for foreign nationals awaiting deportation. (74962)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many detainees have absconded from immigration detention in each year since 2020. (74963)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff her Department employs to organise deportation flights. (74964)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost of private security contractors used in deportations has been in each of the last five years. (74965)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the top five reasons are for deportation flights being cancelled. (74966)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the risk of digital identity systems being used for surveillance of people. (75235)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of digital identity services for (a) individual freedom and (b) personal privacy. (75238)

- 254 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on trends in the number of (a) hate crimes and (b) instances of racism in communities that have not (i) taken flags down and (ii) removed graffiti.
  (75018)
- 255 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prevent the resale of stolen mobile phones in (a) Bedfordshire, (b) Cambridgeshire and (c) Suffolk. (75212)
- 256 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate she has made of average waiting times for visa applications from Commonwealth citizens required to attend court proceedings in the UK.

  (75135)
- 257 Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prioritise visa applications from overseas parties required to appear before UK courts. (75136)
- 258 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the time taken to issue visas on the ability of Commonwealth citizens to participate effectively in proceedings before UK courts. (75137)
- 259 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has issued guidance on expediting visa applications for (a) witnesses, (b) litigants and (c) legal representatives required to attend court hearings in the UK. (75138)
- 260 Dr Roz Savage (South Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) on its compliance with Section 9.4 of the IOPC Statutory Guidance, published on 1 February 2020; and what guidance her Department has issued on whether the IOPC has discretion to decline to investigate matters that fall within the mandatory referral criteria. (75021)
- 261 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle increasing levels of freight crime; and if she will meet with (a) the Road Haulage Association and (b) other relevant stakeholders to increase awareness of the danger of unsafe parking. (75094)
- 262 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what is her Department's policy on targets for net migration. (75276)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution to the hon. Member for Sutton and Cheam on 31 March 2025, Vol. 765, column 25, page 23, if she will update the House on developments in relation to arrests made at the Quaker meeting house in Westminster. (75109)

- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many days was the Union Flag flown on the Ministry of Defence Main Building in (a) 2024 and (b) 2025 to date.
- 265 Mr Angus MacDonald (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to review financial assistance available for armed forces personnel for the costs associated with relocating pets to an assigned duty station abroad. (75070)
- 266 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support families posted abroad with pets following the new Consumer Charter that makes it easier for armed forces families to own pets.

  (75071)
- 267 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average length of time to process applications from people wanting to join the Reserves in the (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) RAF was in each year since 2020. (75112)
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the

  (a) recruitment target for and (b) actual number of people recruited into the (i) Army

  Reserves, (ii) Maritime Reserves and (iii) RAF Reserves was by constituency in each year

  since 2020. (75113)
- 269 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applications to join the Reserves for the (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) RAF were made in each year since 2020. (75114)
- 270 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential security risks posed to military sites by (a) what3words and (b) other digital mapping platforms. (75277)
- 271 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to confirm the (a) delivery and (b) in-service date for the new F35A jets. (74981)
- 272 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of improving the UK's capability to facilitate in air refuelling. (74982)
- 273 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 July 2025 to Question 64210 on Chagos Islands: Sovereignty, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of increasing the number of civilian visits to Diego Garcia on security. (74983)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 July 2025 to Question 66652 on Military Aircraft: Ministers, what the total cost to the public purse was for those tasks. (75027)

- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 July 2025 to Question 67413 on France: Military Alliances, with reference to the Answer of 22 April 2025 to Question HL6719 on Nuclear Weapons, how his Department defines tactical nuclear weapons. (75028)
- 276 Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to p.6 of the Strategic Defence Review, published on 2 June 2025, if he will publish a breakdown of the associated costs for the sovereign warhead programme over this Parliament; and whether he expects that programme to be completed during this Parliament.
  (75029)
- 277 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will hold discussions with the Mayor of London on making an assessment of the reasons for trends in the level of housing starts in London. (74952)
- 278 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled Red tape slashed to revamp high streets with new cafes and bars, published on 26 July 2025, whether she plans to amend the statutory guidance entitled Revised guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (February 2025), published on 27 February 2025. (74953)
- 279 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Terms of Reference for the Anti-Muslim Hatred/Islamophobia Definition Working Group, for what reason the advice provided to her Department by the independent Working Group will be private. (75175)
- 280 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much funding her Department has provided to the Belong Network to develop national cohesion guidance; and whether there is a grant agreement.

  (75178)
- Sir James Cleverly (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on what the average Band D council tax was in parished areas in (a) England, (b) unitary council areas, (b) London, (c) two-tier areas and (d) metropolitan council areas in the 2025-26 financial year.
- 282 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on what the average Band D parish precept was in (a) Wiltshire, (b) Shropshire and (c) Cornwall in each year since 2008-09. (75180)
- 283 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Affordable Homes Programme will support the (a) renovation and (b) putting back into use of long-term empty homes. (75181)

- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to meet representatives of the Public and Commercial Services Union to discuss the industrial action affecting her Department. (75182)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of banning upward-only rent reviews for commercial leases on the valuations of commercial property owned by local authorities. (75183)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to amend national planning policy guidance to explicitly exclude sandwich shops from the fast food outlet ban in paragraph 97 of the National Planning Policy Framework, published in December 2024. (75184)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her timetable is for implementation of automatic voter registration. (75185)
- Sir James Cleverly (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish each Electronic Purchasing Card transaction on her department's cards since 4 July 2024, listing the (a) merchant name, (b) date, (c) volume and (d) transaction type for every transaction, including those under £500. (75186)
- Sir James Cleverly (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's transparency data entitled MHCLG: spending over £25,000, June 2025, published on 31 July 2025, what was the purpose of the funding to Cambridge University of 4/6/25, marked increase in chief CSA salary; and what position does this relate to.
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to allow all licensed pubs and restaurants to provide (a) off-sales and (b) take-away pints. (75190)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled Red tape slashed to revamp high streets with new cafes and bars, published on 26 July 2025, whether her Department plans to make changes to the agent of change principle in the National Planning Policy Framework. (75191)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to issue updated guidance to public bodies not to translate into foreign languages for domestic audiences. (75192)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what role the precautionary principle plays in the planning system. (75193)

- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with the European Commission in relation to the Planning and Infrastructure Bill. (75194)
- 295 Dr Allison Gardner (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of implementing an expanded national programme of Housing First to tackle homelessness. (75298)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, whether new unitary councils will be elected (a) allout and (b) by thirds.

  (74954)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in the Spending Review 2025. (75140)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of conditional selling by estate agents. (75157)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help support local authorities to (a) remove and (b) protect the safety of staff who are removing (i) graffiti and (ii) flags that have been placed without authorisation. (75016)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential risks of the unauthorised placing of flags on lampposts; and whether she has issued guidance to local authorities on (a) their removal and (b) how to de-escalate community tensions.

  (75017)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): 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 proposed disapplication of Section 132 of the Highways Act 1980 on public safety.

  (75019)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to publish a community safety strategy. (75020)
- **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 (a) gigafactories, (b) laboratories and (c) data centres have opted in to being designated as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

- **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, when she plans to implement the reduction in opportunities to challenge consent decisions. (75318)
- **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 new planning officers will be recruited in (a)

  Cambridgeshire and (b) Huntingdonshire. (75319)
- **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, what progress she has made on reforming the Local Government Pension Scheme to consider local growth priorities in investment strategies.

  (75320)
- **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, what discussions the Local Government Pension Scheme has had with the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. (75321)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support Surrey County Council in delivering sustainable growth. (75072)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that local councils in Surrey operate on a financially sustainable basis. (75073)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to publish a report on proposals for local government reorganisation in Surrey. (75076)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to make an assessment of the potential (a) costs and (b) merits of local government reorganisation in Surrey. (75080)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to review (a) accountability and (b) oversight arrangements for Section 151 officers as part of local government reorganisation in Surrey. (75081)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help tackle fraud in car parks.[Transferred] (74806)

- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing the requirement for leaseholders to require a landlord certificate from freeholders when (a) remortgaging and (b) selling a property. (75236)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support is available for leaseholders that are unable to obtain a landlord certificate from freeholders due to the freehold owners becoming insolvent. (75237)
- **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking as part of its role within the Interministerial Group on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping to reduce and prevent homelessness. (75299)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her

  Department is taking to help reduce the time taken to register a power of attorney. (75099)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the number of (a) rape and (b) sexual violence cases that are withdrawn post-charge; and what support is available to victims to help them continue with their cases. (75271)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential savings to the public purse of a diversion model that redirects (a) low-level and (b) first-time offenders from Crown Court proceedings. (75124)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will review restrictions on the number of sitting days available to retired judges under the age of 75. (75126)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to expand the use of virtual hearings for short matters.

  (75127)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of Trial Blitz style listing schemes in reducing backlogs in other Crown Court centres beyond Greater Manchester. (75128)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of criminal legal aid fees in ensuring sufficient numbers of publicly funded barristers are available to meet demand.

  (75129)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if her Department will establish an independent body to review and make recommendations on barristers' fees for publicly funded criminal work. (75131)

- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, which Commonwealth countries continue to use the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as their final court of appeal. (75132)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has had discussions with Commonwealth partners on future arrangements for appellate jurisdiction currently exercised by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. (75133)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that the Privy Council remains adequately resourced to deal with cases from Commonwealth jurisdictions in a timely manner. (75134)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions her Department has had with the (a) government and (b) Bar Council of India on regulatory barriers facing barristers from England and Wales. (75139)
- 329 Joe Robertson (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many inquests are outstanding in the Isle of Wight Coroner's Office; and how long they have been waiting to be heard.
  (75055)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will require the mapping platform what3words to limit access to the prison estate. (75240)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners failed drugs tests in each of the last 12 months. (75242)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of automatically transferring prisoners in open prisons who fail drugs tests to Category C prisons. (75248)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of prisoners failed drugs tests upon arrival in the last 12 months. (75250)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average length of time spent by prisoners in open prisons was in the last (a) 12 months, (b) three years and (c) five years.

  (75253)
- Mr Andrew Snowden (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what meetings her Department has had with (a) prison officers, (b) prison officers' unions and (c) other representative bodies of prison staff to discuss assaults in open prisons in the last 12 months.

  (75254)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Independent Sentencing Review on the population of open prisons. (75261)

- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will conduct a review of the quality of rehabilitation of prisoners released from an open prison, in comparison with prisoners released from other penal settings. (75265)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her

  Department has considered reviewing the standard police caution to include a reference
  to the potential impact of legal advice to remain silent on a defendant's defence. (75304)
- **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her

  Department is taking to account for the consequences of coercive control in divorce court

  (a) proceedings and (b) decisions. (75171)
- **Pete Wishart** (Perth and Kinross-shire): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to respond to the publication entitled Your Right to Decide, published by the Scottish Government on 4 September 2025. (75220)
- **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his oral contribution of 3 September 2025 in response to the Rt hon. Member for North West Essex during Prime Minister's Questions, Official Report, Column 281, on what date he was informed that the Deputy Prime Minister had not correctly paid stamp duty.
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his oral contribution of 3 September 2025 in response to the Rt hon. Member for North West Essex during Prime Minister's Questions, Official Report, Column 281, on what date the Deputy Prime Minister informed the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards that she had not correctly paid stamp duty. (75125)
- **Liam Conlon** (Beckenham and Penge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help increase opportunities for innovation in the economy.

  (75286)
- **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much VAT was refunded to international visitors as a result of the Government's Shop and Ship retail export scheme in 2019, 2023 and 2024. (75056)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many uncovered auctions there have been for Government gilts since 4 July 2024. (74948)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what guidance HMRC has issued on claiming private residence capital gains tax exemption. (74949)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential risks associated with loans offered through the app Wagestream to employees on low incomes. (75115)

- 348 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to increase access to capital for businesses based in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme and (b) Staffordshire. (74992)
- 349 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council. (74999)
- 350 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse of implementing and maintaining a Digital ID system. (75219)
- 351 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she is taking steps to establish an Exchange Traded Fund. (75195)
- 352 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she is considering steps to incentivise domicile Exchange Traded Funds in the UK if they have a significant corporate footprint in country. (75211)
- 353 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to FOI2024/01172, whether she plans to review payment agreements made with businesses.

  (75059)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her
  Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken by HMRC
  to issue (a) Corporation Tax Authentication Codes and (b) VAT registration numbers on
  small businesses; and what steps she is taking to reduce that time. (74942)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what performance indicators are used by the HMRC for the registration of (a) VAT registration numbers and (b) corporation tax authentication codes; and how often such targets were met in each of the last three years.

  (74943)

# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 9 September

#### **Questions for Written Answer**

1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate his Department has made of the number of jobs that have been created in the small business sector in Northern Ireland in the period since the inception of the Investment Fund for Northern Ireland. (75176)

- 2N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the mean average length of time from submission to payment for (a) the Horizon Shortfall Scheme (b) the Group Litigation Order Scheme and (c) the Horizon Convictions Redress Scheme. (75311)
- 3N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to deliver (a) the Greenfields Sports Ground project, (b) the Marches School project and (c) the North East Area (Whitchurch) 3G FTP project.. (75096)
- 4N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what funding her Department is providing to facilitate the completion of projects listed by the Football Foundation as priority. (75097)
- 5N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to ensure that developer funding contributes to the improvement of sporting facilities in the local area. (75098)
- 6N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the operation of the Prevent programme in schools.

  [Transferred] (74502)
- 7N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions she has had with universities on foreign diplomatic pressure to (a) alter and (b) remove references to Taiwan in (i) academic and (ii) institutional communications. (75256)
- 8N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many UK higher education institutions have approached the her Department for guidance following requests from the Chinese Embassy to alter language referring to Taiwan, in each year since 2020. (75263)
- 9N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of devolving powers to license electricity suppliers operating in Wales. (75230)
- 10N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had discussions with his Welsh counterpart on the compliance of electricity suppliers operating in Wales with (a) the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 (b) the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. (75231)
- IIN **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Movement Assistance Scheme operating until 30 June 2025 had a statutory foundation beyond that set out by the Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/623).

- 12N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to ensure that the decision not to extend the Movement Assistance Scheme a third time was compliant with his obligations under Section 46 of the Internal Market Act 2020. (75001)
- 13N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of his decision not to extend the Movement Assistance Scheme beyond 30 June 2025 on Northern Ireland buyers of impacted Great Britain products moving those products into Northern Ireland. (75002)
- 14N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 June 2025 to Question 59984 on Fire Prevention, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the response to wildfires during summer 2025. (74944)
- 15N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many times the Floods Resilience Taskforce has met since September 2024; and on what dates. (75077)
- 16N Dr Neil Hudson (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 September 2025 to Question 71412 on Slaughterhouses, how much funding has been issued from the Smaller Abattoir Fund since July 2024.
  (75155)
- 17N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 September 2025 to Question 71412 on Slaughterhouses, how much funding is remaining in the Smaller Abattoir Fund. (75156)
- 18N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 September 2025 to Question 72246 on Litter: Fast Food, if his Department will ensure that packaging from fast food outlets is marked by the outlet with the car registration of the customer using Automatic Number Plate Recognition. (74996)
- 19N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will have discussions with representative bodies of car manufacturers on the extent of the recall of Citroën cars in connection with potential airbag problems. (74957)
- 20N Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to her Department's press releases entitled (a) London to Essex c2c services return to public control in step towards Great British Railways, published on 18 July 2025 and (b) New dawn for rail as South Western services return to public hands, published on 25 May 2025, what the rigorous performance standards are that each of the public sector operators will have to meet; when she plans to publish details of those performance standards; and whether those standards are outlined to companies before nationalisation takes place.

- 21N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential health and safety risks associated with increased lone working in retail.

  [Transferred] (74886)
- 22N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the number of employees who work alone in retail environments; and what steps her Department is taking to monitor trends in lone working practices.

  [Transferred] (74887)
- 23N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Leader of the House of Lords on when the committee stage of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill will take place. (75177)
- 24N Samantha Niblett (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) ensure nursing graduates can find Band 5 roles upon graduation and (b) increase the number of roles for newly registered nurses.
  (74993)
- 25N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason older people under 75 are not eligible for the NHS covid-19 autumn booster in 2025. (74995)
- 26N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 September 2025
  to Question 70326 on Hamas: Guided Weapons, if he will make representations to the
  UN on the need for an independent verifiable assessment of the number of missiles fired
  by Hamas into Israel on the dates in question, and which does not solely rely on data
  produced by Israel or Hamas. (75168)
- 27N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he plans to take at the UN General Assembly to support a ceasefire in Sudan. (75004)
- 28N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he has taken to convene the talks to end the war in Sudan since the London Sudan Conference. (75005)
- 29N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the external actors to the war in Sudan.

  (75006)
- 30N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he is having with (a) civil society and (b) women's organisations in Sudan on advancing a pathway to peace. (75007)

- 31N **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the level of therapeutic food procured through UK Overseas Development Assistance (a) directly by the Government and (b) by third party partners, in the latest year for which information is available. (75306)
- 32N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 4 September 2025 to Question 70873, whether her Department has commissioned the use of hotel accommodation in the London Borough of Havering for the purpose of housing asylum seekers since 10 February 2025. (75095)
- 33N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what will be the next steps following the launch of the Development Phase of the Global Combat Air Programme. (75196)
- 34N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 September 2025 to Question 70714 on Defence: Finance, whether the Defence Investment Plan will report on the assumption that the fiscal and economic conditions will allow three per cent to be spent on defence in the next Parliament. (75258)
- 35N Laurence Turner (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 03 September 2025 to Question 73617, on Armed Forces: Special Educational Needs, if he will publish the February 2025 MODLAP advisory note that is referred to in that Answer.

  [R] (75292)
- 36N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment her Department has made of (a) trends in the level of houses in multiple occupation and (b) the potential impact of those trends on local communities. (75141)
- 37N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the open caseload was for the Crown Court in England and Wales at the start of each month since June 2024. (75170)
- 38N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of the average projected length of time between charge and trial in cases of rape which have yet to be heard in court. (75143)
- 39N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of the longest projected length of time between charge and trial in any single case of rape which has yet to be heard in court. (75144)
- 40N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the report by the HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate entitled An inspection of early advice and precharge decision making in adult rape cases, published in July 2025. (75145)

- 41N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when she plans to publish the strategy to halve violence against women and girls within a decade. (75146)
- 42N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many meetings she has had with representatives from the Council of Europe since 19 June 2025. (75147)
- 43N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of Crown Court sitting day allocations on the ability to reduce the backlog of criminal cases. (75118)
- 44N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that all available courtrooms are utilised to full capacity in order to reduce waiting times for trials. (75119)
- 45N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent estimate she has made of the number of outstanding Crown Court cases; and whether this estimate takes into account (a) case complexity and (b) the number of defendants involved.

  (75120)
- 46N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of resources available to ensure that increases in police officer numbers do not contribute to an increase in the Crown Court backlog. (75121)
- 47N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what consideration her Department has given to the potential merits of increasing the use of (a) diversion schemes based on (i) deferred prosecution agreements and (ii) referral orders and (b) other diversion schemes to reduce the Crown Court backlog. (75122)
- 48N **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of devolving (a) probation and (b) youth justice services in Wales. (75222)
- 49N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his oral contribution in response to the hon. Member for Glasgow South West during Prime Minister's Questions on 3 September 2025, Official Report, column 291, what his evidential basis is for the statement that the First Minister has not welcomed the deal. (74970)
- 50N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of (a) named day (b) ordinary written questions were answered by her Department within the required timescale in (i) January, (ii) February, (iii) March, (iv) April, (v) May, (vi) June, (vii) July and (viii) August 2025. (75167)
- 51N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on the appointment of a Crown Estate Commissioner with special responsibility for Wales, in the context of the Crown Estate Act 2025. (75165)

52N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she expects the Crown Estate Commissioners with special responsibilities for (a) Wales, (b) England and (c) Northern Ireland to be appointed. (75166)

# Questions for Answer on Wednesday 10 September

- 1N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to increase the number of youth clubs in Somerset.(75293)
- 2N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the average waiting time is for a decision on a listed building application made to Historic England in the last 12 months. (75294)
- 3N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support owners of listed buildings with the cost of essential repairs. (75295)
- 4N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on integrating heritage conservation more effectively into planning systems. (75296)
- 5N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Independent Football Regulator's ownership rules on (a) smaller and (b) community-owned football clubs.
- 6N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of schools that have the budget to provide free school meals in the next 5 years in a) Somerset and (b) England. (75297)
- 7N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to respond to correspondence from the hon. Member for Arbroath and Broughty Ferry of 30 May 2025. (75111)
- 8N **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions her Department has had with HM Treasury on improving communication between HM Revenue and Customs and the Department for Work and Pensions on cases involving voluntary National Insurance contributions paid while working abroad. (75075)

- 9N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Leader of the House of Lords on when the committee stage of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill will take place. [R] (75300)
- 10N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance is issued to police forces on deploying armed officers for arrests relating to alleged online speech offences. (75158)
- 11N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many arrests were made for online speech offences in the last five years. (75159)
- 12N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 26 June 2025 to Question 61511 on F-35 Aircraft: Israel, what information his Department holds on the re-export of UK-made F-35 components from Israeli suppliers to the global F-35 programme.

  [Transferred] (74933)
- 13N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the value was of the contract awarded by his Department to Korn Ferry for the recruitment of the National Armaments Director. (75061)
- 14N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the contract awarded by his Department to Korn Ferry for the recruitment of the National Armaments Director has been fulfilled. (75064)
- 15N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 1 September 2025 to Question 62175, when his Department plans to hold the next Ajax-specific event at Bovington to which journalists will be invited.

  (75066)
- 16N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to conduct a review of (a) hate speech and (b) incitement legislation. (75160)
- 17N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, which parties were offered an advance briefing on the Independent Review of the Windsor Framework.

  (74994)
- 18N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the actuarial regulation elements of the Government's planned Audit Reform and Corporate Governance Bill. (75026)
- 19N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of trends in the level of UK borrowing costs on government spending. (74955)

#### Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

1	<b>Dr Luke Evans</b> (Hinckley and Bosworth): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 10 September.	(905605)
2	Melanie Ward (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy):	(905606)
3	Simon Hoare (North Dorset):	(905607)
4	Carla Denyer (Bristol Central):	(905608)
5	Tom Rutland (East Worthing and Shoreham):	(905609)
6	Josh Newbury (Cannock Chase):	(905610)
7	Bill Esterson (Sefton Central):	(905611)
8	Jon Trickett (Normanton and Hemsworth):	(905612)
9	Ruth Jones (Newport West and Islwyn):	(905613)
10	Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme):	(905614)
11	Andrew Rosindell (Romford):	(905615)
12	Dr Simon Opher (Stroud):	(905616)
13	David Pinto-Duschinsky (Hendon):	(905617)
14	Dr Rupa Huq (Ealing Central and Acton):	(905618)
15	Mark Sewards (Leeds South West and Morley):	(905619)

# Questions for Answer on Thursday 11 September

- 1N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 28 April 2025 to Question 45986 on Events Industry, what plans her Department has to change the (a) number and (b) grade of civil servants working on supporting the business events sector. (75228)
- 2N **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Curriculum and Assessment Review will consider mandating a gender balance in the authors of texts students study for GCSE English Literature. (75068)
- 3N **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is undertaking to tackle imported emissions in the supply chain of liquefied natural gas. (75239)

operating companies into public ownership.

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(75174)

- 4N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to consolidate online train ticket providers as part of her plans to bring train
- 5N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Iranian counterpart on (a) the illegal obtention of (i) property and (ii) assets of and (b) other attacks on the Baha'i community; and what diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure the (a) protection of that community and (b) promotion of religious freedom in that country.

## Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- 1 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): What steps she is taking to improve passenger rail performance. (905570)
- 2 **Tom Collins** (Worcester): What steps she is taking to help improve local bus services. (905571)
- 3 **Chris Webb** (Blackpool South): What steps she is taking to ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (905572)
- 4 **Natasha Irons** (Croydon East): What steps she is taking to ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (905573)
- 5 **Emma Lewell** (South Shields): What steps she is taking to help improve local bus services. (905574)
- 6 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): What steps she is taking to include ferry services in the Integrated Public Transport Strategy. (905575)
- 7 **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): What steps she is taking to ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (905576)
- 8 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): What steps she is taking to support the bus sector. (905577)
- 9 Lewis Atkinson (Sunderland Central): What steps she is taking to increase the availability of driving tests. (905578)
- 10 **Alan Gemmell** (Central Ayrshire): What steps she is taking to support the aviation sector. (905579)
- 11 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): What steps she is taking to help ensure that the transport system supports economic growth in Buckingham and Bletchley constituency. (905580)
- 12 **John Milne** (Horsham): What recent progress she has made on the development of policy on pavement parking. (905581)

- 13 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): What steps her Department is taking to support local authorities to implement major transport schemes. (905582)
- 14 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support people to use electric vehicles. (905583)
- Mohammad Yasin (Bedford): What steps she is taking to ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (905584)
- Daniel Francis (Bexleyheath and Crayford): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to update regulations on the use of micromobility vehicles. (905585)
- 17 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of passenger rail infrastructure. (905586)
- 18 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): What steps she is taking to ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (905587)
- 19 **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): What steps she is taking to support the sustainable aviation fuel industry. (905588)
- 20 **Mr Jonathan Brash** (Hartlepool): What steps her Department is taking to improve the connectivity of public transport in Teesside. (905589)
- 21 **Brian Mathew** (Melksham and Devizes): What steps she is taking to improve rail services in rural areas of the South West. (905590)
- 22 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): What steps she is taking to promote walking and cycling. (905591)
- 23 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): What steps she is taking to improve rail services on the East Coast Main Line. (905592)
- 24 **Dr Lauren Sullivan** (Gravesham): What steps she is taking to ensure that the transport system supports economic growth. (905593)
- 25 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): What steps she is taking to help improve local bus services. (905594)

#### Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- T1 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (905595)
- T2 Mr Andrew Snowden (Fylde): (905596)
- T3 Helena Dollimore (Hastings and Rye): (905597)
- T4 Baggy Shanker (Derby South): (905598)

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# Questions for Answer on Monday 15 September

- 1N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the total value of UK trade with Israel has been since 4 July 2024. (75100)
- 2N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he last conducted an assessment of the Open General Import Licence criteria to ensure that the Import Licences do not permit the importation of illegal settlement goods from the Occupied West Bank. (75102)
- 3N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will confirm that the Open General Import License does not permit the importation of illegal Settlement Goods from the Occupied West Bank. (75103)
- 4N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he last had discussions with customs officials responsible for administering Import Licences under the Open General Impost Licence criteria. (75104)
- 5N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has conducted an assessment of the potential impact of the Israeli E1 settlement plan on the requirement under the Open General Impost Licence not to import goods from the illegally Occupied West Bank. (75105)