

#### **PUBLISHED - MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2025**

# Questions tabled on Friday 12 September 2025

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 15 September

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- Liz Jarvis (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support the growth of the night-time economy in Eastleigh constituency.

  [Transferred] (76662)
- Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has (a) made an assessment of the barriers faced by Hong Kong BNO visa holders in transferring professional qualifications into the British labour market and (b) issued guidance to employers on the employment rights of Hong Kong BNO visa holders.

  [Transferred] (76323)
- 3 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many video games studios have been supported by the UK Games Fund.

[Transferred] (76673)

- 4N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance her Department has issued to builders on building on historic dump sites for fly ash.

  [Transferred] (76426)
- Perran Moon (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, what assessment her Department has made of the potential
  merits of banning animal testing.

  [Transferred] (76452)
- Or Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her
  Department will publish statistics on the incidence of number cloning in (a) Surrey
  Heath constituency and (b) the South East region.

  [Transferred] (76759)

- 7 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Imkaan report entitled Why should our rage be tidy, published in November 2024, what steps his Department is taking to increase the diversity of the NHS therapeutic workforce.

  [Transferred] (76640)
- Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether measures to (a) recognise and (b) support under-16s who perpetrate abuse towards their (i) parents, (ii) siblings and (iii) intimate partners will be included in the forthcoming Violence against women and girls strategy.

  [Transferred] (76623)
- 9 Anna Gelderd (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to ensure that funding allocations for coastal communities adequately (a) recognise and (b) reflect the (i) circumstances of and (ii) impact of seasonality on public services in those communities.

[Transferred] (76784)

- Callum Anderson (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many small and medium-sized enterprises in (a) the UK and (b) Buckingham and Bletchley constituency have exported to China in the last three years. [Transferred] (76724)
- Alex Burghart (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether
  (a) the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, (b) UK Financial Investments and
  (c) other Ministers were involved in the disposal of RBS Sempra Commodities to JP Morgan in the 2009-10 financial year.

  [Transferred] (76303)

## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 16 September

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Civil Service 2024/2025 External Expenditure on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, published on 30 May 2025, whether his Department holds data on arm's length bodies expenditure authorised by those bodies in 2024-25. (76829)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish guidance for civil servants on conduct in the pre-election period prior to (a) UK parliamentary and (b) devolved legislature by-elections. (76830)
- 3 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support rural pubs in North East Hampshire constituency. (76904)

- 4 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to ensure that rural hospitality businesses are adequately supported in the context of (a) rising wholesale food prices, (b) energy costs, (c) increased (i) wage and (ii) NIC pressures and (d) insurance premiums. (76813)
- Dr Scott Arthur (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the introduction of an annual cap on grants to individual places of worship under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme on those places of worship. (76893)
- 6 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate she has made of the potential savings from the introduction of the £25,000 annual cap on grants under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme. (76894)
- 7 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Church Commissioners on extending the spending cap on the Listed Places of Worship scheme after 2026. (76895)
- 8 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with Sport England on the (a) promotion and (b) development of (i) padel and (ii) pickleball as national sports. (76814)
- 9 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help improve access to sport for children from disadvantaged backgrounds in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (76807)
- 10 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether multiacademy trusts can implement Electric Vehicle Salary Sacrifice schemes. (76911)
- 11 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that music remains central to mainstream school curriculum; and what assessments she has made of the potential merits of music education on students achievement's in (a) Maths, (b) English and (c) other disciplines. (76902)
- 12 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to ensure that SEND reforms improve consistency of outcomes across local authorities. (76960)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support local authorities with SEND provision. (76961)
- Tom Morrison (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 23 July 2025 to Question 67189Pre-school Education: Accidents and Death, what steps she is taking to ensure that early years foundation stage safeguarding requirements are (a) implemented within early years settings, (b) read by staff on a mandatory basis and (c) communicated (i) consistently and (ii) coherently when changed. (76885)

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- Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to expand financial education into the primary school curriculum. (76953)
- 17 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of financial education since it became part of the secondary curriculum in 2014. (76954)
- 18 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what training and resources are provided to teachers to enable effective delivery of financial education in schools. (76955)
- 19 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how the curriculum is adapted to keep pace with changes in financial products and technology, such as digital banking and online credit. (76956)
- 20 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that new housing developments have sufficient grid capacity to meet net zero requirements. (76921)
- 21 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what information his Department holds on the number of rooftop solar panels in use in Lincolnshire. (76808)
- 22 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the development of solar power infrastructure in Surrey Heath constituency. (76912)
- 23 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help create new jobs in the renewable energy sector in Surrey Heath constituency. (76913)
- Alex Brewer (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) wider reform one and (b) other proposed changes to the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 on the ecology of bathing waters; and what steps she is taking to help (i) support anglers, (ii) protect aquatic habitats and (iii) encourage payments by water companies for environmental improvements.
- 25 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of catapults on wildlife; and what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that wildlife is not (a) maimed and (b) killed by catapults. (76903)

- Alex Brewer (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
  Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to protect hares; and what
  assessment she has made of the potential merits of the introduction of a closed season
  for hare hunting.

  (76909)
- **Dr Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of raising the minimum juice content for cider to 50%. (76897)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the updated guidance for emergency authorisations of pesticides will apply retrospectively to applications submitted in 2024. (76870)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how applications for emergency authorisation of banned neonicotinoids will be assessed under the new guidance; and whether an independent scientific advisory committee will be involved in the decision-making process. (76871)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is considering legislative options to permanently ban all uses of neonicotinoid pesticides. (76872)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment her Department has made of the economic impact of pollinator decline on UK agriculture. (76873)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how the £500 million estimate of the value of pollination services to UK agriculture was calculated. (76874)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to improve internet access in rural areas of Newbury constituency. (76925)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Answer of 11 September 2025 to Question 73941 on Department for Science, Innovation and Technology: Social Media, how much his Department has spent on social media influencers by influencer since July 2024.

  (76804)
- **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to (a) support bus services in (i) North East Hampshire constituency and (ii) other rural areas and b) reinstate bus routes that have been cancelled. (76908)
- Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support local bus routes in rural areas in (a) Newbury constituency and (b) other areas. (76924)

- **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the Minister for Rail plans to respond to the correspondence of 11 August 2025 from the hon.

  Member for Tunbridge Wells on accessibility at High Brooms Station. (76896)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that South Western Railway rail replacement bus services are fully wheelchair accessible. (76929)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to require train operating companies to guarantee that rail replacement services will be accessible for disabled passengers. (76930)
- 40 Edward Morello (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions her Department has had with (a) Dorset Council and (b) local stakeholders on funding contributions towards accessibility improvements at Dorchester South Station.
  (76942)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of step-free access for (a) disabled passengers, (b) older residents and (c) families with children at Dorchester South Station.

  (76943)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether Dorchester South station will be prioritised for funding under the Access for All programme following the feasibility study. (76944)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when her Department plans to announce the outcome of the feasibility study into step-free access at Dorchester South station. (76945)
- **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has set a timeframe for the completion of research to (a) update and (b) strengthen the evidence base on the (i) extent and (ii) impact of pavement parking. (76840)
- **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to release the representative sample of local authorities it plans to consult on pavement parking research. (76841)
- **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she will undertake a review of the timeline to bring the Automated Vehicles Act 2024 into force to allow an earlier rollout of proven supervised systems (a) to support older drivers seeking safe mobility and (b) in general. (76833)
- **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the time taken to (a) obtain and (b) renew black powder licenses. (76946)

- 48N **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the April 2025 deadline for backdated voluntary National Insurance Contributions how many requests for callbacks were logged by HMRC before 6 April 2025; how many callbacks have so far been made and completed through all stages; how many people have made National Insurance top-ups under this concessionary arrangement; and when she expects the callback process to be completed.

  [Transferred] (76677)
- 49 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Housing Benefit taper rate on the number of young people living in supported accommodation who are in work.

  (76922)
- Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that young people living in supported accommodation are not financially disadvantaged when increasing their working hours. (76923)
- 51 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the number of kinship carers who will not be eligible for the new Kinship Allowance Pilot. (76926)
- Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment his Department has made of the mental health support needs of kinship carers and the children in their care; and what steps he is taking to improve their access to appropriate services. (76927)
- Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to review the financial support available to kinship carers. (76928)
- Dame Caroline Dinenage (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of people claiming housing benefit in Gosport in each of the last three years. (76817)
- Edward Morello (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department plans to introduce compensation for pension claimants financially impacted by delays in pension processing caused by industrial action among MyCSP staff.

  (76938)
- 56 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of delays in processing pensions on claimants. (76939)
- 57 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pension claimants have been affected by delays caused by the industrial dispute among MyCSP staff. (76940)

- 58 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to tackle delays in pension processing as a result of industrial action among MyCSP staff. (76941)
- 59 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide funding for (a) adult and (b) children's hospices for the next ten years. (76835)
- 60 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the digitalisation of NHS services on people who are digitally excluded. (76905)
- Alex Brewer (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that the NHS provides adequate support to (a) digitally excluded and (b) vulnerable people in (i) North East Hampshire constituency and (ii) other rural areas. (76906)
- 62 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that parents receive (a) up to date and (b) relevant advice for feeding infants. (76907)
- 63 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve patient safety for people with (a) learning disabilities and (b) autism. (76892)
- 64 **Linsey Farnsworth** (Amber Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to allow self-funded Pre-implantation Genetic Testing for Aneuploidy as an add-on to NHS-funded IVF treatment. (76886)
- 65 **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 support people living with arthritis in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (76806)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve (a) infrastructure, (b) better understanding of complex patients and (b) staff (i) morale and (ii) experience in the 10 Year Health Plan.
- 67 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the proportion of illegally traded medicines intercepted by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency Criminal Enforcement Unit. (76959)
- 68 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with relevant stakeholders on pay for specialist community public health nurses. (76839)

- 69 Ian Roome (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment, his Department has made of the accuracy of pharmaceutical needs assessments undertaken by local health and wellbeing boards. (76889)
- **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many applications for additional pharmacies were declined following a pharmaceutical needs assessment that identified a lack of need in each of the last five years. (76890)
- **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking with local authorities to ensure that social services act quickly following reports of potential grooming of vulnerable adults. (76869)
- **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has considered locating anaphylaxis kits in (a) schools, (b) supermarkets and (c) other public places. (76867)
- **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had on increasing access to Palforzia treatment. (76868)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of regional variations in staff vacancy rates on waiting list lengths in NHS trusts. (76855)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken to recruit into nursing roles on elective care backlogs. (76856)
- Matt Vickers (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of fast-tracking accreditation for internationally-trained healthcare professionals to help increase local staffing levels. (76857)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): 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 (a) agency and (b) locum staff on reducing waiting lists. (76858)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to make workforce data transparent at (a) trust and (b) ICB level. (76859)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is monitoring the number of administrative staff working in NHS back office functions; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of reductions in those staff on (a) front-line staffing and (b) waiting lists. (76860)

- 80 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she has had discussions with her
  Serbian counterpart on recent protests in Serbia. (76843)
- 81 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether her Department plans to provide support to the Global Surgery Network for projects in (a) Nigeria, (b) India, (c) Mexico and (d) other countries.

  (76936)
- 82 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether her Department plans to provide funding to the NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Global Surgery after June 2026. (76937)
- Mr Peter Bedford (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's guidance entitled Firearms licensing: statutory guidance for chief officers of police, updated on 5 August 2025, what assessment she has made with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of the potential impact of the requirement to undertake a medical assessment every six months on the (a) financial cost and (b) bureaucratic burden to people when renewing a firearms license.
- Alex Brewer (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what (a) safeguards and (b) other provisions her Department has put in place to help protect (i) police officers and (ii) the public from exposure to asbestos during (A) operational duties when attending incidents in (1) older and (2) derelict buildings where asbestos contamination may be present and (B) other circumstances; and what guidance her Department has issued to the police on ensuring appropriate (a) risk assessments and (b) protective measures are undertaken in such environments. (76900)
- 85N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, over what period of time Operation Gull has been functioning in Northern Ireland.

  [Transferred] (76560)
- Mr Lee Dillon (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) trends in the number of firefighters and (b) levels of funding for fire and rescue services on public safety. (76918)
- Helen Grant (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
  Department, with reference to the press release entitled Tribunal system reforms to
  speed up asylum decisions, published on 24 August 2025, whether her Department plans
  to use primary legislation to (a) establish and (b) give full powers to the proposed new
  independent body to make decisions on asylum appeal cases.

  (76819)

- Helen Grant (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
  Department, with reference to the press release entitled Tribunal system reforms to speed
  up asylum decisions, published on 24 August 2025, how long she expects it will take to
  train an adjudicator to make decisions on asylum appeal cases. (76820)
- Helen Grant (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the press release entitled Tribunal system reforms to speed up asylum decisions, published on 24 August 2025, whether first-tier tribunal judges of the immigration and asylum chamber will be permitted to work as professionally-trained adjudicators at the proposed new independent body. (76821)
- Darren Paffey (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
  Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle (a) insurance fraud and
  (b) ghost brokers in the motor insurance industry. (76910)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department has taken to ensure (a) GPs and (b) mental health professionals are trained in (i) identifying and (ii) responding to the (A) traumatic physical and emotional impacts of violence and abuse and (B) the specific consequences of abuse for Black and minoritised victims.
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of visa sponsor licence revocations were (a) subsequently overturned and (b) appealed successfully from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. (76875)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of the increase in illegal working arrests involved people who had originally entered the UK on work visas. (76876)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which countries have had access to UK visas restricted due to non-compliance with migrant return agreements; and what criteria were used in these decisions. (76877)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September to Question 75385 on Greta Thunberg, whether public expressions of support for the proscribed terrorist group Palestine Action are considered relevant to an assessment under Part 9 of the Immigration Rules for refusal of entry to the UK. (76878)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign nationals have been refused entry to the UK on the basis of their support for proscribed terrorist groups since 2020. (76879)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the threshold for reopening cases under the exception to the double jeopardy rule introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003. (76881)

- **Patrick Spencer** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the number of small boat crossings since 4 July 2024. (76916)
- Patrick Spencer (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the cost of housing asylum seekers in (a) hotels, (b) private rental accommodation and (c) council housing in each of the last five financial years.
  (76917)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February 2025 to Question on Table Office: Financing, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of temporarily increasing staffing levels in the Table Office during peak periods. (76883)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department is taking steps to integrate unmanned surface vehicles into Royal Navy operations. (76931)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department has allocated for research and development on unmanned surface vehicle technologies in the last five years. (76932)
- **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the value for
  money of patching potholes rather than providing a permanent fix. (76898)
- **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to review the threshold at which

  councils have to act upon road safety concerns. (76899)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to his Department's publication entitled MHCLG areas of research interest, published on 5 March 2025, whether research has been commissioned since 4 July 2024 in relation to reform, revaluation or replacement of council tax. (76828)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if his Department will take steps with local authorities to end the use of (a) hotels, (b) bed and breakfasts and (c) hostels for homeless (i) single adults and (ii) families. (76919)
- **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of Approved Document M on Access to and Use of Buildings under the Building Regulations 2010, last updated on 1 October 2024, in meeting the needs of (a) disabled and (b) older residents. (76920)

- 108 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, whether he has made an assessment of trends in the
  level of multi-occupancy residential buildings insurance premiums. (76815)
- 109 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what the average increase in social housing rents
  was in Gosport constituency in 2024-25. (76816)
- 110 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to make adherence to the Service
  Charge Residential Management Code mandatory for residential leasehold property
  managers.
  (76818)
- Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including parking provision in the licensing criteria for Houses in Multiple Occupation. (76914)
- Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the level of
  variation in council tax per dwelling between rural and urban local authorities; and what
  steps he is considering taking to ensure that households in rural areas are not subject to
  higher tax burdens due to property valuation and banding distributions. (76948)
- 113 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, what steps he plans to take to adjust the council tax

  system to account for differing property market values in rural areas. (76950)
- 114 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment his Department has made of the potential role of (a) German-style Fertighäuser and (b) other prefabricated or modular housing to help tackle housing shortage. (76951)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of a 10% commission charge on the sale of park homes on park home owners. (76887)
- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will publish a consultation on (a) reducing and (b) abolishing the 10% commission charge on the sale of park homes. (76888)
- 117 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the provision of British Sign Language interpreters for deaf jurors. (76844)

- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Deaprtment is taking to ensure that cost does not prevent deaf people from serving as jurors. (76845)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many complaints has HM Courts and Tribunals Service received from deaf jurors regarding interpreter provision in the last five years. (76846)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of interpreter absence on the ability of deaf jurors to fully participate in court proceedings. (76847)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidance his Department provides to court staff on communicating with deaf jurors in the absence of an interpreter. (76848)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department monitors compliance with the legal right to British Sign Language interpreters in jury deliberation rooms in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. (76849)
- Matt Vickers (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate his Department has made of the number of deaf people who have completed jury service since the coming into force of the legal right to British Sign Language interpreters in jury deliberation rooms in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. (76850)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his

  Department has considered setting national minimum standards for British Sign

  Language interpreter provision across all courts. (76851)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his

  Department has consulted with organisations representing deaf people on the barriers
  faced by deaf people when undertaking jury service. (76852)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of data collection on (a) deaf jurors and (b) jurors with other protected characteristics within jury service records. (76853)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department plans to take steps to review court procedures to ensure deaf jurors are not excluded from panels on the grounds of the cost of the provision of British Sign Language interpretation. (76854)
- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many estates are listed on the Bona Vacantia list. (76837)

- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when he plans to respond to the Law Commission's report entitled Modernising Wills Law, published on 15 May 2025. (76838)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many days the Union Flag was flown on his Department's main buildings in (a) 2024 and (b) 2025 to date. (76803)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many days the Union Flag was flown on his Department's main buildings in (a) 2024 and (b) 2025 to date. (76801)
- **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the number of employees who having received the National Living Wage increase in April 2025 have now begun to pay income tax. (76812)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the policy paper entitled UK Infrastructure: A 10 Year Strategy, published on 19 June 2025, how much funding her Department plans to provide for infrastructure projects in Lincolnshire in each of the next ten years. (76805)
- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with business representatives on levels of business confidence. (76958)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will hold discussions with mortgage providers on the potential impact of excluding Section 157 properties by default on rural housing markets. (76933)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had discussions with mortgage providers on their policies in relation to excluding Section 157 properties by default. (76934)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to prevent mortgage providers from excluding Section 157 properties by default. (76935)
- **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government plans to publish updated comparative data on average council tax payments (a) per dwelling and (b) per capita across local authorities. (76949)
- **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on meetings between Jeffrey Epstein and former Ministers from her Department. (76825)

- 140 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on whether Jeffrey Epstein helped set up meetings between her Department and JP Morgan on the sale of Sempra Commodities.

  (76826)
- Sir Gavin Williamson (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department holds correspondence between Jeffrey Epstein and former Ministers in her Department on the sale of Sempra Commodities. (76827)
- 142 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many days the Union Flag was flown on her Department's main buildings in (a) 2024 and (b) 2025 to date. (76802)

## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 17 September

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

Bradley Thomas (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidelines his Department provides to HM Courts & Tribunals staff on promoting awareness of the principles of the (a) Equality Act 2010 and (b) Children Act 1989; and what steps he takes to evaluate whether HM Courts & Tribunals apply these principles. (76891)

## Questions for Answer on Monday 13 October

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many visits by Ministers in his Department took place in constituencies represented by (a) Labour, (b) Conservative and (c) other hon. Members in the period between 4 July 2024 and 2 July 2025.
- 2N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will list the responsibilities of each of his Department's Ministers. (76862)
- 3N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what information his Department holds on meetings between Jeffrey Epstein and former Ministers from his Department. (76822)

- 4N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what information his Department holds on whether Jeffrey Epstein helped set up meetings between his Department and JP Morgan on the sale of Sempra Commodities. (76823)
- 5N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department holds correspondence between Jeffrey Epstein and former Ministers in his Department on the sale of Sempra Commodities. (76824)
- 6N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many appointments have been made to the Boards of her Department's public bodies since 10 July 2024. (76809)
- 7N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to monitor activities at Confucius Institutes. (76810)
- 8N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that Councils have effective supply chains in place to enable them to provide a weekly food waste collection service to all households by 31 March 2026. (76842)
- 9N **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the recommendations of the report by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Hospice and End of Life Care entitled Inquiry into the financial impact of a terminal diagnosis, published on 9 September 2025. (76863)
- 10N **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to help improve the financial security of people at the end of life.

  (76864)
- 11N **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the effectiveness of the Special Rules for End of Life fast-tracking benefits system. (76865)
- 12N **Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to expand the scope of the terms of reference for the Pensions Commission to enable it to consider the potential merits of allowing people of working age with a terminal illness to access the State Pension. (76866)
- 13N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the safe disposal of needles in the context of the growing use of GLP-1 medicines; whether his Department has had discussions with pharmaceutical companies about meeting the costs of this disposal. (76861)

- 14N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to her predecessor's correspondence to the Chair of the International Development Committee of 1 September 2025, when her Department (a) first and (b) most recently made an assessment of the risk of genocide by Israel in Gaza. (76831)
- Richard Burgon (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to help (a) identify and (b) support older people in Gaza. (76832)
- 16N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the situation in Nepal. (76800)
- 17N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many spousal visa applicants were exempted from the standard income threshold because their partner in the UK was receiving disability benefits in the last 12 months. (76834)
- 18N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February 2025 to Question 30400 on Table Office: Finance, if he will review the staffing levels for the Table Office, in the context of the number of written questions published in this Session to date. (76882)
- 19N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will take steps with Intertrade UK to help (a) consumers and (b) businesses in Northern Ireland trade with businesses in Great Britain. (76811)
- 20N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will hold discussions with HMRC on the difference between the loan charge settlement terms offered to (a) large companies and (b) other people. (76915)

# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 October

### **Questions for Written Answer**

1N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the availability of virtual GP appointments. (76880)