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Questions tabled on Tuesday 21 October 2025

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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Friern Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what fiscal steps he plans to take to help support small businesses with their business costs in Hornsey and Friern Barnet constituency. [Transferred] (83345)
- 2 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help increase participation in the Duke of Edinburgh award. [Transferred] (83643)
- 3 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of removing the requirement for local authorities to publish statutory public notices in local newspapers on (a) local transparency and (b) democratic accountability in Surrey. [Transferred] (83564)
- 4 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she next plans to review the Children (Performance and Activities) (England) Regulations 2014. [Transferred] (83563)
- 5 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Advanced Learner Loan scheme on tackling skills shortages in the low-carbon heating sector. [Transferred] (83423)
- 6 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to provide support for rural households to switch renewable liquid heating fuels in the Warm Homes Plan. [Transferred] (83691)

- 7N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of mandatory digital ID on minority groups. [Transferred] (82699)
- 8 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of inaccessible (a) public transport and (b) streets on disabled people seeking employment. [Transferred] (83579)
- 9 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with British Transport Police on its decision to not investigate bike thefts outside stations in cases where the bicycle has been left for more than two hours. [Transferred] (83706)
- 10 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to allocate funding to support transport (a) infrastructure and (b) services in West Dorset constituency in the Autumn Budget 2025. [Transferred] (83477)
- 11 **Mr Richard Quigley** (Isle of Wight West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the availability of funding for a fixed-link viability study to the Isle of Wight. [Transferred] (83621)
- 12 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many slaughterhouses were (a) suspended and (b) permanently closed due to breaches of animal welfare regulations in each calendar year from 2015 to 2025; how many (i) improvement notices, (ii) formal warnings, (iii) prosecutions and (iv) other enforcement actions were issued to slaughterhouses for animal welfare breaches in each of those years; and how many site inspections were carried out by the Food Standards Agency in each year over the same period. [Transferred] (83623)
- 13 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the cost to the taxpayer of raising NICE's value for money threshold by 25 percent. [Transferred] (83646)
- 14 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will allocate ringfenced mental health funding for all NHS staff in the Autumn Budget 2025. [Transferred] (83478)
- 15 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will allocate funding to support mental health services for frontline NHS staff in the Autumn Budget 2025. [Transferred] (83479)
- 16 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will allocate funding for mental health support for nurses in the Autumn Budget 2025. [Transferred] (83480)
- 17 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will allocate funding for mental health support for doctors in the Autumn Budget 2025. [Transferred] (83481)

- 18 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will allocate funding to support mental health provision in rural communities in the Autumn Budget 2025. [Transferred] (83483)
- 19 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recounting experiences during police complaint procedures on (a) victims and (b) survivors of stalking. [Transferred] (83693)
- 20 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of resourcing of information sharing between police forces in stalking cases; and what steps he is taking to improve this process. [Transferred] (83704)
- 21 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for (a) Transport and (b) the Home Department on the potential impact of increases in biometric checks at borders on people travelling in the Common Travel Area between the (i) Republic of Ireland and (ii) UK. [Transferred] (83555)
- 22 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will allocate funding to support mental health services for police (a) officers and (b) staff in the Autumn Budget 2025. [Transferred] (83484)
- 23 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of biodiversity net gain requirements on the delivery of new towns; and how the outcome of that assessment will inform planning reforms. [Transferred] (83264)
- 24 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make it her policy to seek an agreement with the US Government on measures to minimise delays in UK probate cases where the deceased held assets in the US. [Transferred] (83543)
- 25 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans she has to (a) abolish the Carbon Price Support mechanism and (b) introduce further measures to reduce electricity costs for energy-intensive industries. [Transferred] (83532)
- 26 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on seasonal hospitality-based businesses following the 2025 summer season. [Transferred] (83347)
- 27 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on the availability of jobs for (a) young people and (b) young people not in education, employment and training. [Transferred] (83348)

- 28 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of implementing an electric vehicle salary sacrifice scheme for civil service departments. [Transferred] (83565)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Solicitor General, whether the law officers plans to seek to negotiate reforms of the European Convention of Human Rights at Council of Europe level. (83791)
- 2 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Solicitor General, whether the Attorney General held discussions with the (a) CPS and (b) Director of Public Prosecutions on the available evidence prior to the decision not to proceed with prosecution in the case on Chinese espionage. (83792)
- 3 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Solicitor General, if she will publish legal advice provided to the Crown Prosecution Service on the case relating to the alleged breach of Official Secrets Act on behalf of China. (83793)
- 4 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has made an assessment of the legislative changes required to disestablish the Church of England. (84113)
- 5 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department provides guidance to public bodies on ensuring that positive action does not result in unlawful discrimination against white applicants. (84095)
- 6 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Government collects data on complaints of racial discrimination made by white British employees in the public sector. (84096)
- 7 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse has been of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry since its establishment. (84027)
- 8 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking reduce the level of unused floorspace in civil service buildings. (83782)
- 9 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the (a) National Security Adviser or (b) his Deputies have discussed the Chinese Embassy with the Chinese Government. (83789)

- 10 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any guidance has been issued to (a) Ministers and (b) special advisers on (i) ministerial and (ii) special adviser conduct during the Labour Party deputy leadership contest in addition to existing (A) ministerial and (B) special adviser codes. (83790)
- 11 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment his Department has made of (a) the cyber-security of services provided to the Government by Global Switch, (b) the potential implications of its Chinese ownership for national security and (c) the decision of the Australian Government to stop using the company. (83794)
- 12 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 3 September 2025 to Question 70517 on Government Departments: Directors, which departments did the five leave from; and what was the cost to the public purse of exit packages. (83796)
- 13 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's transparency data entitled Cabinet Office spend approvals: April to June 2025, published on 26 September 2025, what is the financial breakdown of (a) programmes within and (b) external contractors employed as part of the planned spending by the New Media Unit. (83797)
- 14 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 July 2025 to Question 67904 on Universities: Fees and Charges, whether the European Commission has requested that EU students be given home fee status under the proposed UK-EU youth mobility scheme. (83799)
- 15 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Government Response to the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament Report on Iran, published on 4 September 2025, what is the timetable for the review on vetting policy by the Government Security Group. (83800)
- 16 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what is the Office for National Statistics' National Statistics Socio-economic classification of (a) Members of Parliament and (b) peers in receipt of the Writ of Summons. (83801)
- 17 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) the Social Mobility Commission and (b) Office for National Statistics classifies police officers as (i) working class. (83802)
- 18 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 13 October 2025 to Question 77545 on Cabinet Office: Social Media, whether the influencers are (i) contracted directly by the New Media Unit or (ii) procured through a third party agency. (83803)

- 19 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) Palantir Technologies (b) other analytics contractors and (c) external data warehouses are being considered to support cross-departmental data matching under the digital ID initiative. (83922)
- 20 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has set a quantitative target for annual increases in private capital crowd-in by the British Business Bank over the next five years. (84110)
- 21 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what performance indicators his Department uses to measure the extent to which the British Business Bank has reduced the scale-up financing gap of R&D intensive companies. (84111)
- 22 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what proportion of the British Business Bank's annual investment capacity has been earmarked for deployment in under-served (a) regions and (b) nations of the UK. (84116)
- 23 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has had recent discussions with Motability Operations on encouraging the sourcing of UK-manufactured vehicles. (84025)
- 24 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of funding (a) civil society and (b) academic institutions to conduct (i) forced labour and (ii) supply chain research on the Uyghur region. (83825)
- 25 **Maya Ellis** (Ribble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the statutory review of the Groceries Code Adjudicator will consider the feasibility of extending its remit to include (a) farmers supplying via intermediaries and (b) other indirect suppliers affected by retailer practices. (84087)
- 26 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the UK-China Joint Economic and Trade Commission on (a) employment and (b) economic growth in Lincolnshire. (83727)
- 27 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure that critical services continue to run in the event of a major internet outage. (83739)
- 28 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has had discussions with the (a) Confederation of British Industry and (b) other trade associations on anti-white discrimination in workplace diversity schemes. (84102)

- 29 **Sir Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps his Department has taken to support small businesses in the retail sector in the West Midlands. (83745)
- 30 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 21 July 2025 to Question 68454 on Manufacturing Industries: West Midlands, which SME sectors in the West Midlands were consulted during the development of the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy 2025. (83835)
- 31 **Sam Carling** (North West Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle (a) the blackout challenge and (b) other physically harmful trends on social media. (83993)
- 32 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with local newspaper companies on the potential impact of Recommendation 4 of the Licensing policy sprint: joint industry and HM government taskforce report, published on 31 July 2025, on local newspapers. (83850)
- 33 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure that critical services continue to operate in the event of a major internet outage. (83740)
- 34 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2025 to Question 78090 on Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation and Responsible Technology Adoption Unit, how many full time equivalent staff there were in the Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation by grade at the end of the 2022-23 financial year. (83778)
- 35 **Nigel Huddleston** (Droitwich and Evesham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when her Department was first alerted to the possibility of Maccabi Tel Aviv fans being banned from the fixture against Aston Villa on the 6th November. (83822)
- 36 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to answer Question (a) 74612 and (b) 74613, tabled on 3 September 2025. (83875)
- 37 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the removal of funding for non-specialist spelling and grammar software, on university students in receipt of the Disabled Students' Allowance. (84040)
- 38 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of (a) local and (b) regional factors on trends in the number of people who are not in education, employment or training. (83756)
- 39 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of social factors on trends in the number of people who are not in education, employment or training. (83757)

- 40 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of mental health on trends in the number of people who are not in education, employment or training; and whether this is reflected in support pathways. (83758)
- 41 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional intervention funding for the provision of education re-engagement programmes for 16 to 18 year olds who have defaulted their initial course but who could be re-engaged. (83760)
- 42 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing in year growth funding to schools affected by additional starts relating to provision intended to (a) prevent and (b) reduce the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training. (83761)
- 43 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the number of young people with education, health and care plans who are not in employment, education or training. (83762)
- 44 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department plans to take to help re-engage young people with education, health and care plans who are not in employment, education or training. (83763)
- 45 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what measures her Department has in place to run critical services in the event of a major internet outage. (83725)
- 46 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has provided funding to universities for schemes that exclude white applicants. (84101)
- 47 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential contribution of higher education institutions to reducing (a) national and (b) regional skills shortages. (84036)
- 48 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment has her Department has made of the adequacy of provision of school uniform for children with physical disabilities. (84127)
- 49 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increases in employers' National Insurance contributions on levels of redundancies in schools. (83833)
- 50 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reducing levels of funding for Level 7 apprenticeships on the number of nurses in training. (83834)

- 51 **John Slinger** (Rugby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what evidence her Department has on the potential impact of banning smartphone use in schools. (83936)
- 52 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential role of biomethane in the UK's transition to (a) a clean power system and (b) in achieving net zero. (83885)
- 53 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has considered the assessment of the role of biomethane in the National Energy System Operator's Future Energy Scenarios. (84073)
- 54 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the growth of the biomethane sector. (84074)
- 55 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the revised Carbon Budget Delivery Plan on the international commitment to cut carbon emissions by over two-thirds by 2030. (83954)
- 56 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of the Belém Action Mechanism. (83967)
- 57 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to (a) divest public funds from fossil fuels and (b) support community-owned renewable energy initiatives. (83968)
- 58 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what measures his Department has in place to run critical services in the event of a major internet outage. (83738)
- 59 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Octopus Energy partnership with Ming Yang on national security. [R] (83941)
- 60 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to reduce reliance on Chinese-made components in UK energy infrastructure. [R] (83942)
- 61 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to formalise alternative routes to smart export guarantee eligibility for renewable energy installations that are not certified under the microgeneration certification scheme. (84038)
- 62 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure effective coordination between energy infrastructure projects. (84057)

- 63 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that lower wholesale costs of renewable generation are reflected in consumer electricity bills; and whether he plans to review (a) the application of green levies on electricity compared with gas and (b) the market arrangements under which the price of electricity is linked to the cost of gas generation. (84060)
- 64 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department is taking steps to reduce the price disparity between electricity and gas. (84061)
- 65 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what funding his Department will provide to the devolved administrations to help support the cost of meeting energy bills during the winter of 2025-26. (83786)
- 66 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Climate Change Committee is subject to (a) the Civil Service Code and (b) guidance from the (i) Cabinet Office and (ii) Government Communication Service on political impartiality. (83795)
- 67 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of a national chemicals regulator. (83953)
- 68 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the implications for her Department's policies of allowing the practice of carrying chickens by their legs. (83955)
- 69 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department plans to bring forward a public consultation on (a) banning the use of cages and (b) close confinement systems for farmed animals; and if she will make it her policy to phase out those practices. (83960)
- 70 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bring forward proposals to strengthen the Hunting Act 2004 by (a) removing exemptions, (b) introducing custodial sentences for illegal hunting and (c) banning trail hunting. (83965)
- 71 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 80142 on Farmers: Mental Health, what discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on expanding that support. (84013)
- 72 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what data her Department holds on levels of sewage discharges in Ely and East Cambridgeshire constituency. (84016)

- 73 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will publish the (a) evidence base and (b) consultation submissions used to inform the findings and recommendations of the final report of the Independent Water Commission, published on 21 July 2025. (84121)
- 74 **Maya Ellis** (Ribble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of including protections against unfair supermarket practices in the Farming Profitability Review. (84078)
- 75 **Andrew Gwynne** (Gorton and Denton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she has taken to (a) protect fishing populations and (b) support fishing communities. (83774)
- 76 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what measures her Department has in place to run critical services in the event of a major internet outage. (83724)
- 77 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department is taking steps to align fisheries management policies with the Global Charter for Fisheries Transparency. (83889)
- 78 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department is taking steps to improve the traceability of UK-caught (a) fish and (b) seafood. (83890)
- 79 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if her Department will take steps to publish full vessel ownership, license, quota, subsidy, and sanctions information for all types of fishing vessels in a publicly accessible format. (83891)
- 80 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much funding the Marine Management Organisation has received in each of the last five years; what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the funding on the enforcement of fishing regulations; and what assessment she has made of the value for money of this funding for taxpayers. (83892)
- 81 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of current protocols to account for (a) fishing catches and (b) fishing vessel activities. (83893)
- 82 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department has taken to tackle (a) bycatch and (b) illegal discarding by vessels in the last year. (83894)
- 83 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to strengthen enforcement capacity in UK territorial waters. (83895)

- 84 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions she has had with the devolved Administrations on protocols for mandatory Remote Electronic Monitoring for vessels fishing in UK territorial waters. (83897)
- 85 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she plans to introduce mandatory Remote Electronic Monitoring for (a) over 24m pelagics vessels, (b) over 10m demersal seine vessels and (c) over 10m demersal trawls. (83898)
- 86 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that fishing quotas are distributed in ways that incentivise (a) lower impact and (b) selective fishing. (83899)
- 87 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate she has made of the percentage of UK fixed quota allocation units that are held by non-UK entities. (83900)
- 88 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the outcomes of the 2025 Quota application mechanism trial; and whether she plans to expand this system to distribute a greater proportion of England's fishing quota for a greater number of stocks in (a) 2026 and (b) beyond. (83906)
- 89 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed UK/EU sanitary and phytosanitary agreement on the implementation of the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023. (83854)
- 90 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent estimate she has made of the number of farms that could be affected by proposed changes to inheritance tax. (84094)
- 91 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of phasing out of the use of farrowing crates for pigs. (83966)
- 92 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of the incinerator capacity for waste destined for landfill in Scotland. (83836)
- 93 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions her Department has had with farming representatives on the potential impact of water security on domestic food supply. (84051)

- 94 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department plans to provide (a) guidance and (b) support to farmers on water efficiency measures to help protect future food supply. (84052)
- 95 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions her Department has had with local authorities on practical support for households affected by flooding. (84053)
- 96 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to ensure land management schemes are designed to support hill and upland farming. (83950)
- 97 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions she has had with her counterparts in Northern Ireland on the adequacy of the Noise Act 1996. (83749)
- 98 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of plastics industry lobbyists on the UK Government's position at the United Nations plastics treaty negotiations (INC-5.2). (83853)
- 99 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help support innovation in the agricultural sector. (84046)
- 100 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the personal data of UK citizens held by UK companies but stored on US-based servers is protected from access under (a) the United States and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act of 2001 and (b) other US legislation; and whether he plans to take steps to increase data sovereignty protections. (83856)
- 101 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 80133 on Science: Research, when she plans to take steps with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on a coordinated approach for science centres. (84033)
- 102 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, for what reason the proposed digital ID will be issued to children aged 13 to 16 years. (83991)
- 103 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help improve broadband (a) speed and (b) quality in underserved areas; and how his Department plans to (i) monitor and (ii) report on progress. (83837)

- 104 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the resilience of Government Digital Services to outages. (83777)
- 105 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps with mobile phone companies to introduce a (a) single and (b) central emergency telephone number paid for by mobile phone (i) operators and (ii) manufacturers to allow reporting by victims of unlocked mobile phone theft to report those thefts immediately; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of doing so on (A) (1) financial and (2) personal data theft and (ii) the number of police hours dedicated to mobile phone crimes. (83765)
- 106 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking through the Building Digital UK programme to improve broadband access in rural areas; and what assessment she has made of the adequacy of progress towards achieving universal gigabit-capable coverage in communities most at risk of digital exclusion. (84065)
- 107 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what process she is planning for (a) employers and (b) landlords to verify digital ID credentials; and whether that process will require personal data to be transmitted to a (i) central record and (ii) broker service. (83918)
- 108 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether proposals for digital ID include a centralised audit log of verification events. (83919)
- 109 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her digital ID proposals will use (a) biometric and (b) facial-recognition technology for age verification. (83920)
- 110 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what types of cross-system data matching she is planning under the proposed digital ID system. (83921)
- 111 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to ensure that any AI-assisted (a) decision and (b) image recognition within the digital ID system is (i) explainable, (ii) human-reviewed before adverse action, and (iii) subject to a right of correction or appeal. (83923)
- 112 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of allowing people using the UK digital ID system to have the right to view an access log showing (a) which and (b) organisations checked their identity. (83926)

- 113 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to take steps to prevent commercial entities acting as digital ID verifiers from using verification data for (a) marketing, (b) analytics and (c) employment profiling. (83928)
- 114 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of legal powers held by councils to tackle pavement-parked cars. (83956)
- 115 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that UK airports provide autism-friendly (a) facilities and (b) support; and whether she plans to introduce national standards for accessibility provision for neurodiverse passengers. (83957)
- 116 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department plans to introduce free bus travel for people under the age of 22; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of transport costs on young people's access to education, training, and employment. (83962)
- 117 **Dr Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help support the (a) development and (b) adoption of vehicle to grid technology. (84071)
- 118 **Maya Ellis** (Ribble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of requiring train operating companies to guarantee an adequate level of family-friendly design on new trains. (84084)
- 119 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with (a) the police and (b) highways authorities about the (i) trends in the level of and (ii) reasons for equestrian related accidents and fatalities on roads. (83938)
- 120 **Andrew Gwynne** (Gorton and Denton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has she made of the (a) adequacy of the application process, (b) financial cost of the application and (c) potential impact of time restrictions on the (i) uptake and (ii) utility to users of (A) Blue Badges, (B) Disabled Person's Bus Passes and (C) other forms of disability-related transport support available to qualifying people. (83772)
- 121 **Andrew Gwynne** (Gorton and Denton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she has taken with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) local authorities to reduce regional variations in transport support for disabled people. (83773)
- 122 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of British Transport Police's recent changes to its policies on responding to bicycle thefts at railway stations; and what steps she is taking to ensure that cycle security is prioritised for (a) promoting active travel and (b) supporting the her cycling and walking strategy. (83746)

- 123 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what measures her Department has in place to run critical services in the event of a major internet outage. (83728)
- 124 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of compliance of fishing vessels with (a) AIS, (b) VMS and (c) iVMS; what steps he is taken ensure there is full compliance with these systems; and what steps he is taking to provide additional resource to strengthen enforcement efforts. (83896)
- 125 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of Government (a) incentives and (b) grant schemes for (i) fleet and (ii) company vehicles on the wider retail market for new low-emission cars. (83852)
- 126 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to invest in upgrades to (a) the M60 and (b) other national highways. (83943)
- 127 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the (a) misuse (b) abuse and (c) theft of blue badges in Greater Manchester. (83944)
- 128 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 10 July 2025 to Question 65284 on Railways: West Midlands, what assessment she made of the potential impact of the Midlands rail hub on (a) capacity and (b) connectivity with the Sutton Park line. (83838)
- 129 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of using the Sutton Park freight line for passenger services on (a) the capacity of the West Coast main line and (b) passenger services into central Birmingham. (83840)
- 130 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions has she had with Wrexham, Shropshire and Midlands Railway since their open access application was rejected in July 2025. (83841)
- 131 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps is she taking to a) support and b) encourage new open access rail applications. (83842)
- 132 **Fred Thomas** (Plymouth Moor View): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help ensure that parking companies (a) behave appropriately towards their customers and (b) have adequate ticketing practices. (84104)

- 133N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy (a) of the rules governing utilities companies' use of the highway when carrying out emergency repairs and (b) the level of risk of abuse of those rules by utilities companies. [Transferred] (83549)
- 134 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 80145 on Occupational Health, what recent discussions his Department has had with businesses on the adequacy of guidance on disclosures. (84014)
- 135 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many officials were investigated under their Department's disciplinary processes in each of the last 5 years. (83869)
- 136 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he had discussions with the Secretary of State for Education prior to its decision to withdraw funding for non-specialist spelling and grammar software for university students receiving the Disabled Students' Allowance. (84042)
- 137 **Maya Ellis** (Ribble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increasing local housing allowance rates on levels of homelessness in (a) rural and (b) other areas. (84089)
- 138 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing supported internship funding arrangements for young people aged between 16 and 19 who require additional support to enter the workplace but do not have an education, health and care plan. (83764)
- 139 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether veterans have their military compensation disregarded when means testing income for benefits. (84005)
- 140 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the alignment between employer demand for skills and qualifications within the workforce. (84032)
- 141 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support employers in closing skills gaps. (84034)
- 142 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to help ensure that foundation apprenticeship routes provide progression into (a) full apprenticeships and (b) employment. (84035)

- 143 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans he has to monitor the potential impact of the April 2025 Statutory Sick Pay reforms on low-paid workers. (84126)
- 144 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to help improve safety at motorsport events. (83787)
- 145 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent steps her Department has taken to reduce the time taken for processing of Disclosure and Barring Service checks. (84108)
- 146 **David Williams** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of allowing private sector organisations to access the Tell Us Once service on (a) the administrative burden on bereaved families and (b) the level of communications from companies to deceased individuals. (83937)
- 147 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what changes to the Access to Work scheme have been made during this parliamentary session. (83879)
- 148 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure parity of pay between staff employed by (a) independent sector providers of NHS services and (b) the NHS. (84037)
- 149 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that British Sign Language services are provided in care homes in England. (83908)
- 150 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take legislative steps to ensure that BSL interpreters are provided during mental capacity assessments. (83909)
- 151 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many deaf individuals have been wrongly assessed under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 as a result of communication barriers in the last 12 months. (83910)
- 152 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that deaf people are not wrongly identified as lacking mental capacity due to communication barriers. (83912)
- 153 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of (a) staff training on support for and (b) support available to deaf residents in care homes. (83914)

- 154 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve the (a) autonomy and (b) wellbeing of deaf residents in care homes. (83915)
- 155 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact on (a) diver safety and (b) emergency access for people in the West Midlands of the proposed closure of the Midland Dive Chamber in Rugby. (83766)
- 156 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to publish the (a) recoveries, (b) write-offs and (c) associated costs for each supplier of PPE as part of his investigation into PPE procurement. (83858)
- 157 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the support available to young people up to the age of 25 with education, health and care plans who are no longer accessing education. (84047)
- 158 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of support available at age 18 to young people who were in care during early childhood before being (a) adopted or (b) placed under alternative permanency arrangements. (84112)
- 159 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that all bereaved parents who need specialist psychological support following (a) pregnancy and (b) baby loss can access it (i) at any time and (ii) free of charge through the NHS. (83952)
- 160 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the forthcoming National Cancer Plan for England will include (a) targets to improve the early diagnosis of (i) myeloma and (ii) other blood cancers, and steps to (b) reduce the number of GP visits prior to diagnosis and (c) the proportion of patients diagnosed via emergency departments. (83963)
- 161 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of removing the relevant target from the NHS Operational Planning Guidance 2025-6 on the dementia diagnosis rate. (84017)
- 162 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of dementia care provision in Ely and East Cambridgeshire constituency. (84018)
- 163 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what formal arrangements exist between (a) the Home Office, (b) the NHS and (c) Braintree Community Hospital for (i) scanning and (ii) x-rays of asylum seekers at Wethersfield Airbase. (83808)

- 164 **Maya Ellis** (Ribble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure pregnant women's access to birthing choice is protected. (84075)
- 165 **Maya Ellis** (Ribble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department provides to pregnant women to ensure they receive adequate information on all four birth settings. (84076)
- 166 **Maya Ellis** (Ribble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that home birth is presented as an (a) guaranteed and (b) consistently-available option to pregnant women. (84091)
- 167 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 23 June 2025 to Question 55468 on Gender Dysphoria: Health Services, what his planned timetable is for ensuring the delivery of a gender clinic in each region by 2026. (83939)
- 168 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to expand access to mental health services for young people at risk of not being in education, employment or training. (83759)
- 169 **Andrew Gwynne** (Gorton and Denton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on providing financial compensation to people affected by in-utero exposure to sodium valproate. (83770)
- 170 **Andrew Gwynne** (Gorton and Denton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment has he made of the adequacy of mental health services in Greater Manchester. (83771)
- 171 **Warinder Juss** (Wolverhampton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the proposals in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence's final draft guidance, issued on 14 August 2025, to not recommend using cerliponase alfa, also called Brineura, for the treatment of children newly diagnosed with neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis type 2, also called CLN2. (84114)
- 172 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential duplication of (a) regulatory and (b) inspection activity in adult social care between the (i) Care Quality Commission and (ii) local authority adult social care services. (84043)
- 173 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Casey Commission on the potential duplication of (a) regulatory and (b) inspection activity in adult social care. (84045)
- 174 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department has provided to Hospital Trusts that reach Opel 4. (84041)

- 175 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how his Department guarantee safe services for patients when a Hospital Trust is regularly at OPEL 4. (84044)
- 176 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the costs of hospital parking for NHS bank staff working shifts at NHS Trusts. (84048)
- 177 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that NHS bank staff are offered the same discounted parking arrangements as other hospital employees. (84049)
- 178 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of hospital parking costs on (a) recruitment and (b) retention of NHS staff who commute long distances in (a) North Cornwall constituency and (b) other rural areas. (84050)
- 179 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding his Department plans to provide for primary care services in each of the next three years. (83998)
- 180 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to recruit dentists into the NHS. (83999)
- 181 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that people can see a GP within (a) seven days and (b) within 24 hours if it is urgent. (84000)
- 182 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) increase capacity and (b) reduce inequalities in accessing respiratory diagnoses. (84001)
- 183 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of people who were seen by a GP in (a) September and (b) October 2025. (84002)
- 184 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the progress made by his Department on (a) reducing the NHS care waiting list and (b) meeting the 18 week referral to treatment standard. (84028)
- 185 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the 18-week treatment target for elective care is in all NHS trusts. (84029)

- 186 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of revised cancer waiting time standards on patient outcomes. (84030)
- 187 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with NHS England on ensuring that improvements in waiting times are consistent across all regions. (84031)
- 188 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many of the commercial arrangements made by NHS England with marketing authorisation holders between January 2020 and September 2025 involving indication-specific pricing were for indications for (a) rare non-oncology and (b) ultra-rare non-oncology conditions. (83989)
- 189 **Sir Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the health outcomes of veterans in the West Midlands. (83744)
- 190 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase the number of defibrillators at (a) care homes, (b) sheltered housing and (c) warden controlled properties. (83975)
- 191 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the public in (a) recognising and (b) rejecting health misinformation. (83882)
- 192 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) autistic people and (b) their families affected by claims that acetaminophen causes autism. (83883)
- 193 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will work with (a) autistic people, (b) their families and (c) experts to ensure that public health messaging on autism is (i) accurate, (ii) accessible and (iii) trustworthy. (83884)
- 194 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has issued guidance that parking charges at NHS facilities are (a) equitable, (b) proportionate to the cost of (i) maintaining and (ii) improving parking facilities and (c) not to be used to subsidise clinical services. (83990)
- 195 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, who is responsible for the (a) national and (b) regional (i) adoption and (ii) spread of health innovation within the NHS; and what role the Health Innovation Network and Integrated Care Systems play in this process. (83750)

- 196 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the Ambitions framework aligns with the NHS 10 Year Health Plan in the context of (a) the shift to neighbourhood health services, (b) integrated care and (c) preventative models of care. (83751)
- 197 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many job vacancies there were for (a) Foundation Year 1 doctors, (b) Foundation Year 2 doctors and (c) specialty training posts in (i) England and (ii) Suffolk NHS region at the most recent date for which data is available. (84068)
- 198 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the accurate communication of the responsibilities of physician associates to (a) patients, (b) healthcare professionals and (c) the general public. (84069)
- 199 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help find rare blood type donors. (83781)
- 200 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much official development assistance funding she plans to provide to Yemen in each of the next five years. (84092)
- 201 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much foreign aid she plans to grant to Yemen for the 2026-27 fiscal year. (84093)
- 202 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Pakistan on levels of religious freedom in that country. (83844)
- 203 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of UK Overseas Territories on progress made on adopting publicly accessible registers of company beneficial ownership. (83845)
- 204 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support his Department is providing to humanitarian organisations operating in conflict-affected areas of Ethiopia. (83847)
- 205 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the safety of ethnic Amhara communities in Ethiopia. (83848)

- 206 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will condemn recent comments made by the Kremlin on (a) Mikhail Khodorkovsky and (b) other dissident pro-democratic Russians, in the context of the formal platform of engagement with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. (83958)
- 207 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether her Department plans to open a formal dialogue with the Russian Antiwar Committee. (83959)
- 208 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she plans to offer support to members of the Russian Anti-War Committee living in the UK. (83961)
- 209 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what measures her Department has in place to run critical services in the event of a major internet outage. (83726)
- 210 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether overseas aid provided to the Safe Abortion Action Fund has been given to Las Libres since 2022. (83741)
- 211 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she will have discussions with her international allied counterparts to reduce the level of the Oil Price Cap applicable to Russian exports. (83973)
- 212 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent information her Department holds on the restrictions on (a) medicines and (b) medical equipment put in place by Israel at entry points into Gaza. (84009)
- 213 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support her Department is providing to help decontaminate agricultural land in Gaza. (84010)
- 214 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential of agricultural land in Gaza to grow adequate quantities of food to support the population. (84011)
- 215 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether her Department will provide travel support to elderly British residents seeking to visit (a) family and (b) friends in northern Cyprus. (83940)

- 216 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether Inter-Mediate has received funding from the Government for work on (a) China and (b) North Korea. (83804)
- 217 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2025 to Question HL10630, on Lord Mandelson, what role her Department played in the due diligence undertaken prior to the appointment of the former Ambassador to the United States. (83805)
- 218 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will publish the letter of 16 May 2025 from FCDO staff to the former Foreign Secretary on HM Government's Middle East policy. (83806)
- 219 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will end the issuing of licences for experiments involving (a) dogs, (b) cats and (c) non-human primates under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986. (83969)
- 220 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that the legal requirement to use non-animal methods where possible is being enforced in the licensing of animal experiments. (83970)
- 221 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating a single firearms licensing authority for England and Wales. (83886)
- 222 **Maya Ellis** (Ribble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what criteria her Department applies when assessing asylum claims from (a) people with a risk of persecution from the Taliban and (b) other Afghan rights defenders. (84079)
- 223 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of making training on the theft of heritage metal a mandatory requirement for acquiring a scrap metal dealer licence. (84129)
- 224 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has considered the potential merits of legislating to ensure that all crimes committed (a) on and (b) against a designated heritage site are provided with a single heritage crime recording code. (84130)
- 225 **Nigel Huddleston** (Droitwich and Evesham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department was first alerted to the possibility of Maccabi Tel Aviv fans being banned from the fixture against Aston Villa on 6 November 2025. (83823)

- 226 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the initial grant rate of asylum applications by the (a) ethnicity (b) nationality of the decision makers. (84077)
- 227 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the employment rate of refugees in each of the last ten years. (84081)
- 228 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many refugees there are by nationality. (84082)
- 229 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish a list of non-governmental organisations who attended meetings of the National Asylum Stakeholder Forum and Strategic Employment Group since January 2023. (84083)
- 230 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department keeps formal (a) minutes and (b) other records of meetings of the National Asylum Stakeholder Forum and Strategic Engagement Group. (84085)
- 231 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many freedom of information requests have been refused by her Department under section (a) 36 (b) 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on grounds relating to (i) asylum policy and (ii) stakeholder engagement since January 2023. (84086)
- 232 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has undertaken any formal risk assessments which have concluded that the disclosure of meeting records with NGOs on asylum accommodation policy would endanger the safety of (a) NGO staff and (b) Government officials. (84088)
- 233 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what criteria her Department uses to define constructive dialogue with NGOs in relation to the National Asylum Stakeholder Forum. (84090)
- 234 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will commission a review into the equality of protections for white British victims of hate crimes. (84103)
- 235 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been prosecuted for offences related to people smuggling by small boat crossings since 1 July 2024. (83832)
- 236N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the Government plans to publish an updated strategy on violence against women and girls; and whether she plans to include policies on (a) improving access to sexual violence services and (b) support for child sexual abuse victims within that strategy. [Transferred] (83318)

- 237 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Israeli authorities on the sharing of (a) intelligence, (b) biometric data and (c) watchlists in relation to people released under prisoner agreements related to conflict in the Middle East. (84097)
- 238 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to ensure that (a) the Border Force and (b) UK national security agencies are aware of the identities of high-risk individuals released in prisoner exchanges in the Middle East. (84098)
- 239 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what vetting processes are in place to prevent people with a history of violence or extremism from being granted asylum, in the context of recent developments in the Middle East. (84099)
- 240 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how she plans to maintain the integrity of UK borders while fulfilling international obligations towards asylum seekers, in the context of evolving security risks. (84100)
- 241 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many officials were investigated under their Department's disciplinary processes in each of the last 5 years. (83870)
- 242 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve systems for delivering oxygen to battlefield trauma casualties without making use of pressurised cylinders; and what estimate he has made of when this will be available for frontline use. (83874)
- 243 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had recent discussions with his Indian counterpart on the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. (83994)
- 244 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had recent discussions with his South African counterpart on the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. (83995)
- 245 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had recent discussions with his Australian counterpart on the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. (83996)
- 246 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterparts in the African Union on the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. (83997)

- 247 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Strategic Defence Review 2025, if he will set out (a) a timeline and (b) interim milestones for increasing the number of active reserves by 20 per cent. (83972)
- 248 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the defence capabilities of the Armed Forces in response to China's (a) Dongfeng-5C intercontinental ballistic missile and (b) second-strike capability. (83974)
- 249 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress has been made with his EU counterparts on further military cooperation between the UK and Common Security and Defence Policy exercises. (84003)
- 250 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Armed Forces Covenant Duty to include all (a) (i) UK and (ii) devolved government Departments and (b) policy areas. (84004)
- 251 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to help increase awareness of the Armed Forces Covenant Duty amongst service personnel. (84006)
- 252 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to reduce holdover wait times for trainees. (84007)
- 253 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many armed forces personnel were categorised as NATO dental fitness Category (a) 2, (b) 3 and (c) 4 on the basis that they needed dental care or treatment in order to be fully deployable in each of the last 10 years. (84008)
- 254 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many candidates applying to join the armed forces were turned down on the basis of poor dental health in each of the last 10 years. (84012)
- 255N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 17 September 2025 to Question 76411 on Ajax Vehicles, if he will publish the findings of the assessment programme for the use of the ARES variant of Ajax for mounted close combat. [Transferred] (83504)
- 256 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 April 2025 to Question 42382 on National Armaments Director: Standards, what steps his Department will take to assess the job performance of the National Armaments Director. (83949)

- 257 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department plans to take to monitor the implementation of the Decent Homes Standard in relation to (a) the best practice guide and (b) furniture provision within social housing. (84054)
- 258 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate his Department has made of the level of furniture poverty in Uxbridge and South Ruislip constituency; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of furnished tenancies on the level of furniture poverty. (84055)
- 259 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department plans to take to help ensure that landlords (a) introduce flooring in all habitable rooms within a reasonable timeframe and (b) otherwise follow the Decent Homes Standard. (84056)
- 260 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the best practice guide within the Decent Homes Standard on the number of landlords who furnish their properties using furnished tenancies. (84058)
- 261 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department plans to write to social landlords to encourage them to offer a proportion of their properties as furnished, in the context of the best practice guide within the Decent Homes Standard. (84059)
- 262 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information his Department holds on the number and proportion of pension schemes that have an exposure to freehold properties; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the implementation timetable for the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 on the value of those schemes. (83849)
- 263 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has received the remaining unredacted internal drawings for the proposed development of the Chinese Embassy. (83788)
- 264 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to local government finance statistics collated by his Department, what information he holds on how much local authorities made in profit on (a) on-street and (b) off-street parking in 2024-25. (83807)
- 265 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2025 to Question 77538 on East End Homes: Finance, what recent assessment the Regulator has made of the financial viability of East End Homes. (83809)

- 266 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much (a) revenue and (b) capital he plans to allocate to the Pride in Place programme in each constituent nation in each year of the next 10 years. (83810)
- 267 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 97 of his policy paper entitled Pride in Place Strategy, published on 25 September 2025, whether the Cumulative Impact Assessments process will regulate existing betting premises. (83811)
- 268 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to support the construction of new build bungalows. (83812)
- 269 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October 2025 to Question 78195 on Housing: Greater London, whether his Department has had discussions with the Greater London Authority on the potential merits of (a) reducing the affordable housing quota in London to help encourage more housebuilding and (b) removing regulatory requirements in planning that only apply to London. (83813)
- 270 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of provisions in the Renters' Rights Bill on the number of empty homes, in the context of the ban on re-renting homes after a home has been vacated for sale. (83814)
- 271 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 17 September 2025 to Question 76143, on Planning Permission: Multiple Occupation, what guidance his Department provides on whether local authorities are permitted to use an Article 4 Direction to remove permitted development rights for Houses in Multiple Occupation that are specifically occupied by asylum seekers. (83815)
- 272 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will make it his policy to ensure that Cornwall is eligible for full devolution without having to join a combined authority with Devon. (83816)
- 273 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will make it his policy to rename the combined authority of Hampshire and the Solent to include a reference to the Isle of Wight. (83817)
- 274 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 13 October 2025 to Question 77539 on Flags, whether the removal of national flags placed on lampposts was discussed. (83818)
- 275 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information his Department holds on the number of new council houses that have been built in Greater Manchester since May 2017. (83819)

- 276 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent steps he has taken to protect renters' rights in Slough constituency. (83846)
- 277 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many officials were investigated under their Department's disciplinary processes in each of the last 5 years. (83871)
- 278 **Maya Ellis** (Ribble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support she is providing to protect residential estates that are on unadopted road in the event of inadequate residential management group maintenance. (84080)
- 279 **Andrew Gwynne** (Gorton and Denton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he has taken to reduce child homelessness. (83747)
- 280 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what measures his Department has in place to run critical services in the event of a major internet outage. (83737)
- 281 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the level of average house prices in (a) the South East and (b) other parts of the country. (84026)
- 282 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department plans to prioritise the release of surplus public land to (a) councils and (b) housing associations for affordable housing projects at discounted rates. (84124)
- 283 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has made an assessment of the merits of introducing (a) ring-fenced grants and (b) bonuses for local authorities that exceed (i) affordable and (ii) sub-market housing delivery targets. (84125)
- 284 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has considered the potential merits of introducing loan guarantees for joint ventures between housing associations and local authorities to support affordable housing delivery. (84128)
- 285 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 14 July 2025 to Question 66180 on Housing: Finance, whether he plans to publish a regional breakdown of Affordable Homes Programme allocations (a) outside London via Homes England and (b) by tenure type. (83829)

- 286 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to help families in lower socio-economic groups who are unable to afford private sector rental prices. (83783)
- 287 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what funding her Department provides to the Northern Ireland Executive to help make derelict properties (a) safe and (b) habitable. (83784)
- 288 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help improve (a) sewage lines and (b) other housing infrastructure. (83785)
- 289 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help tackle homelessness in Newton Abbot constituency. (83917)
- 290 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the criteria for parental involvement in decision-making for young people who lack mental capacity after becoming 18 years of age. (84120)
- 291 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of levels of access to legal aid in the Ely and East Cambridgeshire constituency; and what steps his Department is taking to improve access. (84015)
- 292 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many officials were investigated under their Department's disciplinary processes in each of the last 5 years. (83872)
- 293 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department has considered the potential merits of legislating to ensure that the (a) historic and (b) cultural value of heritage metal is considered in prosecutions for metal theft. (84131)
- 294 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many occupation orders have been issued against joint tenants in the last 12 months for which data is available. (83748)
- 295 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help support smaller solicitors' practices in rural areas to (a) prevent their closure and (b) maintain local choice. (83780)
- 296 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when his Department plans to publish a response to the Regulation of the debt enforcement sector consultation. (83880)

- 297 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of giving the Enforcement Conduct Board the power to (a) grant and (b) revoke EC2 certificates, in the context of its forthcoming response to the Regulation of the debt enforcement sector consultation. (83881)
- 298 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Public Office (Accountability) Bill on (a) the (i) processing and (ii) public interest considerations of Freedom of Information Act requests and (b) how Ministers reply to written Parliamentary Questions. (83798)
- 299 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of leaving the ECHR on the Good Friday Agreement. (84019)
- 300 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has considered introducing legislation to adopt a composite no gain, no loss framework to align the tax treatment of crypto-asset lending and staking with traditional financial instruments; and what progress HMRC has made on its consultation on the taxation of decentralised finance transactions. (83964)
- 301 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many officials were investigated under their Department's disciplinary processes in each of the last 5 years. (83873)
- 302N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the total cost of electric vehicle (a) incentives and (b) tax reliefs for fleet and company car (i) leasing and (ii) purchases to the exchequer; and what assessment she has made of the value for money of those schemes. [Transferred] (83386)
- 303 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of improving access to low-interest loans for councils delivering affordable homes via the Public Works Loan Board. (84122)
- 304 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government will consider introducing VAT relief on construction costs for sub-market housing developments. (84123)
- 305 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will allocate funding to support mental health services for farmers in the Autumn Budget 2025. (83976)
- 306 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will allocate funding to support rural communities with (a) infrastructure and (b) service delivery costs in the Autumn Budget 2025. (83977)
- 307 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will allocate additional funding to support police forces in rural areas. (83978)

- 308 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will allocate additional funding to (a) support farmers and (b) strengthen UK food security. (83979)
- 309 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to allocate funding to support people with the cost of living in the Autumn Budget 2025. (83982)
- 310 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to allocate additional funding to support people with the cost of living in West Dorset in the Autumn Budget 2025. (83983)
- 311 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to introduce targeted measures to address the cost of living pressures in (a) West Dorset constituency and (b) other rural areas. (83984)
- 312 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to Inheritance Tax on the long-term financial viability of family farms in West Dorset constituency. (84115)
- 313 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress she has made in reviewing responses to the call for evidence on reforming the credit union common bond in Great Britain; and when she plans to publish proposed next steps. (83925)
- 314 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of credit unions in (a) providing affordable credit and (b) promoting financial resilience, in the context of the forthcoming National Financial Inclusion Strategy. (83929)
- 315 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when her Department plans to publish the National Financial Inclusion Strategy; and what (a) themes and (b) policy measures it will include to (i) address financial exclusion and (ii) improve people's financial resilience. (83930)
- 316 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department plans to take to support credit unions, in the context of the forthcoming National Financial Inclusion Strategy. (83931)
- 317N **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department is working with (a) EU and (b) G7 partners to coordinate the release of (i) frozen Russian-linked assets and (ii) the proceeds from the sale of Chelsea Football Club; and which body holds final authority over the (A) release and (B) allocation of those funds. [Transferred] (83699)
- 318 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to beer duty on the financial sustainability of (a) small and (b) independent breweries. (83859)

- 319 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of the reduced rate of beer duty for draught products on the (a) on-trade and (b) off-trade sectors. (83860)
- 320 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help ensure that the beer duty structure supports (a) growth and (b) job creation in the brewing industry. (83861)
- 321 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the beer duty rate on (a) pubs and (b) hospitality businesses in (i) rural and (ii) coastal communities. (83862)
- 322 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with representatives of the (a) brewing and (b) pub sectors on beer duty rates. (83863)
- 323 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of reforms to beer duty on (a) consumer prices and (b) inflation. (83864)
- 324 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the potential fiscal impact of draught beer relief since its introduction. (83865)
- 325 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to monitor whether reductions in beer duty are being passed on to (a) consumers and (b) publicans. (83866)
- 326 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of beer duty reforms on the growth of (a) microbreweries and (b) regional brewing clusters. (83867)
- 327 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with HMRC on the potential impact of (a) the administration of and (b) compliance with the beer duty system on small producers. (83868)
- 328 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2025 to Question 77620 on Self-assessment: Fines, if he will set out for (a) late-filing of Self Assessment forms and (b) late payment of Income Tax (i) how many penalties were cancelled, (ii) the average cost per cancellation, (iii) the average length of time taken by HMRC to cancel a penalty and (iv) the average value of penalties cancelled in each year since 2011. (83855)
- 329 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what evidential basis the (a) Making Tax Digital for Income Tax and (b) other remaining parts of the Making Tax Digital programme will deliver adequate levels of benefits to justify the administration for (i) small businesses and (ii) landlords. (83901)

- 330 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Making Tax Digital programme on (a) compliance costs and (b) administrative requirements for (i) self-employed people, (ii) small businesses and (iii) pensioners. (83902)
- 331 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the (a) feasibility and (b) effectiveness of implementing Making Tax Digital for Income Tax, in the context of discontinuing Making Tax Digital for Corporation Tax. (83903)
- 332 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will publish a breakdown of the (a) public consultation and (b) testing processes used to assess the readiness of small businesses for the rollout of Making Tax Digital for Income Tax. (83904)
- 333 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what cost-benefit analysis her Department has undertaken to assess the potential impact of the Making Tax Digital for Income Tax programme on taxpayers. (83905)

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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Solicitor General, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2025 to Question 30971 on Armed Forces: Civil Proceedings, whether the Attorney General's list of conflicts included legacy-related matters under the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023. (83743)
- 2N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, on which dates the Steel Council has met since its formation in January 2025. (83753)
- 3N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to publish the UK Steel Strategy. (83754)
- 4N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many responses his Department has received to the his Department's consultation on the Green Paper: Future of the Post Office, which closed on 6 October 2025. (83767)
- 5N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when his Department plans to publish its response to the consultation on the Green Paper: Future of the Post Office, which closed on 6 October 2025. (83768)

- 6N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what procurement process his Department intends to use for selecting a replacement service for the Horizon system. (83769)
- 7N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to publish an updated International Education Strategy. (83824)
- 8N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of increases in requirements for (a) visa approvals and (b) course enrolments on the higher education sector. (83913)
- 9N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she will have discussions with Ofqual on the potential merits of requiring exam boards to give special consideration to students who are absent from school during the academic year due to exceptional circumstances. (83932)
- 10N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department will make an assessment of the level of contingency capacity of (a) schools and (b) colleges in the event of other school settings being forced to close. (83933)
- 11N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support St Martins School in North Shropshire constituency following the recent fire. (83934)
- 12N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will review the (a) age and (b) quality of school buildings in North Shropshire constituency. (83935)
- 13N **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to take steps to ensure that (a) kinship and (b) foster carers have the same employment leave rights as (i) adoptive, (ii) maternity and (iii) paternity carers. (84062)
- 14N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what grant funding is available to help small businesses improve their Energy Performance Certificate ratings to at least C; and whether he plans to introduce new such grants for small businesses. (83985)
- 15N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will take steps to review England and Wales' Eel Management Plans (EMPs), in order to accelerate progress towards meeting silver eel escapement targets. (83876)

- 16N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for the (a) Environment Agency and (b) other relevant bodies to (i) monitor and regulate pollution, (ii) assess habitat degradation, (iii) measure silver eel escapement, (iv) ensure that pumps friendly and (v) ensure that barriers are eel friendly. (83877)
- 17N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans her Department has to provide additional support to (a) the Somerset Eel Recovery Project and (b) other local recovery projects to enable the (i) delivery of eel passes, (ii) habitat improvements, (iii) increased Assisted migration and (iv) local community engagement work. (83878)
- 18N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what reason the recruitment process to appoint a new Chair of the Office For Environmental Protection has not yet commenced. (83718)
- 19N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the application of food safety regulations to (a) the vehicles and (b) the bags used by delivery drivers. (84109)
- 20N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to protect chalk streams. (83945)
- 21N **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of Environment Agency regulation on farm reservoirs, and what steps her Department is taking to ensure that on-farm water storage can be developed (a) effectively and (b) safely to support food production. (84066)
- 22N **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of qualified engineers to certify the construction of agricultural reservoirs; and what steps her Department is taking to increase capacity in this area. (84067)
- 23N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to encourage collaboration between (a) industry, (b) researchers, (c) civil society and (d) the public on the most effective non-animal approaches to scientific research. (84105)
- 24N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she plans to publish a strategy to advance the use of alternatives to animal testing. (84107)
- 25N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what proportion of Government cloud services are hosted on (a) AWS, (b) Google and (c) Microsoft infrastructure. (83775)

- 26N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the impact of the AWS outage on 20 October 2025 on Government Digital Services. (83776)
- 27N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to Clauses 6, 12 and 13 of the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill, what estimate she has made of the total cost to (a) passengers, (b) taxpayers, and (c) fuel suppliers arising from revenue certainty contracts and associated levy payments; and what steps she is taking to ensure that this support does not (i) create long-term subsidy dependence and (ii) disproportionately benefit overseas producers. (83851)
- 28N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress she has made on the Midlands Rail Hub West Chord link; and when this work will be completed. (83839)
- 29N **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of regulations relating to private parking enforcement companies. (84063)
- 30N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when passenger services from Oxford to Milton Keynes will commence on East West Rail. (83907)
- 31N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what conditions for night time rail freight movements have been placed on the Oxford to Milton Keynes stretch of East West Rail. (83911)
- 32N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many night time freight movements are permitted on East West Rail. (83916)
- 33N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with Chiltern Railways on the refurbishment of Haddenham & Thame Parkway car park. (83924)
- 34N **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Zero Emission Vehicle mandate on the development of non-electric technologies to power motor cars. (83927)
- 35N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress she has made on the appointment of a new CEO of DfT Operator Limited. (84106)
- 36N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions Ministers in his Department have had with the Mayor of Leicester on local government reorganisation; and on what dates since 1 January 2025. (83826)

- 37N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total budget was for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board in (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-2025 and (c) 2025-6 financial years. (83827)
- 38N **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total full FTE headcount employed by Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland ICS was in (a) 2023, (b) 2024 and (c) 2025 as at 1st January of each year. (83828)
- 39N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he is making on finding (a) a cure and (b) improved treatments for people with Huntingtons disease. (83732)
- 40N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how often the UK National Screening Committee met in 2024; and in what format it met. (83734)
- 41N **Andrew George** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that workforce planning maintains the full complement of (a) staffing and (b) skills needed to deliver the highly specialised sarcoma services commissioned by NHS England commissions across all fifteen Specialist Sarcoma Centres in England. (83729)
- 42N **Andrew George** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to maintain an NHS England commissioned specialist sarcoma service for people in Cornwall under the Peninsula Soft Tissue Sarcoma Service at the Royal Cornwall Treliske Hospital in Truro. (83730)
- 43N **Andrew George** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps NHS England plans to take to maintain access to the Peninsula Soft Tissue Sarcoma Service in Cornwall. (83731)
- 44N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to his Answer of 21 October 2025 to Question 905924, what the equivalent percentage numbers were for other causes of delayed discharge in (a) Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and (b) Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust. (83779)
- 45N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to include Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust in the National maternity and neonatal investigation; and whether she plans to include bereaved families in Shropshire in the investigation. (83971)
- 46N **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that hospitals provide (a) (i) access to specialist support and (ii) appropriate medication management for people with Parkinson's disease and (c) staff training in Parkinson's-specific needs. (84064)

- 47N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people referred to the London North West University Hospital were (a) diagnosed with cancer and (b) had cancer ruled out within (i) 28 days and (ii) 62 days in each quarter since the start of 2022-23. (83723)
- 48N **Dawn Butler** (Brent East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made recent progress on processing applications for (a) asylum and (b) other forms of settlement made by people from Syria. (83742)
- 49N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she next plans to publish guidance on the (a) implementation and (b) enforcement of the electronic travel authorisation in (i) England, (ii) Scotland, (iii) Wales and (iv) Northern Ireland. (83735)
- 50N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people who arrived by small boat crossings have been (a) prosecuted and (b) deported since 1 July 2024. (83830)
- 51N **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people who arrived by small boat crossings have been identified as being involved in people smuggling activity since 1 July 2024. (83831)
- 52N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney, representing the House of Commons Commission, if the Commission will take steps to ensure that the (a) timeline and (b) criteria for heating being resumed on the parliamentary estate in the autumn is reviewed in time for autumn 2026. (83736)
- 53N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 80771 on Defence: Industry, whether he has had decisions with (a) the Northern Ireland Economy Minister and (b) Invest Northern Ireland on the Northern Ireland Defence Growth Deal. (83992)
- 54N **Fred Thomas** (Plymouth Moor View): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, who is the responsible Minister for the Team Plymouth partnership. (84039)
- 55N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department have made an assessment of the potential impact for home boiler longevity of amending Part L of the Building Regulations to mandate (a) boiler inhibitor checks and (b) re-dosing as part of a boiler's required service. (83986)

- 56N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled Pride in place strategy, published on 25 September 2025, what steps he is taking to support (a) immigrants, (b) asylum seekers and (c) asylum accommodation providers. (83987)
- 57N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled Pride in place strategy, published on 25 September 2025, what steps he is taking with local authorities to help tackle (a) faith-based prejudice and (b) racism. (83988)
- 58N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 3 September 2025 to Question 70325 on Ministry of Justice: Translation Services, what estimate she has made of the proportion of the spending between 2021 and 2024 that was attributable to people who have arrived in the UK since 2021. (83733)
- 59N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October to Question 82702 on Terrorism: Northern Ireland, which are the nine cases that will be able to resume. (83947)
- 60N **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether funding will be made available to the Scottish Government under the Barnett Formula from the New Hospital Programme. (84072)
- 61N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps her Department is taking to support the 30by30 target. (84117)
- 62N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps her Department is taking to utilise the (a) protection and (b) restoration of nature to increase trends in the level of green economic growth. (84118)
- 63N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of nature depletion on trends in the level of GDP growth. (84119)
- 64N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increasing taxes on the land based gambling sector on (a) jobs and (b) high street investment. (83755)
- 65N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has (a) undertaken work, (b) commissioned research and (c) had discussions with the Secretary of State for Transport on (i) revenue modelling and (ii) impact assessments on potential options for replacing Fuel Duty with (A) distance-based and (B) pay-per-mile road pricing since July 2024. (83951)

- 66N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the number of transactions that will take place (a) up to £125,000, (b) from £125,001 to £250,000, (c) from £250,001 to £925,000, (d) from £925,001 to £1.5 million and (e) above £1.5 million in its forecast of residential Stamp Duty Land Tax receipts in the 2029-30 financial year. (83857)
- 67N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has issued guidance to financial institutions on its investment decisions in the context of the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on the Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, published in July 2024. (83752)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- 1 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): What assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the report by the Institute for Fiscal Studies entitled How do people already out of employment fare when the state pension age rises, published on 17 September 2025. (906001)
- 2 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): What steps his Department is taking to assess the effectiveness of the Access to Work scheme in helping to enable long-term career progression for disabled people. (906002)
- 3 **Baggy Shanker** (Derby South): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help ensure that post-16 education provides the necessary skills to support the economy. (906003)
- 4 **Steve Race** (Exeter): What steps he is taking to support people with health conditions into work. (906004)
- 5 **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): How many people are in receipt of Carer's Allowance. (906005)
- 6 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help ensure that post-16 education provides the necessary skills to support the economy. (906006)
- 7 **Kirsteen Sullivan** (Bathgate and Linlithgow): What steps he is taking to support young people into employment, education or training. (906007)
- 8 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reduce the number of children in poverty. (906008)
- 9 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): What steps he is taking to improve the Access to Work scheme. (906009)
- 10 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): What steps he is taking to ensure that skills provision meets the needs of employers. (906010)

- 11 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): What changes have been made to the Access to Work scheme in this parliamentary session. (906011)
- 12 **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): If he will take legislative steps to ensure that companies who previously provided indexation of pension rights accrued before April 1997 but have since lapsed, reintroduce indexation from April 2026. (906012)
- 13 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): What assessment he has made of trends in the level of child poverty in Cornwall. (906013)
- 14 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): What recent progress he has made on establishing the Youth Guarantee trailblazer scheme. (906014)
- 15 **Josh Babarinde** (Eastbourne): What steps his Department is taking to ensure that benefit sanctions are proportionate when considering neurodiverse claimants. (906015)
- 16 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): What steps he is taking to help tackle the potential impact of the lack of indexation on pre-1997 pensionable service in defined benefit pension schemes on people affected. (906016)
- 17 **Andrew George** (St Ives): If he will make an assessment of the adequacy of support for low income workers. (906017)
- 18 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): What assessment he has made of trends in the level of unemployment. (906018)
- 19 **Lee Pitcher** (Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme): What steps he is taking to improve the Child Maintenance Service. (906019)
- 20 **Iqbal Mohamed** (Dewsbury and Batley): If he will meet with representatives of the Women Against State Pension Inequality campaign. (906020)
- 21 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): How many pensioners have lost entitlement to Pension Credit as a result of their calculated entitlement being short by 50p or less. (906021)
- 22 **Torcuil Crichton** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): What steps he is taking to help reduce losses from fraud in the benefits system. [R] (906022)
- 23 **Emma Lewell** (South Shields): What steps he is taking to support people with health conditions into work. (906023)
- 24 **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): What steps he is taking to support young people into employment, education or training. (906024)
- 25 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): What steps he is taking with the Chancellor of the Exchequer to co-produce policy changes to mobility allowances. (906025)
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Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- T1 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (906026)
- T2 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): (906027)
- T3 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): (906028)
- T4 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): (906029)
- T5 **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): (906030)
- T6 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): (906031)
- T7 **Lee Pitcher** (Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme): (906032)
- T8 **Joe Powell** (Kensington and Bayswater): (906033)
- T9 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): (906034)
- T10 **Frank McNally** (Coatbridge and Bellshill): (906035)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 28 October**Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Cabinet Secretary plans to reply to the letter from the hon. Member for Thirsk and Malton of 10 June 2025 on the proposed Chinese Embassy and pre-determination. (83888)
- 2N **Adam Dance** (Yeovil): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the withdrawal of non-specialist spelling and grammar software for university students receiving Disabled Students' Allowance support. (84070)
- 3N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to (a) reform the National Careers Service and (b) review careers advice contracts. (83946)
- 4N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the National Careers Service at providing young people with a broad range of career paths. (83948)
- 5N **Emma Lewell** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the uptake figures were for the Healthy Start scheme in the latest period for which data is available. (83820)

- 6N **Emma Lewell** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of families are eligible to participate in the Healthy Start scheme. (83821)
- 7N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients were seen within (a) one, (b) two and (c) four hours at accident and emergency in the London North West University Hospital in each quarter since 2022-23. (83721)
- 8N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in (a) Harrow, (b) Barnet, (c) Brent, (d) England and (e) London were diagnosed with (i) Stage One, (ii) Stage 2, (iii) Stage 3 and (iv) Stage 4 cancer in (A) 2022-23, (B) 2023-24 and (C) 2024-25. (83722)
- 9N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to help increase the number of police officers in the Harrow West constituency since the end of June 2024. (83720)
- 10N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many applications have waited longer than the 12-week timeframe that the Building Safety Regulator says it will take to complete its process in the last 12 months. (83843)
- 11N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when he plans to respond to the letter of 14 July 2025 from the hon. Member for Thirsk and Malton on publication of councillors' home addresses. (83887)
- 12N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to require (a) banks and (b) other major financial services providers to invest in community development finance institutions. (83719)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 October

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Wales

- 1 **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): What discussions she has had with farmers in Wales on the potential impact of planned changes to Inheritance Tax relief on the agricultural sector. (905986)
- 2 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on increasing economic growth in Wales. (905987)

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- 3 **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): What recent discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on reducing the cost of living in Wales. (905988)
 - 4 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on increasing economic growth in Wales. (905989)
 - 5 **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): Whether she has had recent discussions with the Welsh Government on the replacement of overhead pylons with underground cabling. (905990)
 - 6 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): What discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the adequacy of accommodation for asylum seekers in Wales. (905991)
 - 7 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve cross border rail connectivity between Wales and England. (905992)
 - 8 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): What discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on strengthening the Union. (905993)
 - 9 **Mr Richard Quigley** (Isle of Wight West): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for clean energy projects in Wales. (905994)
 - 10 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on increasing economic growth in Wales. (905995)
 - 11 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): What discussions she has had with farmers in Wales on the potential impact of planned changes to Inheritance Tax relief on the agricultural sector. (905996)
 - 12 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): What recent discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on fiscal steps to reduce the cost of living in Wales. (905997)
 - 13 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the potential for the development of offshore wind in Wales. (905998)
 - 14 **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of increased defence spending on Wales. (905999)
 - 15 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): What discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on strengthening the Union. (906000)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many school-based nursery places were available in Worsley and Eccles constituency in the 2024-25 academic year. (84020)
- 2N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the average annual cost of childcare for parents in Worsley and Eccles constituency in the 2024-25 academic year. (84021)
- 3N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of children that were not accessing their entitlement to free childcare in Worsley and Eccles constituency in the 2024-25 academic year. (84022)
- 4N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the size of the waiting list for accessing early years childcare in Worsley and Eccles constituency in the 2024-25 academic year. (84023)
- 5N **Michael Wheeler** (Worsley and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children were in receipt of funded childcare in Worsley and Eccles constituency in the 2024-25 academic year. (84024)