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Questions tabled on Tuesday 28 October 2025

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department had made an assessment of the adequacy of Capita's cybersecurity protocols prior to the March 2023 data breach. [Transferred] (85214)
- 2 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he has taken to ensure that all Civil Service Pension Scheme members that were affected by the Capita data breach have been (a) notified and (b) supported. [Transferred] (85215)
- 3 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department plans to review its guidance on outsourcing contracts following the Capita data breach. [Transferred] (85216)
- 4 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Capita data breach on the (a) integrity and (b) security of the Civil Service Pension Scheme. [Transferred] (85217)
- 5 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what contingency plans he has in place if Capita is deemed unsuitable to continue administering civil service pensions. [Transferred] (85218)
- 6 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the (a) legal, (b) administrative, (c) remedial and (d) other costs to the public purse of Capita's data breach. [Transferred] (85219)

- 7 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he has taken to ensure transparency regarding the nature of the data compromised with the people affected by the Capita data breach. [Transferred] (85220)
- 8 **Suella Braverman** (Fareham and Waterlooville): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department takes to ensure that employers share accurate (a) data and (b) instructions with Civil Service Pensions; and how often this is audited. [Transferred] (85221)
- 9 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he has had with the European Commission on securing exemptions from the Schengen 90/180-day rule for UK (a) road haulage and (b) touring logistics professionals. [Transferred] (85348)
- 10 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will set a target date for the publication of the Critical Minerals Strategy. [Transferred] (85155)
- 11 **Stephen Flynn** (Aberdeen South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of including fish processing in the Energy Intensive Industries scheme. [Transferred] (85316)
- 12 **Stephen Flynn** (Aberdeen South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, why (a) fish processing was excluded and (b) poultry processing was included in the Energy Intensive Industries scheme. [Transferred] (85317)
- 13 **Stephen Flynn** (Aberdeen South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what interim support is available to energy intensive industries not covered by the Energy Intensive Industries scheme before the next review of that scheme. [Transferred] (85318)
- 14 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of banning fireworks to support veterans with PTSD. [Transferred] (85648)
- 15 **Sally Jameson** (Doncaster Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the hydrogen technology manufacturing sector on (a) investment to the UK and (b) the growth in good jobs. [Transferred] (85511)
- 16 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when she will introduce secondary legislation under the Environment Act 2021 for due diligence rules for forest-risk commodities. [Transferred] (85098)
- 17 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to prevent the sale of commodities produced by illegal deforestation. [Transferred] (85302)

- 18 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment has been made of the potential impact of Scotland's allocation under the Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund on the development of the Scottish seafood sector's exports. [Transferred] (85589)
- 19 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 24 October 2025 to Question 82424 on Animal Experiments, which experiments does the alternative methods strategy include timelines for phasing out. [Transferred] (85383)
- 20 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will list the (a) oil refineries and (b) fuel producers which (i) manufacture sustainable aviation fuel and (ii) are developing (A) second-generation and (B) advanced sustainable aviation fuel facilities. [Transferred] (85345)
- 21 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to expand protections for British seafarers employed by companies registered outside of the UK. [Transferred] (85333)
- 22 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure an adequate number of working guide dogs. [Transferred] (85572)
- 23 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce waiting times for people waiting to be matched with a guide dog. [Transferred] (85573)
- 24 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Independent Monitoring Board's report entitled Annual report of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP/YOI Downview, published on 3 September 2025, what steps he is taking to ensure acutely mentally unwell prisoners are swiftly (a) identified and (b) given care in an appropriate facility at (a) HMP/YOI Downview, (b) other prisons and (c) other young offenders institutions. [Transferred] (85614)
- 25 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve support for veterans with complex PTSD in Cheshire. [Transferred] (85601)
- 26 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure section 106 funding is being used by councils in Greater Manchester to increase revenue for sports facilities. [Transferred] (85410)

- 27 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that (a) developers in Greater Manchester adhere to their obligations under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and (b) section 106 funding is used for women's sports amenities. [Transferred] (85411)
- 28 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department plans to allocate funding to the Great South West Partnership after April 2026. [Transferred] (85563)
- 29 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of ending funding for the Great South West Partnership in April 2026 on (a) regional representation and (b) economic growth. [Transferred] (85464)
- 30 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department plans to allocate funding to support the Great South West Partnership from April 2026. [Transferred] (85465)
- 31 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that Personal Independence Payment appeals for claimants awarded under the Special Rules for terminal illness are prioritised (a) when a PIP award has been removed despite no improvement in prognosis and the claimant has been waiting over a year for a tribunal hearing and (b) in general. [Transferred] (85617)
- 32 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has considered establishing a cross-Governmental oversight body to monitor Departmental compliance with the legal aid elements of the Public Office (Accountability) Bill. [Transferred] (85438)
- 33 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the value is of outstanding (a) loans and (b) debts liable to the UK from lower-income countries. [Transferred] (85435)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Government Property Agency holds records on the costs of (a) works, (b) fittings and (c) fixtures to Ministerial residences in (i) Downing Street, (ii) Carlton Gardens and (iii) Admiralty House since 4 July 2024. (86049)

- 2 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Public Sector Fraud Authority has issued recent guidance to local billing authorities on council tax (a) avoidance and (b) evasion in relation to the second homes council tax premium. (86050)
- 3 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2025 to Question 78429 on National Security: China, what information his Department holds on whether hostile activity by China is carried out from within the diplomatic buildings in the UK. (86051)
- 4 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 82673 on Government Departments: Social Media, on which (a) topics and (b) programmes the two agencies have been commissioned to (i) select and (ii) pay appropriate influencers; and whether his Department holds information on which influencers have been hired. (86052)
- 5 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 13 October 2025 to Question 77118 on Lord Mandelson, if he will place in the Library a copy of the due diligence undertaken by his Department on Lord Mandelson before his appointment. (86053)
- 6 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Cabinet Office Lieutenancy Policy team was established; how many staff it employs; and what the remit of that team is. (86054)
- 7 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the (a) governance structure, (b) terms of reference for the (i) Senior Steering Group, (ii) Champions Network and (iii) Expert Advisory Group, (c) minutes, (d) declared interests and (e) any recorded conflicts of interest and information on how these were managed for One Big Thing 2024. (86055)
- 8 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2025 to Question 82673 on Government Departments: Social Media, how much has been spent on the two agencies for influencer work since July 2024. (86056)
- 9 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) CTC, (b) SC, (c) DV and (d) DV renewal cases are currently awaiting completion by UK Security Vetting. (86057)
- 10 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 81876 on Government Departments: Advertising, whether the (a) Guido Fawkes blog, (b) Sunday Sport and (c) Politico have been assessed under the SAFE framework. (86058)

- 11 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Cabinet Office Annual report and accounts 2024-25, HC1372, and pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2025 to Question 73315, on Deputy Prime Minister: Admiralty House, on what (a) page and (b) paragraph are the costs relating to the (i) maintenance and (ii) use of Admiralty House. (86059)
- 12 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Financial Reports for the Infected Blood Inquiry for the financial year 2024-2025 will be published. (85742)
- 13 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Chair of the Infected Blood inquiry is remunerated for his work on the inquiry. (85743)
- 14N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people were employed in the automotive manufacturing sector on (a) 4 July 2024 and (b) the most recent date for which data is available. [Transferred] (85356)
- 15 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 26 September 2025 to Question 71194 on Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Equality, what mechanisms are in place to ensure (a) consistency and (b) value for money in the recruitment of Diversity and Inclusion managers in all Government departments. (85916)
- 16 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 23 September 2025 to Question 76050 on Lobbying: Official Hospitality, if he will publish guidance on the holding of departmental receptions at the offices of consultant lobbying firms; how many such receptions have taken place since 4 July 2024; and what the location was of each event. (85917)
- 17 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 23 September 2025 to Question 71197 on Data, Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender Independent Review, when the UK Statistics Authority plans to publish (a) the synthesis of work and (b) next steps on harmonised standards for sex and gender identity. (85918)
- 18 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2025 to Question 74185 on Deputy Prime Minister: Admiralty House, for what reason the second homes council tax premium was paid in August 2025. (85827)
- 19 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking with the National Fraud Initiative to tackle evasion of the council tax second homes premium. (85828)
- 20 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much has the Cabinet Office spent in John Lewis since 4 July 2024. (85829)

- 21 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) members of the Royal Family and (b) parliamentarians will be required to have digital ID cards. (85830)
- 22 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Child Poverty Strategy will end the two-child limit on Universal Credit. (85805)
- 23 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what performance indicators are used in the Civil Service; and how frequently performance is assessed. (85877)
- 24 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South and Walkden): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to help reduce the (a) number of steps required and (b) time taken to remove (i) honours and (ii) titles. (85708)
- 25 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, whether the Church makes funding available for the installation of CCTV cameras at pastoral buildings that are not churches. (86093)
- 26 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of current enforcement powers where directors of insolvent companies resume trading through new companies; and what steps he is taking to strengthen consumer protection in such cases. (86081)
- 27 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many company directors have been disqualified following Insolvency Service investigations involving (a) phoenix trading or (b) similar conduct after insolvency in each of the last three years. (86082)
- 28N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps he has taken with local councils to tackle the illegal use of fireworks in (a) Slough constituency and (b) Berkshire. [Transferred] (85271)
- 29 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of giving local authorities the power to set up firework free zones; and what discussions he has had with his Scottish counterpart on the provisions on this matter in the Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Act (Scotland) 2022. (85740)
- 30 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of restricting the (a) sale and (b) use of fireworks on trends in the level of the illegal trade in fireworks. (85741)

- 31 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has considered (a) banning vaping in pubs, (b) banning 16 and 17 year olds from buying zero alcohol drinks in pubs and (c) raising the drink drive limit to support the economic viability of pubs. (85831)
- 32 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will liaise with the Financial Conduct Authority to prevent the removal of the Family Protection Plan by C Mutual and Maiden Life Försäkrings until policy holders have secured alternative provision. (86069)
- 33 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will have discussions with the Financial Conduct Authority to ensure that (a) Vulnerability Assessments and (b) a Consumer Duty Review are conducted before the withdrawal of the Family Protection Plan by C Mutual and Maiden Life Försäkrings. (86070)
- 34 **Brian Leishman** (Alloa and Grangemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will review the conduct of C Mutual Ltd and Maiden Life Försäkrings in the context of the removal of the Family Protection Plan. (86071)
- 35N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment with the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the potential merits of creating a dedicated scale-up investment scheme. [Transferred] (85285)
- 36 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of Government funding provided to the Pub Is The Hub organisation on pubs in (a) Northumberland and (b) the North East. (85989)
- 37 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support SMEs to access skills funding in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, (d) the North East and (e) England. (85990)
- 38 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on trade deals. (85769)
- 39 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential challenges of launching the current licensing call for evidence with a rapid 4-week window for responses. (85806)
- 40 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether members of the Licensing Taskforce were given (a) advanced sight of and (b) input into the wording of the licensing call for evidence questions. (85807)
- 41 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to consider feedback provided during the public call for evidence on Reforming the licensing system, published on 7 October 2025; and what assessment he has made of the level of (a) opposition and (b) concern within responses that might prompt him to reconsider his proposals. (85808)

- 42 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment has been made of the potential impact of the licensing taskforce recommendations on the workstreams of each of the five Mission Boards. (85809)
- 43 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether each Mission Board was (a) represented, (b) involved in and (c) consulted as part of the Licensing Taskforce workstream; and what their level of involvement was. (85810)
- 44 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he received representations on his proposed changes to the Licensing Act 2003. (85811)
- 45 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he had with experts on (a) alcohol licensing and (b) the Licensing Act 2003 on the proposals set out in the call for evidence entitled Reforming the licensing system, published on 7 October 2025. (85812)
- 46 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps did the Licensing Taskforce take to consult (a) local authorities, (b) police forces, (c) Police and Crime Commissioners, (d) directors of public health and (d) local licensing committees on proposed reforms to alcohol licensing. (85813)
- 47 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to encourage bereavement leave uptake among (a) shift workers and (b) carers. (86107)
- 48 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to (a) review or (b) update his Department's guidance to UK businesses on trade with entities based in the West Bank following the Government's recognition of the State of Palestine. (85801)
- 49 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to ensure that UK technology companies working with Israeli companies in the (a) defence and (b) surveillance sectors comply with UK (i) human rights and (ii) export control policies. (85802)
- 50 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding she has allocated for (a) tennis, (b) padel and (c) other court-based sports. (85717)
- 51 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of increased funding for (a) tennis and (b) padel facilities. (85718)
- 52 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to help tackle the lack of (a) indoor and (b) covered tennis and facilities in Harrow East constituency. (85719)

- 53 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans her Department has to support the development of (a) affordable and (b) accessible padel courts in (i) Harrow East constituency and (b) England. (85720)
- 54 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking with the Lawn Tennis Association to develop covered (a) tennis, (b) padel and (c) multi-sport facilities to facilitate year-round all-weather participation. (85721)
- 55 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding her Department has allocated for (a) tennis and (b) padel in the next five years. (85722)
- 56 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the Premier League's Code of Conduct for Gambling Related Agreements in football in reducing gambling-related harm. (85723)
- 57 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Gambling Commission on the potential merits of signposting gambling support services within National Lottery (a) advertising and (b) products. (85724)
- 58 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment her Department has made of a) the risks associated with mainstream (i) entertainment brands and (ii) broadcasters distributing gambling (A) advertising and (B) sponsorship and b) the potential impact of this on (1) children and (2) vulnerable audiences. (85725)
- 59 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment her Department has made of (a) the UK's international standing on regulation of gambling advertising and (b) what lessons the UK can learn from other countries on this subject. (85726)
- 60 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions her Department has had with relevant stakeholders on the responsibilities of a Freelance Champion. (85734)
- 61 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the responsibilities of the Freelance Champion will include (a) evidence generation, (b) policy leadership and (c) sector engagement. (85735)
- 62 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when her Department plans to release further information on the appointment process for the Freelance Champion. (85736)

- 63 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to appoint a Freelance Champion before or after the terms of reference for the role have been established. (85737)
- 64 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has met (a) organisations and (b) individuals to discuss potential changes to betting duties. (85955)
- 65 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to the 2017 Electronic Communications Code on small family businesses who rent land to major telecoms operators. (86000)
- 66 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of changes to the 2017 Electronic Communications Code on (a) telecoms operator profits and (b) consumer prices for telecom services. (86001)
- 67 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding her Department has provided to help support deaf-led (a) arts and (b) cultural projects in the last 12 months. (85965)
- 68 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department holds information on the number of schools which use (a) isolation and (b) internal exclusion rooms and the frequency of their use in Poole constituency. (86141)
- 69 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the use (a) isolation or (b) internal exclusion rooms by (a) SEND status, (b) gender, (c) ethnicity and (d) free school meal eligibility. (86142)
- 70 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to (a) issue national guidance and (b) set consistent reporting requirements on the use of (i) isolation and (ii) internal exclusion in schools. (86143)
- 71 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the safeguarding risks posed by extracurricular activity providers who fall outside statutory safeguarding requirements. (85731)
- 72 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions her Department has had with relevant stakeholders on how to equip parents with the knowledge to ask appropriate safeguarding questions when choosing extracurricular activities. (85732)
- 73 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to take legislative steps to put safeguarding in extracurricular settings on the same statutory footing as (a) schools and (b) statutory services. (85733)

- 74 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of schools' implementation of her Department's guidance entitled Mobile phones in schools, published on 19 February 2024. (85712)
- 75 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the costs incurred by schools for implementing smartphone bans during the school day. (85713)
- 76 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many phases of roll-out of free breakfast clubs will there be; when is the next phase due to start rolling out; which schools will be eligible for the second phase roll-out; and when can all state primary schools expect to have free breakfast clubs. (85932)
- 77 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to implement (a) foster care reforms, (b) initiatives to improve the (i) recruitment and (ii) retention of foster carers and (c) other measures outlined in the Government's response to the Education Select Committee's report on Children's Social Care published on 17 October 2025. (85933)
- 78 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people work in her Department's (a) Human Resources and Transformation Directorate and (b) Public Sector Equality Duty team. (85867)
- 79 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff were involved in conducting the Equality Impact Assessment of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, published in March 2025; and how many hours were spent by (a) Departmental staff and (b) external consultants in its preparation. (85870)
- 80 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many performance reviews were undertaken for staff in (a) her Department and (b) its agencies in each of the last five years; in how many cases performance was rated as unsatisfactory or below; how many staff left as a result of such a rating; and what proportion of full-time equivalent staff this represented. (85872)
- 81 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff in her Department (a) did not retain employment following completion of their probationary period and (b) had their probationary period extended in each of the last five years. (85873)
- 82 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff left her Department in each of the last five years by grade. (85874)
- 83 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff in her Department are recorded as having a (a) mental health condition and (b) physical disability by grade. (85875)

- 84 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many employment tribunal claims have been lodged against her Department in each of the last five years by (a) unfair dismissal and (b) claims under the Equality Act 2010. (85876)
- 85 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase substitute funding for schools. (85770)
- 86 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many looked after children there were (a) in foster placement with (i) relatives and (ii) friends, (b) placed with (A) parents and (B) other persons with parental responsibility, (c) placed for adoption and (d) in total as of 31 March in each year since 1994. (85851)
- 87 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many looked after children there were subject to (a) a care order and (b) voluntary agreements under section 20 of the Children Act 1989 as of 31 March in each year since 1994. (85852)
- 88 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many looked after children there were in each year since 1994 by age of the child on ceasing to be looked after. (85853)
- 89 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many looked after children there were in each year since 1994 by reason the episode of care ceased. (85854)
- 90 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of early language intervention on educational outcomes for deaf children. (85962)
- 91 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure equal access to higher education for deaf students. (85963)
- 92 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will commission an independent audit to confirm that no structural materials are present that pose risks to the (a) safety and (b) integrity of all school and college buildings. (85976)
- 93 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made in reducing delays in issuing Education, Health and Care Plans. (85978)
- 94 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions his Department has had with energy suppliers on the level of their compliance with licence requirements to ensure that direct debit levels reflect customers' actual energy use and account balances. (86077)

- 95 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with Ofgem on the (a) total value of credit balances currently held by domestic energy suppliers and (b) steps it is taking to ensure that surplus credit is refunded promptly to customers. (86078)
- 96 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to require energy suppliers to pay interest on significant customer credit balances held for extended periods. (86079)
- 97 **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what progress he has made on implementing an energy labelling scheme that is compatible with EU standards. (85935)
- 98 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of small modular reactors being made as load following energy sources. (85979)
- 99 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support small businesses with energy transitions. (85762)
- 100 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department plans to take to support rural properties to improve their energy efficiency. (86085)
- 101 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much and what proportion of the funding for the Warm Homes Plan will be made available for (a) social and (b) private landlords; and how they will be able to access that funding. (86086)
- 102 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how solar schemes that contribute to residential energy efficiency are accounted for when measuring energy performance certificate ratings. (86087)
- 103 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress he has made in improving water quality in South Shropshire constituency. (85885)
- 104 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when her Department plans to publish the (a) full results and (b) evaluation reports from all Environment Land Management and Trials; and whether these will be made publicly available. (85706)
- 105 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with animal welfare groups about the welfare implications of the use of farrowing crates for pigs. (86072)

- 106 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when her Department plans to introduce activity regulations under the Animal (Low Welfare Activities Abroad) Act 2023; and what her Department's timetable is for the full implementation of that Act. (86076)
- 107 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of properties ceded to the Flood Re scheme since 2023 are not classified as at risk of flooding under Environment Agency flood maps; and what steps she is taking to help ensure that Flood Re is only applied to properties at risk of flooding according to Environment Agency flood mapping. (86080)
- 108 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the ongoing Natural Environment Research Council study on the role of prescribed burns in reducing wildfires. (85821)
- 109 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the cost to the public purse was of spending by (a) her Department and (b) Natural England on (i) the upland Brood Management Scheme and (ii) the Southern Reintroduction project; and how many hen harrier chicks fledged under each of those schemes. (85822)
- 110 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 8 April 2025 to Question 43740 on Animal Welfare: Trapping, what recent discussions he has had with relevant stakeholders on ending the use of snare traps. (85988)
- 111 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of designating firework-free zones to help protect (a) wildlife and (b) domestic animals in Surrey Heath constituency. (86103)
- 112 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of fireworks displays on (a) wildlife and (b) domestic animals. (86104)
- 113 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the extended producer responsibility regulations on the costs of (a) reporting, (b) compliance and (c) other matters for (i) smaller and (ii) all breweries using (A) bottles and (B) cans. (86047)
- 114 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment her Department has made of the quality of coastal waters around England. (85967)

- 115 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many incidents of untreated sewage discharge into coastal waters in Lancashire were reported in each of the last five years. (85968)
- 116 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department plans to increase funding for coastal clean-up and restoration projects. (85969)
- 117 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what research her Department has commissioned on the potential impact of media content on electronic devices on (a) babies and (b) toddlers. (85711)
- 118 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has had discussions with BT Openreach on the cyber-security of the CL-WAP telephone and internet exchange adjacent to the Royal Mint. (85833)
- 119 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions she has had with science and discovery centres on their financial resilience since the covid-19 pandemic. (85757)
- 120 **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with which countries does the UK operate international science partnership funds; and how much and what proportion of the funding for the partnership with Japan is from (a) public and (b) private sources and (i) domestic and (ii) foreign contributors. (85758)
- 121 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to her Department's joint press release entitled Creative and AI sectors kick-off next steps in finding solutions to AI and copyright, published 16 July 2025, whether she will (a) publish the terms of reference for the expert working groups on AI and copyright and (b) set out (i) the expected number of meetings for each group and (ii) how she plans to update Rt hon. and hon. Members on the groups' outputs; and what consideration she made of the balance between UK based and non-UK based organisations in determining the membership of the groups. (86028)
- 122 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to her Department's joint press release entitled Creative and AI sectors kick-off next steps in finding solutions to AI and copyright, published 16 July 2025, whether the expert working groups on AI and copyright will have a specific remit to assess the transparency requirements for data used to (a) train and (b) ground generative AI models. (86029)
- 123 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to her Department's joint press release entitled Creative and AI sectors kick-off next steps in finding solutions to AI and copyright, published 16 July 2025,

whether the terms of reference for the government's expert working groups on AI and copyright will include reviewing the transparency of inputs used by generative AI firms to (a) train and (b) improve the performance of their models. (86030)

- 124 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans she has to ensure that the Government's expert working groups on AI and copyright help increase levels of transparency that copyright holders have over the use of their copyrighted material as inputs for (a) training and (b) improving the performance of AI models. (86031)
- 125 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment her Department has made of the potential economic merits of increasing levels of transparency over copyrighted works that are being used by generative AI developers to (a) train and (b) improve the performance of their models. (86032)
- 126 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 28 May 2025 to Question 53618, if she will make an estimate of potential cost savings from introducing a rolling programme of electrification. (85859)
- 127 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 28 May 2025 to Question 53618, when she expects updated plans for where and when electrification is required to deliver a fully decarbonised railway over the next 25 years to be a) concluded and b) published. (85860)
- 128 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to provide funding by the end of this Parliament to local authorities to enable them establish a minimum level of public transport connectivity. (86144)
- 129 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on the number of approved driving instructors in Lincolnshire in each of the last five years. (85698)
- 130 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with (a) Innovate UK and (b) the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on (i) supporting research, development and commercialisation of (A) advanced road surfacing materials and (B) graphene-enhanced and recycled products; and (ii) assessing the potential for British manufacturing and export growth arising from those low-carbon technologies. (85904)
- 131 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help (a) promote UK-based innovation in road (i) maintenance and (ii) resurfacing and (b) ensure that (A) public procurement and (B) supply chain standards support the adoption of such technologies. (85905)

- 132 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of her Department's net zero transport spending commitments on its capital allocation for (a) road maintenance, (b) HGV parking and (c) freight infrastructure. (85906)
- 133 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to retain statutory independence for the Office of Rail and Road in relation to its (a) appeal and (b) enforcement functions following the establishment of Great British Railways. (85907)
- 134 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of progress towards the (a) lower bound and (b) mid-point rollout figures of the 2030 demand projection range for public electric vehicle chargepoints; and what the projected annual installation rate is. (85908)
- 135 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the impact of the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Mandate on average airline ticket prices in (a) 2025, (b) 2026 and (c) each of the next ten years. (85910)
- 136 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 78709 on Great British Railways: Staff, if she will make an estimate of the number of staff who will be employed by Great British Railways once those transfers are complete. (85912)
- 137 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 18 June 2025 to Question 59359 and the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 77650 on Motorcycles: Bus Lanes, how many and what proportion of respondents to the consultation were (a) in favour of and (b) opposed to allowing motorcycles to access bus lanes by default. (85913)
- 138 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2025 to Question 77648 on Railways: Automation, whether the take-up of automated train operation technology will form part of the bespoke performance standards to be applied to future rail investment decisions. (85914)
- 139 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2025 to Question 76329 on Roads: Capital Investment, on what date she plans to publish the final version of the Road Investment Strategy 3. (85920)
- 140 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2025 to Question 76331 on the Road Investment Strategy 2, what the value is of each RIS2 scheme that was written off; and what the total value of the write-offs was. (85921)

- 141 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 24 October 2025 to Question 82409 on Railways: Public Ownership, whether she has defined best practice standards for publicly-owned train operating companies since 10 October 2025. (85922)
- 142 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 24 October 2025 to Question 82751 on HGV Parking and Driver Welfare Fund, what the total budget was for that fund; how much of that budget remains unspent; and how that fund relates to the £14 million in joint government and industry funding announced on 9 October 2024 for improvements to freight working conditions. (85923)
- 143 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2025 to Question 82744 on Roads: Repairs and Maintenance, whether her Department has (a) conducted and (b) commissioned an assessment of the potential impact of the revised national road maintenance capital allocations on local highway maintenance performance indicators. (85924)
- 144 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport of 3 September 2025 on Pavement Parking, column 165WH, when she plans to publish the Government's response to the consultation on Managing pavement parking which closed on 22 November 2020; and whether that response will include measures relating to (a) people with sight loss and (b) other disabled pedestrians. (85925)
- 145 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 15 October to Question 77637 on Railways: Industrial Disputes, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to introduce minimum service levels legislation in the context of industrial action on the transport network since 4 July 2024. (85926)
- 146 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that nationalised rail operators (a) remain commercially viable and (b) ensure that lower-income passengers are able to commute. (86146)
- 147 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department is taking steps to ensure that nationalised rail operators retain discounts for off-peak travel. (86147)
- 148 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the withdrawal of discounts for off-peak travel on (a) passenger numbers on and (b) the commercial viability of the C2C line. (86148)

- 149 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with local councils on ensuring that there are sufficient road grit boxes for road users to use in winter 2025-26. (85761)
- 150 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress she has made on taking steps to reduce the drink drive limit; and when she plans to publish (a) a draft of and (b) a consultation on the road safety strategy. (85819)
- 151 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the number of road traffic accidents caused by LED headlights affecting drivers' vision. (85970)
- 152 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to his letter to the joint chief executives of Skills England entitled Skills England priorities for 2025 to 2026, dated 27 October 2025, what estimate he has made of the number of learners who will enter (a) level 4 and (b) level 5 education or training by age 25 in Buckingham and Bletchley constituency in the next three years. (86068)
- 153 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many registered food banks were created between 2010 and 2024. (86023)
- 154 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of child poverty in Poole constituency. (86139)
- 155 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of foodbank use by (a) working age and (b) pension age people in Poole constituency. (86140)
- 156 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department is taking steps to provide improved guidance to (a) employers and (b) employees on lone working. (85728)
- 157 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many households receiving Universal Credit have been impacted by the benefit caps for (a) less than three months, (b) three to six months, (c) six to 12 months, (d) 12-24 months and (e) more than 24 months in each February since 2019. (85729)
- 158 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many households receiving housing benefit have been impacted by the benefit caps for (a) less than three months, (b) three to six months, (c) six to 12 months, (d) 12-24 months and (e) more than 24 months in each February since 2019. (85730)
- 159 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress his Department has made on reducing the time taken for Access to Work applications to be allocated to a case manager. (86061)

- 160 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has issued guidance to staff on the timeframe in which they should respond to MP enquiries. (86062)
- 161 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to monitor the (a) number of, (b) time taken to respond to and (c) urgency of MPs' enquiries to his Department. (86063)
- 162 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average time taken was for his Department to resolve MPs' enquiries in the last year. (86064)
- 163 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to reduce the length of time taken by his Department to resolve MPs' enquiries. (86065)
- 164 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to reduce the potential impact of the time taken for his Department to make decisions on the finances of applicants. (86066)
- 165 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what priority his Department gives to responding to MPs' enquiries. (86067)
- 166 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to include targets on reducing child poverty within the planned child poverty strategy. (85803)
- 167 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans he has to allow for an adequate level of parliamentary scrutiny of the delivery of the planned child poverty strategy. (85804)
- 168 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 27 October 2025 to question 82834 on Social Security Benefits: English Language, how many claimants have been required to attend English language courses as a work preparation activity in each of the last five years. (86042)
- 169 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 82834 on Social Security Benefits: English Language, what the total cost was for English language courses as a work preparation activity in each of the last five years. (86043)
- 170 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to consult with (a) disabled and (b) chronically ill people as part of the Timms Review of the PIP Assessment. (86005)

- 171 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the early release of prisoners on Job Centre operations. (86089)
- 172 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of 30 hours free childcare on (a) Job Centre operations and (b) levels of returns to employment. (86090)
- 173 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the Access to Work scheme in supporting disabled people to (a) enter and (b) remain in employment; and what steps he is taking to (i) reduce delays, (ii) improve administrative efficiency, and (iii) ensure adequate funding of the scheme. (86130)
- 174 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle workplace discrimination. (85768)
- 175 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the level of readability of the correspondence sent by his Department when setting out how a constituent's New State Retirement Pension has been calculated (a) when considering contracted-out National Insurance contributions and (b) in general. (86084)
- 176 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the accessibility of the Access to Work scheme for deaf people. (85964)
- 177 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of expanding the services available at job centres to (a) community organisations and (b) sports groups. (85972)
- 178 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing the Access to Work cap for people who require BSL interpreters to remain in full time work. (86024)
- 179 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) highly skilled and (b) experienced jobseekers are able to access suitable employment opportunities; and what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of perceptions of being overqualified on those jobseekers. (85855)
- 180 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Part IX medical devices process on (a) supplier confidence and (b) future investment in the UK medical devices market; and what steps he is taking to (a) improve and (b) reduce the time taken for that process. (85715)

- 181 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to update impact assessments for Part IX Drug Tariff reform in the context of methodological changes following the introduction of interchangeable size bandings. (85716)
- 182 **Dr Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure capital investment in NHS (a) estate and (b) infrastructure supports improvements in climate resilience. (86097)
- 183 **Dr Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists' report entitled Green Maternity Report 2025. (86098)
- 184 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that hospice contracts reflect the (a) cost of the services they provide and (b) needs of the local population in Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency. (86073)
- 185 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to ensure adequate financial support for the full range of specialist palliative care services provided by hospices. (86074)
- 186 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that people who need it have access to palliative care services in Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency. (86075)
- 187 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will consider extending access to cardiac screening to people aged 14 to 35 who participate in sport. (85960)
- 188 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the answer of 13 October 2025 to Question 73329 on NHS: Recruitment and with reference to the his Department's press release entitled NHS App overhaul will break down barriers to healthcare and reduce inequalities, published on 25 June 2025, if he will list the types of convictions that (a) will and (b) will not be eligible for the Widening Access Demonstrator programme. (86060)
- 189 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether all British citizens are eligible to the same access to healthcare across the UK. (85690)
- 190 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of (a) women and (b) people have had a HPV vaccination in Poole constituency in 2025. (86137)

- 191 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that the WHO target of 90% for the HPV vaccination programme is achieved in Poole constituency. (86138)
- 192 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the number of people (a) with a respiratory disease, (b) who were hospitalised during winter 2024-25 and (c) who are not eligible to receive the covid-19 vaccination. (86145)
- 193 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to implement the recommendations of the report by Care England entitled The Current State of Dementia Diagnosis & Care in England, published on 31 July 2025. (85892)
- 194 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 August 2025 to Question 68971 on General Practitioners: Disclosure of Information, with which stakeholders the impact of information sharing duties on GPs was last discussed; and at what forums this was discussed. (85893)
- 195 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of GPs qualifying in summer 2025 have secured employment in the UK. (85894)
- 196 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of foundation pharmacists beginning their training in 2025 have been assigned a Designated Practising Practitioner. (85895)
- 197 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Remedial Pension Savings Statements remain outstanding for each of the last 12 months. (85896)
- 198 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Remedial Service Statements remain outstanding for each of the last 12 months. (85897)
- 199 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution by the Minister for Secondary Care of 17 July 2025, Official Report, column 443, when he plans to publish the report. (85898)
- 200 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of it's capacity to meet its target to deliver mental health support teams in all schools by the 2029-30 academic year. (85899)

- 201 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 15 September to Question 68833 on General Practitioners: Recruitment, where the underspend in the additional roles reimbursement scheme was reallocated. (85900)
- 202 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for urgent pelvic ultrasounds. (86095)
- 203 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) preparing and (b) publishing a national strategy for (i) palliative and (ii) end-of-life care. (86096)
- 204 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of home testing by post for sexually transmitted infections. (85847)
- 205 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the introduction of telemedicine for first-trimester abortions on the number of criminal prosecutions in the last five years. (85936)
- 206 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the cancer service specifications for teenagers and young adults published in 2023 are (a) funded and (b) implemented as part of the National Cancer Plan. (86114)
- 207 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of psycho-oncology provision for teenagers and young adults with cancer. (86115)
- 208 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the National Cancer Plan for England provides age-appropriate information on the (a) signs and (b) symptoms of cancer for young people. (86116)
- 209 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the National Cancer Plan will support the faster diagnosis of teenagers and young adults with cancer. (86117)
- 210 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support the (a) development and (b) expansion of Women's Health Hubs; and what steps he is taking to work with Integrated Care Boards to encourage this. (86118)

- 211 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to allocate targeted capital funding to ensure that (a) maternity and (b) neonatal services can operate in (i) safe and (ii) fit-for-purpose buildings. (86119)
- 212 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to racial disparities in maternity care. (86120)
- 213 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of reductions in the budgets for Integrated Care Boards on (a) specialist services for women and (b) Women's health hubs. (86121)
- 214 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that the forthcoming (a) Cancer Plan and (b) 10 Year Workforce Plan will include plans to ensure that the NHS have the necessary levels of staff to meet its targets for (i) diagnosing and (ii) treating breast cancer. (86122)
- 215 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will commit to (a) quantifying and (b) modelling (i) current and (ii) future NHS workforce shortages in diagnostic and imaging services; and if his Department will commit to working with the sector to develop a plan to address these shortfalls, in the context of the development of the 10-year workforce plan. (86125)
- 216 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will (a) collect and (b) publish data on people diagnosed with secondary breast cancer in the upcoming NHS cancer plan. (86126)
- 217 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will roll out a national education programme to inform women about menopause. (86127)
- 218 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is his Department taking to address (a) regional and (b) socioeconomic inequality in (i) maternal and (ii) perinatal outcomes. (86128)
- 219 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of (a) women and (b) men eligible for NHS health checks have had those checks in the last year, broken down by parliamentary constituency in the East of England. (86034)
- 220 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure a strategic approach to biomedical research into myalgic encephalomyelitis and chronic fatigue syndrome. (86002)
- 221 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a comparative review into the adequacy of the level of funding for research into myalgic encephalomyelitis compared to other illnesses. (86003)

- 222 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will consider ringfencing funding for research into myalgic encephalomyelitis. (86004)
- 223 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of overseas dental nurses who have been required to leave following the removal of the occupation from the Skilled Worker visa list in June 2024. (86012)
- 224 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support domestic recruitment and retention of dental nurses since the removal of the occupation from the Skilled Worker visa list in June 2024. (86013)
- 225 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of dementia-specific training provided to primary care staff. (86016)
- 226 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to provide funding for specialist dementia leads within GP surgeries. (86017)
- 227 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to improve GP (a) awareness and (b) understanding of (i) dementia and (ii) other neurodegenerative conditions. (86018)
- 228 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to increase funding for (a) respite care and (b) community-based support for unpaid carers. (86019)
- 229 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): 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 Prostate Cancer Research's report entitled Prostate Cancer Screening: The Impact on the NHS, published in 14 October 2025. (85836)
- 230 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that palliative care services are equally accessible to all ethnic groups in Surrey Heath constituency. (86102)
- 231 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to clear the backlog for the Overseas Registration Exam. (85862)
- 232 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support Integrated Care Boards to use flexible commissioning to improve (a) dental provision and (b) efficiency. (85863)

- 233 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure Integrated Care Boards maintain timely ADHD (a) assessment and (b) diagnosis services. (85864)
- 234 **Peter Prinsley** (Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support early interventions in maternity care. (86048)
- 235 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to raise awareness of osteoporosis. (85763)
- 236 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women are being treated with hormone replacement therapy. (85764)
- 237 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of people being treated for prostate cancer. (85766)
- 238 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with junior doctors on pay. (85772)
- 239 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment of trends in the level of post-pandemic changes to (a) drinking patterns and (b) resulting health harms were (i) requested by and (ii) provided to the Licensing Taskforce by his Department to inform their proposed licensing reforms. (85814)
- 240 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the recommendations in his Department's policy paper entitled Licensing policy sprint: joint industry and HM government taskforce report, published on 31 July 2025, on the (a) ill health to prevention workstream of the Health Mission Board and (b) specific priority of tackling alcohol harm within the Health Mission Board. (85815)
- 241 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress his Department has made on introducing mandatory health information on alcohol labels; and when he plans to publish a consultation on this matter. (85818)
- 242 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce health inequalities experienced by deaf people. (85961)
- 243 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of current NHS staffing levels in (a) hospitals and (b) general practice. (85974)

- 244 **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with NHS England on ensuring that NHS speech and language therapy services use evidence-based intervention dosages for children with moderate to severe speech sound disorders. (85959)
- 245 **Martin Vickers** (Brigg and Immingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to strengthen statutory guidance on the legal duty to commission palliative care services in the Health and Care Act 2022. (85709)
- 246 **Martin Vickers** (Brigg and Immingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on improving the (a) access, (b) quality and (c) sustainability of palliative and end of life care. (85710)
- 247 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure consistent access to post-diagnostic dementia support. (86083)
- 248 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department has spent on overseas healthcare in the latest year for which figures are available, broken down by country. (86021)
- 249 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much each country has paid back for healthcare use by their citizens in the UK within the same year in the latest year for which figures are available. (86022)
- 250 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the administration of Jhoots pharmacies on the ability of residents in Newton Abbot constituency to access prescribed medicine. (86026)
- 251 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support staff affected by Jhoots' administration with (a) ensuring continuity of employment within the local pharmacy network and (b) other issues. (86027)
- 252 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to ensure representatives of the People's Republic of China employed in the (a) UK embassy, (b) consulate and (c) Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London do not engage in (i) supranational suppression and (ii) intimidation tactics against Hong Kongers now living in the UK. (85798)
- 253 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the report by (a) the Australian Strategic Policy Institute entitled Scamland Myanmar: How conflict and crime syndicates built a global

fraud industry, published in September 2024, and (b) the US Institute of Peace entitled Myanmar Scam Hubs Revive Fast After China Eases Pressure on Junta, published on 26 September 2024. (85689)

254 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she has had recent discussions with her counterpart in Ukraine on an extension of tariff-free access for Ukrainian (a) poultry and (b) egg products, which is due to expire in March 2026. (85692)

255 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of proscribing Russia's main political parties as terrorist organisations. (85693)

256 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question HL10734 on USA: Diplomatic Service, whether the ongoing work involved expenditure whilst Lord Mandelson was Ambassador. (85832)

257 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the UN Secretary-General's report entitled Situation concerning Western Sahara: report of the Secretary-General, published on 30 September 2025, and whether she plans to raise that report at the Security Council. (85929)

258 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the UN Secretary-General's report entitled Situation concerning Western Sahara: report of the Secretary-General, published on 30 September 2025, if she will call for an independent human rights body to monitor human rights in (a) occupied Western Sahara and (b) refugee camps. (85930)

259 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will make it her policy to negotiate an agreement with the EU for a reciprocal key scheme to allow access to disabled toilets in Europe. (85861)

260 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many staff were involved in conducting the Equality Impact Assessment of Official Development Assistance programme allocations for 2025 to 2026, published on 22 July 2025; and how many hours were spent by (a) Departmental staff and (b) external consultants in its preparation. (85868)

261 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions she has had with countries who signed the Gaza peace plan on disarming Hamas. (85744)

- 262 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to her Department's joint press release entitled UK removes Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham from terrorist organisation list, published on 21 October 2025, on what date she commenced the process to review the proscription of Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham. (85745)
- 263 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to her joint letter with the Home Secretary to the Planning Inspectorate on the Chinese Embassy, dated 14 January 2025, what discussions her Department had with their Chinese counterparts on the planning application for the Chinese Embassy between 5 July 2024 and 14 January 2025. (85746)
- 264 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Prime Minister discussed (a) Russian oil imports and (b) the refining of oil from Russia by Turkish-based companies during his meeting with the President of Turkey on 27 October 2025. (85747)
- 265 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to her Department's joint press release entitled UK removes Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham from terrorist organisation list, published on 21 October 2025, whether she has placed conditions on Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham as part of her decision to deproscribe that organisation. (85748)
- 266 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the steps taken by the interim Syrian regime on (a) the (i) identification and (ii) the safe disposal of chemical weapons and (b) the protection of the rights of minorities since December 2024. (85749)
- 267 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the UK-Mauritius Treaty, whether payments to Mauritius will be accounted for as day-to-day spending. (85750)
- 268 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will set out her Department's plans for staffing reorganisation including (a) the number of staff in each of the next five years and (ii) total staffing costs in each of the next five financial years. (85751)
- 269 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she has made provision in her departmental budget for the cost of payments to Mauritius under the UK-Mauritius Treaty in 2025-26. (85752)
- 270 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will set out the technical assistance her Department will provide to Mauritius for the Marine Protected Area under Article 5 of the UK-Mauritius Treaty; and what the estimated (a) value and (b) cost of that support will be in each of the next five years. (85753)

- 271 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she will consider the potential merits of commissioning a study of the environmental condition of the Marine Protected Area around the Chagos Archipelago prior to the transfer of sovereignty under the UK-Mauritius Treaty. (85754)
- 272 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether her Department has had discussions with the Government of Mauritius on the potential presence of third countries in the Chagos Archipelago following the transfer of sovereignty under the terms of UK-Mauritius Treaty. (85755)
- 273 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether a representative of the government of Mauritius enquired with her Department about visiting the Chagos Archipelago prior to sovereignty being transferred; and whether her Department has been asked to facilitate visits with third countries participating. (85756)
- 274 **Euan Stainbank** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the Israeli Government's approval of the E1 Construction Plan. (86025)
- 275 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Friern Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to ensure access to humanitarian aid for women and children in Gaza. (85841)
- 276 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she plans to publish a formal response to the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion of 19 July 2024 on the legal consequences of Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories. (85800)
- 277 **Matt Bishop** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of including (a) clear and (b) deliverable objectives to combat child (i) sexual abuse and (ii) exploitation in the updated Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy. (86111)
- 278 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will hypothecate funding saved from hotel closures for legal aid to reduce the backlog of asylum claims. (85799)
- 279 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions her Department has had with relevant stakeholders on how to protect all public-facing workers from abuse in their workplaces. (85727)
- 280 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the cost to the public purse of operating the UK/European Applicant Transfer Scheme. (85695)

- 281 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on how many occasions (a) Ministers and (b) special advisers in her Department have met British Refugee Council since July 2024. (85696)
- 282 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many extradition requests the UK has made to EU states in which the requested individual is a third-party migrant and not a citizen of the UK in each of the past five years. (85699)
- 283 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason Jared Taylor was permitted to attend the Patriotic Alternative Conference in October 2025. (85835)
- 284 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the value of profits made by Corporate Travel Management under the Stanwell Hotel asylum contract; and whether any profits made have been returned to the Government. (86112)
- 285 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many immigration enforcement raids have taken place in each of the last five years. (86045)
- 286 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Police Pension Scheme 1987 regulations on the (a) financial security and (b) wellbeing of (i) widows and (ii) widowers of former police officers. (86100)
- 287 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure police forces (a) review and (b) improve procedures for responding to (i) people with (A) dementia and (B) physical impairments and (ii) other vulnerable adults in care settings. (86014)
- 288 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what independent oversight mechanisms are in place for monitoring policing incidents involving the use of force on (a) elderly and (b) vulnerable people. (86015)
- 289 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 12 March 2024 to Question 17707 on Home Office: Equality, how many and what proportion of people work in her Department's equality, diversity and well-being team. (85866)
- 290 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff were involved in conducting the Equality Impact Assessment of the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill, published in February 2025; and how many hours were spent by (a) Departmental staff and (b) external consultants in its preparation. (85871)

- 291 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many performance reviews were undertaken for staff in (a) her Department and (b) its agencies in each of the last five years; in how many cases performance was rated as unsatisfactory or below; how many staff left as a result of such a rating; and what proportion of full-time equivalent staff this represented. (85883)
- 292 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff in his Department (a) did not retain employment following completion of their probationary period and (b) had their probationary period extended in each of the last five years. (85884)
- 293 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure registrars receive clear (a) guidance and (b) training on registering births to same-sex couples who conceive after marriage. (85820)
- 294 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applications have been approved by her Department which have not had a Police National Computer check in the last five years. (86160)
- 295N **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has approved any asylum applications without a Watchlist and Information Control Unit check being carried out in the last ten years. (86161)
- 296 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued to staff who (a) examine and (b) process asylum claims on the implementation of background checks. (86162)
- 297 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the longest time was for an asylum application to reach a final resolution in the last ten years. (86163)
- 298 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of net migration on public services. (86164)
- 299 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has recent discussions with police forces on their use of stop and search powers under Section 60 of the Public Order Act 2023. (86166)
- 300 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of stop and searches resulted in the seizure of a weapon in (a) 2024 and (b) 2025. (86167)
- 301 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been prosecuted for espionage in the last 12 months. (85767)

- 302 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to increase sentences for people convicted of sexual offences. (85771)
- 303 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the total annual expenditure on Prevent was in the (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25 financial years; and what the budget is for the 2025-26 financial year. (85941)
- 304 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding was allocated to Home Office units responsible for delivering (a) the Prevent strategy and (b) counter-extremism communications in the (i) (A) 2023-24 and (B) 2024-25 financial years and (ii) 2025-26 financial year, broken down by unit. (85943)
- 305 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 13 October 2025 to Question 77304 on Multiple Occupation: Migrants, whether her Department (a) collates data on which individual houses of multiple occupation are used to house asylum seekers and (b) holds data on the number of those HMOs, broken down by local authority. (85944)
- 306 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 8 September 2025 to Question 71459 on Counter-terrorism: Finance, how much was given to each council in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (85945)
- 307 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department provides support to (a) illegal migrants and (b) asylum seekers to get married. (85946)
- 308 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost to the public purse was of payments to Stay Belvedere Hotels for asylum accommodation in the last 12 months. (85947)
- 309 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 78583, on Immigration: English Language, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of making it a requirement of anyone being granted asylum to subsequently learn English to continue (a) residing and (b) receiving benefits. (85948)
- 310 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the letter from the Minister for Border Security & Asylum to the Home Affairs Select Committee of 8 October 2025, if she will publish the full specification and services offered under Changing Lives. (85949)
- 311 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of local authorities provide (a) private and (b) social housing for asylum seekers. (85950)

- 312 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much her Department has spent on dental care for asylum seekers in hotels in the last year; and whether asylum seekers have access to free dental care. (85951)
- 313 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the letter from the Minister for Border Security & Asylum to the Home Affairs Select Committee of 8 October 2025, if she will publish each Service User Demand Plan. (85952)
- 314 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 8 September 2025 to Question 71459 on Counter-terrorism: Finance, how much was allocated to each local authority in the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial years. (85953)
- 315 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the answer of 8 September 2025, to Question 71461, on Asylum: Housing, what steps do (a) her Department and (b) its contractors follow if a local authority objects to specific asylum accommodation; and if he will set out the (i) circumstances and (ii) criteria that (A) her Department and (B) its contractors may disregard such an objection. (85954)
- 316 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the licensing taskforce recommendations on progress towards meeting the targets of the Mission Boards for (a) safer streets, (b) tackling violence against women and girls and (c) reducing antisocial behaviour and building safer communities. (85816)
- 317 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Licensing Taskforce requested assessments of the potential impact of post-pandemic changes to drinking patterns on (a) crime, (b) violence and (c) anti-social behaviour; and whether those assessments were provided to the taskforce. (85817)
- 318 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking with the Armed Forces Pay Review Body to minimise the requirement for back pay for service personnel when pension calculations are made. (86099)
- 319 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department has made on curating accessible (a) training and (b) guidance on promoting the Armed Forces Covenant Duty. (85738)
- 320 **Chris Evans** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to consult with the armed forces community when improving the Armed Forces Covenant. (85739)

- 321 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department cited (a) national security and (b) public interest exemptions under the Data Protection Act 2018 in relation to the Afghan data breach disclosed in 2021. (86039)
- 322 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the expected return on investment for investments in Eutelsat OneWeb. (86123)
- 323 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has paid to Eutelsat OneWeb in each of the last six years. (86124)
- 324 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the full scope is of Project Shriner. (85996)
- 325 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the full scope is of Project Shamer. (85997)
- 326 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 79317 on Defence: Industry, from which FTSE100 companies he has invited senior executives to participate in defence education courses. (85998)
- 327 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to deliver the Global Decision Support System. (85999)
- 328 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the initial Government response to the independent report entitled New Towns Taskforce, published on 28 September 2025, what the (a) budget and (b) timetable is for the (i) strategic environment assessment and (ii) habitats regulation assessment. (85778)
- 329 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to review Document O building regulations for windows, in the context of encouraging house building. (85779)
- 330 **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 not facilitating the creation of new directly elected council mayors on mayors for single foundation strategic authorities. (85780)
- 331 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 September 2025 to Question 76608 on Local Government: Elections, (a) what types of information cannot be shared and (b) which (i) regulators and (ii) enforcement authorities information is shared with. (85781)

- 332 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many (a) social and (b) private homes were started in London in the first half of 2025. (85782)
- 333 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) remaining in and (b) leaving the Aarhus Convention. (85783)
- 334 **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 77636 on local government finance, if he will (a) list each local authority that has had a disposal flexibility request approved since 4 July 2025 and (b) the value of each. (85784)
- 335 **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 77631 on Local Government: Reorganisation, whether his Department has commissioned research on the (a) costs and (b) impact of local government restructuring since 4 July 2024. (85785)
- 336 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will set out the differences in (a) scope and (b) the terms and reference between the (a) Community Cohesion and Resilience Programme and (b) Community Recovery Fund in 2024-25; and if will list the local authorities that received funding from both in 2024-25. (85786)
- 337 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference his Department's policy paper entitled English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, whether he plans to amend the proposed (a) minimum population and (b) geographic area of new (i) unitary and (ii) combined authorities. (85787)
- 338 **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 77537 on Hotels: Taxation, if he will publish those representations. (85788)
- 339 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraphs 24 and 37 of the Pride in Place Strategy, published on 25 September 2025, how much funding he plans to provide for the (a) 76 places and (b) 169 additional places in each of the next 10 years. (85789)
- 340 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many long-term empty dwellings received funding through the New Homes Bonus in each year since the creation of that scheme. (85790)

- 341 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the policy paper entitled Licensing policy sprint: joint industry and HM government taskforce report, published on 14 August 2025, whether he plans to implement the recommendations in the section entitled Planning – permitted development. (85791)
- 342 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has received recent representations from relevant stakeholders on the closure of the (a) Smithfield and (b) Billingsgate market. (85792)
- 343 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2025 to Question 75992 on Combatting Hate Against Muslims Fund, which organisations submitted an application. (85793)
- 344 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled Communities to seize control over high streets and restore pride, published on 24 September 2025, what changes his Department plans to make to (a) use classes, (b) planning policy and (c) planning practice guidance to implement the power to block unwanted shops; what types of shop will it apply to; and what his Department's definition is of unwanted. (85794)
- 345 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department subscribes to planning starts data produced by Glenigan. (85795)
- 346 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has appointed a lead official to cover the issues (a) raised by and (b) that affect the British Chinese community. (85796)
- 347 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will take steps to require short-term holiday lets to (a) provide a fire extinguisher and (b) meet the same minimum fire safety standards as other rental accommodation. (85797)
- 348 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to increase property service charge thresholds under section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985. (86136)
- 349 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department plans to review the requirement for park home residents to pay a 10 per cent commission to site owners upon the sale of their home. (86109)

- 350 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what (a) training and (b) resources her Department has provided to fire and rescue services to respond to fires at large photovoltaic solar developments. (85697)
- 351 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what guidance his Department provides to local billing authorities on (a) the length of time that council taxpayers should be given to pay and (b) when council tax bills are considered to be in arrears. (85826)
- 352 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 28 October 2025 to Question 83627 on Refugees: Social Rented Housing, how many lead tenants there are in (a) social and (b) rented housing by the nationality of those tenants. (86046)
- 353 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has had discussions with representatives from small business on (a) rent and (b) service charge reform for high street tenants. (86151)
- 354 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to require landlords to publish standardised information on (a) rent and (b) service charge costs for high street tenants. (86152)
- 355 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 83618 on Retail Trade, what proportion of Pride in Place programme funding has been allocated to high street regeneration projects. (86154)
- 356 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 83617 on Retail Trade: Empty Property, how many High Street Rental Auctions have been held. (86155)
- 357 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of High Street Rental Auctions in reducing retail vacancy rates. (86156)
- 358 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to ensure that local authorities meet identified needs for older people's housing in local plans. (86157)
- 359 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to introduce (a) financial incentives and (b) stamp duty reliefs for older homeowners wishing to move to more suitable housing. (86158)

- 360 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on ensuring that housing policy supports independent living for older people. (86159)
- 361 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions his Department has had with relevant stakeholders following the closure of the consultation on Planning Reform Working Paper: Speeding Up Build Out. (85980)
- 362 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions his Department has had with relevant stakeholders on solutions for inactive landlords in the North East. (85985)
- 363 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of trends in the number of no win, no fee legal firms pursuing repeated deposit protection claims against landlords on the private rented sector. (86011)
- 364 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will make it his policy to publish an annual brownfield site audit for England. (85707)
- 365 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he plans to extend drink driving offences to include a) persons on cycles, b) riding horses and c) in charge of horse drawn vehicles. (86113)
- 366 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many extradition cases have involved requests for European Arrests Warrants issued under part 1 from European countries for requested persons who were not citizens of the requesting state have been heard in courts in England and Wales in the past five years. (85700)
- 367 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the value is of Prison Education Service Core Education contracts between 1 October 2025 and 31 March 2026. (85931)
- 368 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of mediation services on resolving disputes for residents in Dudley; and what steps he is taking to ensure equality of access to those services. (86101)
- 369 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 83161 on Prisoners' Release: Reoffenders, when this data will be included in statistical releases (86044)

- 370 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many staff (a) did not retain employment in the Department following completion of their probationary period and (b) had their probationary period extended in each of the last 5 years. (85878)
- 371 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many staff left his Department in each of the last 5 years, broken down by grade. (85879)
- 372 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many staff in his Department are recorded as having a (a) mental health condition and (b) physical disability, broken down by grade. (85880)
- 373 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many performance reviews were undertaken for staff in (a) his Department and (b) its agencies in each of the last five years; in how many cases performance was rated as unsatisfactory or below; how many staff left as a result of such a rating; and what proportion of full-time equivalent staff this represented. (85881)
- 374 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many employment tribunal claims have been lodged against his Department in each of the last five years by (a) unfair dismissal and (b) claims under the Equality Act 2010. (85882)
- 375 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions he has had with the (a) Courts and Tribunals Service on ensuring (i) the adequacy of the judicial process for cases involving child sexual abuse and (ii) welfare of child sexual abuse victims and (b) Sentencing Council on ensuring the adequacy of prosecutions for those crimes. (86165)
- 376 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the period of time within which a victims' family can appeal a sentence. (85971)
- 377 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his Department's webpage entitled Prisons data, Additional data, how many of the 262 prisoners released in error in 2024-5 were returned to custody. (85901)
- 378 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of prisoners detained beyond their release date in 2024-25. (85902)
- 379 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps have been taken at HMP Garth to help prevent drones bringing drugs into the prison. (85903)
- 380 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on the restrictions on veterinary medicines into Northern Ireland. (85765)

- 381 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of existing rates of gaming duty on the land-based bingo sector in the context of (a) the pandemic and (b) trends in operating costs. (85915)
- 382 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what guidance (a) her Department and (b) the Financial Conduct Authority has given to financial institutions on the anti-money laundering checks on (i) UK domestic Politically Exposed Persons and (ii) their spouses or partners when purchasing a house to determine the true source of (A) deposits and (B) equity. (85823)
- 383 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what data her Department holds on the revenue from stamp duty land tax on primary homes in the last financial year for which figures are available by (a) local authority and (b) Parliamentary constituency. (85824)
- 384 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the hon Member for Hampstead and Highgate received a Ministerial severance payment. (85825)
- 385 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what comparative assessment her Department has made of (a) tax and (b) benefit contributions of people by (i) nationality and (ii) country of birth since 2020. (86037)
- 386 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether (a) ministers and (b) special advisers from her Department have received briefings on analyses of (a) tax contributions and (b) benefits of people by (i) ethnicity, (ii) nationality and (iii) country of birth since 2020. (86038)
- 387 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on (a) the average call answer time and (b) time spent on hold for people calling the HMRC employers general enquiries line in each of the last five years. (86040)
- 388 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information her Department holds on the average (a) waiting time for people calling and (b) time spent on hold to the HMRC self-assessment line in each of the last five years. (86041)
- 389 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the average time it takes a first-time buyer to save for a deposit. (86149)
- 390 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 24 October 2025 to Question 81775 on , what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recent regulatory changes to mortgages by the FCA on the (a) average deposit required and (b) approval rate for first-time buyer mortgages. (86150)

- 391 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) business rates, (b) VAT and (c) energy costs on small hospitality businesses. (86153)
- 392 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the £100,000 eligibility threshold for tax free childcare on families affected by that provision. (86006)
- 393 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff were involved in conducting the Research and Development tax relief reform and intensive support Screening Equality Impact Assessment, published on 18 September 2025; and how many hours were spent by (a) Departmental staff and (b) external consultants in its preparation. (85869)
- 394 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has undertaken research into the potential impact of VAT reductions on (a) the re-use of goods, (b) minimum warranty periods and (c) other circular economic practices in industry. (86088)
- 395 **Tristan Osborne** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the value of the pound since the UK left the EU on the UK economy. (86091)
- 396 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her Department's priorities are for the forthcoming UN Tax Convention negotiations. (86131)
- 397 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of increasing the rebate provided under the Rural Fuel Duty Relief Scheme in line with inflation. (86033)
- 398 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of including credit unions in the forthcoming National Financial Inclusion Strategy. (85850)
- 399 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what discussions she has had with the Equality and Human Rights Commission on the adequacy of the scope of its engagement on the Code of Practice for Services, Public Functions and Associations. (86020)
- 400 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, how many primary care providers have joined the Pride in Practice programme in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle and (d) the North East. (85987)
- 401 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of making care experience a protected characteristic on care leavers' quality of life. (86007)

- 402 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of making care experience a protected characteristic on the educational attainment of children in care. (86008)
- 403 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of making care experience a protected characteristic on care leavers within the (a) workplace and (b) criminal justice system. (86009)
- 404 **Tom Morrison** (Cheadle): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of making care experience a protected characteristic on (a) inequities and (b) levels of discrimination against (i) children in care and (ii) care leavers. (86010)
- 405 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent progress the Government has made in implementing the British Sign Language Act 2022. (85966)
- 406 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will hold discussions with the Equality and Human Rights Commission on taking steps to ensure that its Code of Practice for Services, Public Functions and Associations provides guidance for (a) businesses and (b) service providers on (i) inclusion and (ii) the rights of all protected groups. (85856)

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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason the Government Digital Service does not list Taiwan as a place of residence. (85691)
- 2N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the time taken by public inquiries investigating specific adverse events in the last five years on (a) analysing past errors, (b) making preventative recommendations for the future, and (c) attributing blame. (85685)
- 3N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 24 October 2025 to Question 83308 on Export Controls: Israel, whether his Department has considered introducing a formal (a) certification and (b) verification mechanism for importers to demonstrate that goods originating from Israel are not produced in illegal settlements. (85759)

- 4N **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the British Medical Association's press release entitled Medical student poverty worsened by financial drought as student loans fall short over summer, published on 9 August 2025, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social care on the potential impact of extending eligibility to the full entitlement for student finance maintenance on students in receipt of the NHS Bursary during their (a) final undergraduate year and (b) later years of a post-graduate medical degree. (86035)
- 5N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the Department's target date is for ensuring that all schools and colleges in England are free from reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. (85975)
- 6N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will confirm that holiday lets will have the same Energy Performance Certificate requirements as (a) Hotels and (b) bed and breakfasts. (86036)
- 7N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans her Department has for the future of the Sustainable Farming Incentive. (85957)
- 8N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance her Department has issued on the treatment of historic (a) glass and (b) plastic bottles distributed prior to the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme. (85958)
- 9N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 16 May 2025 to Question 51813 on Electric Vehicles: Charging Points, whether her Department has had recent discussions with the Department of Infrastructure in Northern Ireland on the number of additional publicly available EV charging points that are due to be delivered following the extra funding provided in 2025. (85702)
- 10N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people with criminal convictions are on the register of number plate suppliers. (85991)
- 11N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people previously convicted of fraud offences are on the register of number plate suppliers. (85992)
- 12N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what previous criminal offences checks the DVLA carries out on people on the register of number plate suppliers. (85993)
- 13N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many number plate suppliers have been found to be selling number plates without asking for vehicle ownership details. (85994)

- 14N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many suppliers on the register of number plate suppliers have been found to be failing to carry out legal checks before selling a number plate. (85995)
- 15N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to prevent taxi drivers being licensed in one authority and operating in another. (85909)
- 16N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 78691 on Railways: Concessions, whether Great British Railways plans to use ticket pricing to (a) manage demand and (b) reduce crowding on trains. (85911)
- 17N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2025 to Question 76344 on South Western Railway: Personnel Management, which organisation provided payroll services for South Western Railway (a) prior to and (b) following its transfer into public ownership. (85919)
- 18N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many electric charging points have been established through Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure funding. (85986)
- 19N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 28 October 2025 to Question 84146 on Women against State Pension Inequality, whether he plans to meet with representatives of the Women Against State Pension Inequality campaign within the next six months. (85704)
- 20N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of family members claiming Carer's Allowance on the finances of the disabled people that they care for. (85973)
- 21N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department's Vaccine Damage Payment Unit is still in operation. (86094)
- 22N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure more widespread availability of the drug 2-HDP. (85703)
- 23N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of General Practice partners who do not pay employers' National Insurance contributions due to the partnership funding model. (85887)
- 24N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of General Practice partners operating in England. (85888)

- 25N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to reform the general practice funding model. (85889)
- 26N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an estimate of the potential annual income from introducing employers' National Insurance contributions for General Practice partners. (85890)
- 27N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of introducing employers' National Insurance contributions for General Practice partners on retention. (85891)
- 28N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the trends in the levels of (a) gonorrhea, (b) chlamydia, and (c) syphilis in people. (85844)
- 29N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of sexually transmitted infections on the future fertility of people. (85845)
- 30N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to develop a modern services framework for (a) arthritis and (b) musculoskeletal disease. (85848)
- 31N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of 28 October 2025 on World Stroke Day, what the maximum (a) travelling time and (b) distance a thrombectomy service will be from a person's home. (85849)
- 32N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of migration from Employment Support Allowance to Universal Credit on care charges levied on disabled people by local authorities. [Transferred] (84962)
- 33N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has received evidence on the potential clinical use of psilocybin under controlled conditions to treat serious psychiatric illness; whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of its use; and what procedures his Department has to (a) initiate and (b) undertake such an assessment. (85688)
- 34N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department made of the potential barriers that prevent disabled people from accessing lifesaving medical equipment. (85714)

- 35N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 28 October 2025 to Question 83545 on Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme, if he will publish a version of the table provided for the years prior to 2021-22. (86092)
- 36N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 July 2025 to Question 63715 on ADHD taskforce, when he expects the final report of the independent ADHD taskforce to be published. (86168)
- 37N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she has taken steps to help support residents of the Cayman Islands in response to Hurricane Melissa. (85857)
- 38N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to support British citizens in the Caribbean impacted by Hurricane Melissa. (85858)
- 39N **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she has had recent discussions with the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation on granting a licence to allow (a) renovations and (b) other maintenance works to proceed at Sutton Place in Woking. (86110)
- 40N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what criteria her Department applies in classifying a country as (a) posing a threat to and (b) constituting an enemy of the United Kingdom; and whether those criteria include (i) hostility to democratic polities, (ii) possession of nuclear-armed intercontinental ballistic missiles, (iii) totalitarian domestic repressiveness and (iv) adherence to Marxist-Leninist communist ideology. (85686)
- 41N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 84157 on Immigration Controls: Northern Ireland, what information her Department holds on the outcomes of Operation Gull; and what criteria she uses to evaluate the success of that operation. (85705)
- 42N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has recently received representations from the (a) Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, (b) Royal College of Psychiatrists and (c) Department of Health on the potential clinical use of psilocybin under controlled conditions to treat serious psychiatric illness. (85687)
- 43N **Dame Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the eVisa system since its rollout; and whether any complaints have been received on (a) accessibility issues and (b) inaccuracies in eVisa records. (85760)

- 44N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have had their UK citizenship reinstated following a successful appeal since 26 February 2025. (85977)
- 45N **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent progress he has made with Cabinet colleagues on allocating funding for the proposed A1331 link road. (85684)
- 46N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2025 to Question 84368 on UK Prosperity Fund, what steps he is taking to support rural areas outside of mayoralities with the transition from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. (85956)
- 47N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has had recent discussions with the local authority on inactive landlords in Northumberland. (85983)
- 48N **Derek Twigg** (Widnes and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to make any changes to the existing bespoke distribution method for the Recovery Grant. (85701)
- 49N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when the Minister for Housing and Planning plans to respond to the correspondence sent by the hon. Member for Twickenham on 2 July 2025, reference MC2025/19101. (85886)
- 50N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers have been (a) investigated, (b) disciplined and (c) dismissed for engaging in inappropriate or sexual relationships with prisoners in the last 12 months. (85773)
- 51N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers employed by His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service are of (a) UK and (b) non-UK nationality by country of nationality. (85774)
- 52N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers have been subject to (a) disciplinary action and (b) dismissal for misconduct in the last year by the nationality of those officers. (85775)
- 53N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the total cost to the public purse of the operation to (a) locate and (b) re-apprehend Hadush Kebatu following his release from custody. (85776)
- 54N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that foreign-born prison officers undergo appropriate (a) vetting and (b) background checks before appointment. (85777)

- 55N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people released from custody in error remain at large since 4 July 2024. (85846)
- 56N **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will provide the prison population figures by (a) offence type and (b) sentence length in the most recent period for which data is available. (85937)
- 57N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of adherence to the Welsh Language Act 1993 in prisons in Wales. (85840)
- 58N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that HMRC's fraud detection systems do not incorrectly suspend child benefit payments for claimants that travel through the Republic of Ireland. (85934)
- 59N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her comments at the JP Morgan Tech Stars conference on 7 October 2025, which development she was referring to in the context of the developer with which she had a good relationship. (85927)
- 60N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her comments at the JP Morgan Tech Stars conference on 7 October 2025, with whom at the developer she had a good relationship. (85928)
- 61N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she had with the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) on the risk that OBR productivity growth forecasts would be revised down before the (a) Autumn Budget 2024 and (b) Spring Statement 2025. (85865)
- 62N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) pubs and (b) other hospitality businesses extending their Bounce Back Loans for (i) an additional five years beyond the current maximum limits and (ii) at the same rate of interest. (85694)
- 63N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what (a) guidance, (b) funding, (c) accounting assistance and (d) other support her Department is providing to small businesses that become VAT-registered. (86105)
- 64N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what assessment has she made of the extent to which Welsh language rights are fully respected in (a) government and (b) crown bodies operating in Wales. (85837)
- 65N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of placing Welsh Language Standards on all Crown bodies. (85838)

- 66N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what recent discussions she has had with the Welsh Language Commissioner (a) on the topic of Welsh Language Standards and (b) in general. (85839)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- 1 **Sarah Russell** (Congleton): What steps he is taking to help strengthen the defence industrial base. (906121)
- 2 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): What steps he is taking to improve housing for armed forces families. (906122)
- 3 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of the level of direct procurement from defence SMEs in the West Midlands. (906123)
- 4 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): What steps he is taking to increase innovation in the defence sector. (906124)
- 5 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): What recent discussions he has had with allies on military support for Ukraine. (906125)
- 6 **Gurinder Singh Josan** (Smethwick): What steps he is taking to help strengthen the defence industrial base. (906126)
- 7 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): What steps he is taking to reduce the time taken to procure drones for the armed forces. (906127)
- 8 **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): What steps he is taking to help ensure that the defence sector supports economic growth. (906128)
- 9 **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): What steps he is taking to reduce the potential impact of low-flying military aircraft on people living in North Norfolk constituency. (906129)
- 10 **Sally Jameson** (Doncaster Central): What steps he is taking to help ensure that the defence sector supports economic growth. (906130)
- 11 **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): What steps he is taking to help strengthen the defence industrial base. (906131)
- 12 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): What steps he is taking to increase the number of cadets. (906132)
- 13 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): What steps his Department is taking to increase Army recruitment. (906133)
- 14 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): What steps is taking to support veterans of Operation Banner. (906134)

- 15 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): Whether he is taking steps to implement the outstanding recommendations of the Defence Committee's report entitled Protecting those who protect us: Women in the Armed Forces from Recruitment to Civilian Life, published on 25 July 2021. (906135)
- 16 **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): What steps he is taking to increase innovation in the defence sector. (906136)
- 17 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): What steps he is taking to improve support for veterans. (906137)
- 18 **Mrs Elsie Blundell** (Heywood and Middleton North): What steps he is taking to support veterans into suitable employment in Greater Manchester. (906138)
- 19 **Lincoln Jopp** (Spelthorne): What steps he is taking to increase the provision of equipment to Ukraine. (906139)
- 20 **Joani Reid** (East Kilbride and Strathaven): What steps he is taking to support defence sector jobs. (906140)
- 21 **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): What recent progress he has made on implementing the Defence Industrial Strategy 2025. (906141)
- 22 **Helena Dollimore** (Hastings and Rye): What steps he is taking to promote the role of women in the armed forces. [R] (906142)
- 23 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): What recent discussions he has had with allies on military support for Ukraine. (906143)
- 24 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): What steps he is taking to reduce the time taken to procure drones for the armed forces. (906144)
- 25 **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): What steps he is taking to reduce the time taken to replenish UK munitions stockpiles. (906145)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- T1 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (906146)
- T2 **Cat Eccles** (Stourbridge): (906147)
- T3 **Gideon Amos** (Taunton and Wellington): (906148)
- T4 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): (906149)
- T5 **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): (906150)
- T6 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): (906151)

T7	John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk):	(906152)
T8	Mr Alex Barros-Curtis (Cardiff West):	(906153)
T9	Lorraine Beavers (Blackpool North and Fleetwood):	(906154)
T10	Vikki Slade (Mid Dorset and North Poole):	(906155)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the National Audit on Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, published in June 2025, what progress her Department has made on implementing recommendation nine. (85940)
- 2N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent estimate she has made of the number of farms that will be affected by proposed changes to inheritance tax in Northern Ireland; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of these changes on food supply chains. (86134)
- 3N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will take steps to publish a list of live legal cases the Government is taking against water companies. [R] (85834)
- 4N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of cars were powered by electric in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, (d) the North East and (e) England in the most recent period for which data is available. (85984)
- 5N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels are being used as contingency accommodation for irregular migrants in Northern Ireland. (86132)
- 6N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many refugees there are by nationality in Northern Ireland. (86135)
- 7N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the National Audit on Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, published in June 2025, what progress her Department has made on implementing recommendation seven. (85939)

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- 8N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many buildings are classified as derelict in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, (d) the North East and (e) England. (85981)
- 9N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on derelict buildings in rural areas. (85982)
- 10N **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the National Audit on Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, published in June 2025, what progress his Department has made on implementing recommendation three. (85938)
- 11N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of keeping the personal allowance at £12,570 on pensioners' tax liability. (86106)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve collaboration across local authority borders on bus routes. (86129)
- 2N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what funding his Department is providing to Greater Manchester to fund the removal of Clean Air Zone signage in the region. (85842)
- 3N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of out of area taxi operations on public safety. (85843)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 13 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many civil society organisations received Prevent funding in the (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25 financial years; what the cost of that funding was; and what her Department's budget is for Prevent funding for civil society organisations in the 2025-26 financial year. (85942)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 18 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) support, (b) rollout and (c) ensure equality of regional access to whole Genome Sequencing for primary brain cancer patients; and what plans he has to review (i) refrigeration issues, (ii) access and (iii) speed of processing. (86108)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information her Department holds on the prevalence of non-stun slaughter for Halal meat production in each year since 2015; and whether she has received representations from relevant stakeholders on animal welfare standards. (86133)