

#### **PUBLISHED - TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2025**

# Questions tabled on Monday 3 November 2025

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- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
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### Questions for Answer on Tuesday 4 November

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

- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Solicitor General, how many prosecutions for hate crime offences have been brought since 2023. [Transferred] (87006)
- 2 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Solicitor General, how many prosecutions for hate crime on the basis of (a) race, (b) religion, (c) disability, (d) sexual orientation and (e) transgender identity have been brought since 2023. [Transferred] (87007)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will estimate the number of people who have died due to mercury poisoning in (a) England and (b) Romford constituency in every year since 2010. [Transferred] (87020)
- 4 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential (a) costs and (b) merits of adding Ramsar sites to the Habitats Regulation rules. [Transferred] (87036)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she has taken to work with local authorities to improve the safety of footpaths.

  [Transferred] (87015)
- Siân Berry (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of airport expansion on tourism in coastal towns.

  [Transferred] (87181)
- 7 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to improve safety standards in the construction industry.

  [Transferred] (87053)

- SN Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of foundation apprenticeships on levels of sectoral skills in (a) Hexham constituency, (b)

  Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, (d) the North East and (e) England. [Transferred] (86823)
- 9N **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions his Department is having with relevant stakeholders to support small and medium businesses in rural areas provide apprenticeship schemes in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, (d) the North East and (e) England.

  [Transferred] (86824)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has recently made an assessment of the adequacy of the approach to child maintenance for parents without custody arrangements. [Transferred] (87082)
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of repeat offenders have access to specialist (a) mental health and (b) substance misuse treatment while in custody.

  [Transferred] (87188)
- Matt Vickers (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the provision of (a) counselling and (b) other psychological support for victims of crime.

  [Transferred] (87103)
- 13 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to commission an independent review of the Public Order Act 1986.

  [Transferred] (87009)
- 14 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to commission an independent review of the Serious Crime Act 2007.

  [Transferred] (87010)

## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 5 November

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

- Luke Akehurst (North Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which (a)
  Department and (b) Minister will lead on the online guidance hub for parents and carers
  on children and young people's online safety and the Media Literacy Vision Statement. (87510)
- 2 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps her
  Department is taking to ensure that VAT policy does not discourage participation in
  Remembrance events organised by (a) charities and (b) local authorities. (87482)

- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether due diligence undertaken by his Department for the appointment of Lord Mandelson as Ambassador considered (a) Lord Mandelson's relationship with Jeffrey Epstein and (b) Global Counsel's work in China. (87332)
- 4 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 24 October 2025 to Question 82672 on 9 Downing Street: Repairs and Maintenance, for what reason the room was not politically neutral. (87333)
- 5 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Irish citizens in Northern Ireland will be required to have digital ID cards.

  (87334)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet
  Office, with reference to footnotes 25 and 26 of the Cabinet Office annual report and
  accounts 2024-2025, HC 1372, published on 23 October 2025, for what reason the current
  Cabinet Secretary has a lower salary than the previous Cabinet Secretary. (87335)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Cabinet Office annual report and accounts 2024-25, HC1372, published on 23 October 2025, and the HMT Guidance on Public Sector Exit Payments: Use of Special Severance Payments, updated on 28 July 2025, on what dates the severance payments to (a) Simon Case and (b) Alex Chisholm were approved by (i) the Accounting Officer and (ii) Cabinet Office Ministers, under the prevailing guidance in force at the time.
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the findings of the One Big Thing 2024 evaluation will be compared with the Civil Service People Survey results in (a) 2024 and (2025) to test whether any change in (i) culture and (ii) innovation capability has been sustained. (87337)
- 9 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 23 September 2025 to Question 76050 on Lobbying: Official Hospitality, whether the donation in kind of (a) a venue and (b) hospitality from a lobbying firm hosting a Departmental reception should be declared by the Department in their annual accounts; and whether a proportion should be declared by a Minister in their monthly transparency return on gov.uk.
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how his Department's lieutenancy policy team engages with the Association of Lord-Lieutenants; and whether any (a) formal agreement and (b) memorandum of understanding exists between them.

- 11 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of reduced electricity costs for employers in Buckingham and Bletchley constituency on employment growth in energy-intensive sectors. (87541)
- 12 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure Royal Mail complies with its legal obligations on the delivery of post. (87639)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): 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 Lincolnshire. (87237)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 24 October 2025 to Question 82740 on Electric Vehicles: Grants, what information his Department holds on the number of people who were employed in the automotive manufacturing sector on (a) 4 July 2024 and (b) the most recent date for which data is available.
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many e-bikes have been imported from China in (a) 2022, (b) 2023, (c) 2024 and (d) 2025.
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many e-scooters have been imported from China in (a) 2022, (b) 2023, (c) 2024 and (d) 2025.
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate his Department has made of the potential impact of foreign direct investment projects on economic growth in the North East in the last (a) five years and (b) ten years. (87489)
- Luke Murphy (Basingstoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of lone working practices introduced under the Co-op's Project Lunar scheme on employee (a) safety and (b) wellbeing.
- 19 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the UK's franchising framework. (87367)
- Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Competition and Markets Authority's press release entitled CMA confirms Apple and Google have strategic market status in mobile platforms, published on 22 October 2025, what steps he is taking to ensure that third-party providers are able to access (a) contactless payment and (b) digital wallet services. (87368)

- 21 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of compelling companies that provide services to the public to maintain (a) clear and (b) accessible channels for customer complaints. (87575)
- Mr Andrew Snowden (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department plans to review the use of (a) confidentiality clauses and (b) NDAs in consumer redress agreements involving alleged (i) harm or (ii) injury to animals.
  (87479)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture,
  Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to take steps to help support the
  development of covered (a) tennis, (b) padel and (b) multi-sport facilities in Harpenden
  and Berkhamsted constituency.

  (87549)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): 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) Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency and (ii) England.
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to provide funding for (a) indoor and (b) covered tennis facilities in Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency. (87551)
- 26 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will list the titles of all the events organised by Civil Service networks in her Department since 2017. (87242)
- 27 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much and what proportion of the funding provided through the Creative Industries Fund to the West Midlands will be allocated to (a) Shropshire and (b) North Shropshire constituency. (87460)
- 28 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding was provided to the creative industry in the West Midlands by (a) capital and (b) project grants and by (i) county and (ii) county per head in each year since 2015.
- 29 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans he has to extend the rollout of Young Futures Hubs. (87226)
- 30 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make representations to HM Treasury on the potential impact of VAT on the affordability of (a) Remembrance wreaths and (b) other commemorative items provided by charities.

- 31 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of freezing the accrual of interest on student loans for individuals on maternity or paternity leave. (87536)
- Carla Denyer (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her letter to the Chair of the Education Select Committee dated 22 October 2025, when she will begin (a) to seek views through listening sessions in every region of the country and (b) fortnightly Ministerial meetings with key parent and expert groups; and if she will provide a list of those groups.

  (87506)
- 33 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help support higher education providers that have financial challenges in the next academic year. (87648)
- Anna Gelderd (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to take steps to help (a) maintain and (b) increase research capacity in universities in the context of (i) academic staff time, (ii) funding and (iii) other matters.

  (87649)
- 35 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of changes to international student policy on the finances of universities. (87650)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of regional variation in the (a) progress, (b) attendance and (c) exclusion rates of pupils with SEND in schools receiving RISE intervention. (87652)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Office for Students (a) collects and (b) publishes data on the (i) continuation, (ii) completion and (iii) attainment rates for international students by (A) provider and (B) ranking.

  (87655)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of financial pressures on universities on their international recruitment practices. (87656)
- 39 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to publish data on graduate career progression to assess the long-term impact of higher education on entry into high-skilled employment. (87657)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of differences in high-skilled employment rates by degree subject.

(87658)

- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of degree subjects associated with persistently (a) low employment and (b) earning outcomes; and what steps is she taking to address this. (87659)
- 42 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure that students studying subjects with historically low graduate earning outcomes receive value for money from their degree.(87660)
- 43 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of graduate earning outcomes in the UK relative to other OECD countries. (87661)
- James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the alignment between degree subject provision and priority occupations identified by Skills England. (87663)
- 45 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when the Education and Skills Funding Agency plans to publish updated guidance on the conditions under which academy trusts may operate electric vehicle salary-sacrifice schemes. (87556)
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many Sure Start centres have closed in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, (d) the North East and (e) England since May 2010.
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions her Department has had with relevant stakeholders on relationships education in schools in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle and (d) the North East.

  (87487)
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her
  Department has had recent discussions with relevant stakeholders on financial education
  in schools in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle and (d) the
  North East.

  (87488)
- 49 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions has she had with the West Midlands Combined Authority on increasing the availability of apprenticeships in the West Midlands. (87316)
- Dan Norris (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase access to higher technical qualifications and degree courses by low-income students. (87228)

- Kate Osamor (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the report by Kinship entitled Handle with Care: Annual survey of kinship carers 2025, published on 2 October 2025. (87350)
- 52 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of (a) the Music and Dance Scheme and (b) other school funding schemes in the context of current levels of inflation.

  (87538)
- Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children will lose transitional protection funding for free school meals by each key stage group in 2025.

  (87408)
- Mr Angus MacDonald (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the number of households not on the national grid for (a) gas and (b) electricity in the UK. (87664)
- 55 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the number of households not on the national grid for (a) gas and (b) electricity in Scotland. (87665)
- Mr Angus MacDonald (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the number of households not on the national grid for (a) gas and (b) electricity in each constituency in Scotland.
- 57 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of regulatory frameworks in ensuring that rural communities have access to electricity grid connections. (87667)
- 58 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support electricity network operators to deliver connection upgrades in remote rural communities.

  (87668)
- 59 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of difficulties in connecting remote communities to the national electricity grid on rural depopulation. (87669)
- 60 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a support mechanism for electricity infrastructure projects in rural areas that face high connection costs. (87670)

- 61 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with Ofgem on ensuring that grid investment strategies take into account the long-term sustainability of remote rural communities. (87671)
- 62 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with PowerNI on electricity prices in autumn 2025. (87296)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of adding energy nationally significant infrastructure projects to the renewable energy planning database. (87414)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much solar power generating capacity is (a) operational, (b) under construction and (c) awaiting a planning decision. (87415)
- 65 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to increase flood resilience in (a) Bermondsey and Old Southwark constituency and (b) other flood-prone areas. (87331)
- 66 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of banning the (a) import and (b) sale of fur on the economy. (87651)
- 67 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the report entitled Independent Water Commission: review of the water sector, updated on 29 July 2025, whether she plans to introduce a comprehensive systems planning framework with responsibility for (a) integrated and (b) holistic water system planning.
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
  Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the report entitled Independent Water
  Commission: review of the water sector, updated on 29 July 2025, whether she plans to
  make an assessment of how effectively public health can be incorporated into a new
  water framework.

  (87263)
- 69 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the report entitled Independent Water Commission: review of the water sector, updated on 29 July 2025, whether she plans to ensure future water monitoring programmes are (a) reviewed and (b) resourced to reflect the state of the environment.

- 70 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the report entitled Independent Water Commission: review of the water sector, updated on 29 July 2025, whether she plans to provide a regulatory framework to drive the adoption of water re-use infrastructure in the (a) household and (b) non-household markets.
- 71 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the report entitled Independent Water Commission: review of the water sector, updated on 29 July 2025, whether she plans to consult on the introduction of a national social tariff. (87266)
- 72 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the report entitled Independent Water Commission: review of the water sector, updated on 29 July 2025, whether she plans to strengthen the requirements on companies to (a) map and (b) assess the health of their assets.
- 73 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department is taking steps to distribute the fishing quota in a way that incentivises (a) lower impact and (b) selective fishing. (87644)
- 74 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many at-sea boarding inspections of (a) UK and (b) EU flagged fishing vessels took place outside of six nautical miles in each year between 2015 and 2025.
- Andrew George (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions her Department has had with counterparts in (a) Austria, (b) Sweden, (c) Switzerland, (d) Norway, (e) Germany, and (f) New Zealand on their (i) banning and (ii) phasing out of farrowing crates for pigs; and what assessment she has made of the outcomes of those bans on (A) sow welfare, (B) piglet mortality, (C) farming sector viability, (D) farm-level adaptation, and (E) regulatory enforcement.
- Andrew George (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of imported pork produced using farrowing crates on the competitiveness of UK farmers that do not use farrowing crates. (87230)
- 77 Andrew George (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of a ban on farrowing crates on pig production capacity. (87231)
- 78 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of grants for farmers to support (a) sustainable and (b) regenerative agricultural practices in Lincolnshire. (87240)

- **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of implementing an employer pays principle to help tackle (a) debt bondage and (b) labour exploitation of workers on the Seasonal Worker visa. (87348)
- **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) prevalence of fish farm escapes and (b) potential impact of fish farm escapes on wild fish populations.
- **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce the risk of fish escaping from aquaculture sites due to (a) infrastructure failures, (b) human error and (c) severe weather events. (87677)
- **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of interbreeding between escaped farmed fish and wild fish on the genetic integrity of wild populations. (87678)
- **Andy MacNae** (Rossendale and Darwen): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of opening paths on disused railway lines to increase public access to nature. (87512)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much and what proportion of UK emissions came from refrigerated transport in the latest period for which data is available. (87629)
- John Milne (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to ensure hunting laws are applied. (87607)
- Dan Norris (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on improving flood defences. (87225)
- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made in developing an evidence base to consider whether decapods should have greater protection.

  (87227)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to implement provisions in the Environment Act 2021 to impose due diligence regulations for forest risk commodities.

(87352)

- 89 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 to include decapod crustaceans.

  (87353)
- 90 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to safeguard the welfare of (a) pigs and (b) piglets on farms in (i) Surrey and (ii) Surrey Heath constituency. (87578)
- 91 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the reduction in the sheep population over the last three years on wildfire risk. (87449)
- 92 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the availability of permitted landfill capacity for industrial waste in the North East. (87457)
- 93 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with the Environment Agency on the regulation of hazardous waste storage at industrial sites in Teesside. (87458)
- 94 **Stephen Flynn** (Aberdeen South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of holding a consultation on reforming the Electronic Communications Code 2017 to help increase the way it reflects Scotland's freehold property structure in multi-dwelling units. (87399)
- 95 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department is supporting research into potential methods for reducing the environmental impact of fish farm escapes on wild fish populations. (87679)
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and
   Technology, what steps his Department is taking to support tech innovation in (a) Hexham
   constituency and (b) the North East.
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and
   Technology, what assessment the her Department has made of the potential impact of the
   Al Growth Zone in the North East on economic growth in the Hexham constituency. (87493)
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to help tackle digital exclusion in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle, (d) the North East and (e) England. (87494)
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and
   Technology, what discussions her Department has had with stakeholders in the North East
   ton the protection children and young people from harmful content online. (87495)

- 100 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 29 October 2025 to Question 83837 on Broadband: Rural Areas, what progress she has made on Project Gigabit in the West Midlands; how many premises in Aldridge-Brownhills constituency do not have access to a gigabit-capable broadband connection; what proportion of the £2.4 billion in signed Project Gigabit contracts has been disbursed; and whether Building Digital UK plans to publish data at constituency level in its monthly reporting.
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, 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
  of those cases was performance rated as unsatisfactory or below; how many staff left
  following such a rating; and what proportion of full-time equivalent staff this represented.

  (87393)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. (87394)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, how many staff left her Department in each of the last five
  years, listed by grade.

  (87395)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many staff in her Department are recorded as having a (a) mental health condition and (b) physical disability, listed by grade. (87396)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, how many employment tribunal claims (a) for unfair dismissal
  and (b) under the Equality Act 2010 have been brought against her Department in each of
  the last five years.

  (87397)
- 106 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that people who cannot afford mobile data can access (a) the NHS app and (b) other government digital services without incurring personal cost. (87539)
- 107 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much paid civil service time did it take to create The Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025. (87508)

- Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what team in her Department produced the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025.
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make a comparative assessment of the potential impact of (a) 44-tonne, five-axle volumetric concrete mixers and (b) traditional drum mixers on (i) the number of vehicle movements, (ii) road wear and (iii) water usage.

  (87354)
- 110 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the annual economic contribution of volumetric concrete mixers to the economy. (87355)
- 111 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment the adequacy of the enforcement basis of drop-off charge systems operated by airports; and what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that motorists receive (a) clear and (b) accurate information on (i) airport drop-off charge system enforcement practices and (ii) the authority for issuing any related fines. (87681)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2025 to Question 77156 on Rolling Stock: Leasing, whether any of the train operating companies transferred into public ownership since July 2024 have seen rolling stock leasing arrangements novated unchanged to the new public sector operator; and what the total annual cost to the public purse is of those unchanged existing agreements.
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the net Government funding of the rail sector was per passenger, per journey in the (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25 financial year; and what estimate her Department has made of the net Government funding of the rail sector was per passenger, per journey in each financial year between 2025-26 and 2029-30.
- 114 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the establishment of Great British Railways on the cost of rail services for passengers. (87423)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 82998 on HGV Parking and Driver Welfare Grant Scheme, what plans she has for (a) unspent and (b) returned grant funding; and whether those monies will be (i) retained for driver welfare improvements and (ii) reallocated elsewhere within her Department's budget.

- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 82992 on Railways: Freight, which schemes set out in the Spending Review were identified as having potential for increasing the capacity for freight on the routes; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of those schemes on freight network performance. (87425)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 82990 on Railways: Essex, what estimate her Department has made of the capital cost of that proposal; and what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the proposal on (a) efficiency and (b) emissions.
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to implement a national ban on pavement parking; and whether she has held recent discussions with (a) Guide Dogs and (b) other relevant charities on this matter.
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 24 October 2025 to Question 82733 on Mobility Scooters:

  Pedestrian Areas, when her Department plans to commence the powered mobility device review; and what its objectives will be.

  (87429)
- 120 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to require MOT tests to check that (a) front windows and (b) windscreens comply with legal light transmission limits. (87440)
- 121 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many refrigerator vehicles are currently used in the UK. (87619)
- 122 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of mandating zero-emission transport refrigeration units for refrigerated transport to replace diesel units. (87620)
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many vehicles which passed their MOT in (a) 2022-2023, (b) 2023-2024 and (c) 2024-2025 were assessed for exhaust noise as per section 8.1.1. of the MOT inspection manual: cars and passenger vehicles.
- 124 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many MOT centres in England in (a) 2022-2023, (b)2023-2024 and (c)2024-2025 assessed for exhaust noise as per section 8.1.1. of the MOT inspection manual: cars and passenger vehicles.

- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of updating section 8.1.1 of her Department's guidance entitled MOT inspection manual: cars and passenger vehicles, updated on 11 August 2025, to make it mandatory for MOT test centres to assess for exhaust noise.
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many concessionary bus journeys were taken by (a) elderly and (b) disabled people in (i) 2018-19, (ii) 2023-24 and (iii) 2024-25.
- 127 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of concessionary bus journeys undertaken by (a) elderly and (b) disabled people. (87625)
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many concessionary bus journeys were available in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2023-24 and (c) 2024-25. (87626)
- 129 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to publish an update to the National Travel Attitudes Study statistics.

  (87516)
- 130 Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions her Department has had with relevant stakeholders in the North East on developments to Active Travel England. (87484)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 28 October 2025 to Question 83840 on Railways: West Midlands, if her Department will explore the use of the Sutton Park freight line for passenger services; and whether its inclusion in the Rail Network Enhancement Pipeline was considered.
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Midlands Rail Hub on (a) capacity on the West Coast Main Line and (b) passenger services into central Birmingham; and what discussions she has had with the West Midlands Combined Authority on the use of devolved transport funding to develop those proposals. (87310)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2025 to Question 69838 on Railway Stations:

  Aldridge, if she will publish details of any (a) discussions and (b) correspondence that (i) she and (ii) her Department has had with (A) Mayor Parker and (B) his office on Aldridge station.
- 134 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she has taken with relevant stakeholders to help tackle illegal car sales. (87249)

- Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she expects the (a) economic and (b) environmental analysis of Heathrow Airport expansion to (i) commence and (ii) be completed. (87410)
- 136 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of potential factors limiting Pension Credit take-up among eligible low-income pensioners in rural areas. (87542)
- 137 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his Department holds on local authority engagement with Pension Credit take-up campaigns. (87543)
- Callum Anderson (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans his Department has to enhance digital access support for Pension Credit applications for older people. (87544)
- 139 **Alex Brewer** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to support young people in supported accommodation. (87565)
- 140 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Timms Review into Personal Independence Payments will include assessments of the potential impact of proposed changes on levels of homelessness. (87330)
- 141 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department plans to increase the pension rights of retired firefighters who retired before 2000 on the retained duty system through their modified pension scheme.

  (87643)
- John Milne (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department plans to increase the availability of the test digital service for applicants for (a) the Personal Independence Payment and (b) other benefits in (i) Horsham constituency and (ii) other areas.
- 143 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Friern Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to improve employer (a) awareness and (b) training on autism-inclusive workplace practices. (87356)
- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of Personal Independence Payment (a) assessments and (b) reassessments were carried out (i) face-to-face, (ii) remotely and (iii) on paper in each month since July 2024.
- 145 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has a target for the number of work coaches employed by his Department. (87359)

- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of employment advisers that will be employed to work in community healthcare settings. (87360)
- 147 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what engagement he has had with (a) the BMA and (b) GP surgeries on embedding employment advisers in GP surgeries. (87361)
- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on preparing Jobcentres for the potential impact of the Employment Rights Bill. (87362)
- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the (a) number of people Connect to Work is expected to support into work and (b) expected cost of the scheme per person successfully employed at the end of the programme. (87363)
- Helen Whately (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) work coaches and (b) vacancies are there were at Jobcentres in each month since July 2024. (87364)
- 151 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many GP surgeries will have employment advisors; and what his planned timetable is for rollout. (87365)
- 152 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to publish the Modern Service Framework for Frailty and Dementia.

  (87537)
- 153 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has assessed the potential effectiveness of digital scheduling tools in improving outpatient capacity. (87545)
- 154 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support NHS trusts to increase same-day elective procedure capability. (87546)
- 155 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has undertaken analysis of productivity variation across integrated care systems. (87547)
- 156 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to introduce mandatory reporting on productivity improvements linked to capital investment. (87548)

- **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent work the Children and Young People's Cancer Taskforce has undertaken in relation to the national cancer plan; and how recommendations from the Taskforce will be reflected in that plan. (87281)
- **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what policies on (a) children and (b) young people under 25 he plans to include within the national cancer plan for England. (87282)
- **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle travel costs for (a) children and (b) young people under 25 with cancer; and whether he plans to include policies on this matter within the national cancer plan.
- **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of supporting the roll-out of evidence-based parenting programmes through the Start for Life offer to all local authorities. (87284)
- Stuart Andrew (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Education on cross-Government implementation of (a) proposals for a national evidence-based digital parenting offer and (b) other policies within the Best Start in Life strategy. (87285)
- **David Baines** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with ICBs on minimum waiting times for NHS services. (87505)
- **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is the Department taking to promote earlier detection, ensure dentists, GPs and other frontline health professionals are trained to identify early warning signs, and improve timely diagnosis and referral for treatment in relation to mouth cancer. (87273)
- Jess Brown-Fuller (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that patients who are digitally excluded can retain
   (a) telephone and (b) in-person routes to book GP appointments.
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): 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 (a) level of rollout completion and (b) uptake rates of lung cancer screening programmes in each area where those services have been commissioned. (87599)
- 166N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to allocate funding for redundancy packages (a) following the abolition of NHS England and (b) for Integrated Care Boards. [Transferred] (86728)

- **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to prepare for the expiry of NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust contracts, including the continuity of (a) primary care and (b) community health services. (87582)
- **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the expiry of NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust contracts on the finances of Integrated Care Boards over the next 10 years.

  (87583)
- 169 Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is applying lessons learned from the expiry of hospital Private Finance Initiative contracts to the management of NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust contract expiries.
  (87584)
- Josh Fenton-Glynn (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust facilities there are in each region of England; and what proportion of those contracts are due to expire before 2030. (87585)
- **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the adoption of new technologies for the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. (87640)
- **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve facilities for healthcare workers. (87641)
- **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help support the (a) health and (b) wellbeing of the NHS workforce.

  (87642)
- Anna Gelderd (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help support (a) the Echo Centre in Liskeard and (b) other community-based neuro-rehabilitation services. (87646)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve children's palliative care services in Lincolnshire. (87236)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of men treated for prostate cancer in (a) South Holland and the Deeping constituency and (b) Lincolnshire in 2024. (87239)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether NHS trusts in areas with higher prevalence of consanguineous unions receive additional (a) funding, (b) training and (c) genetic counselling resources to help tackle related health needs. (87435)

- 178 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of splitting charging category A patients ordinarily resident in the UK and (a) asylum seeker and (b) failed asylum seeker under section 95 of the Immigration Act 1999 into two new categories. (87517)
- 179 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse was of the NHS Muslim network in each of the last five years for which data is available. (87518)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much income was generated through charges for category f patients in each financial year since 2018-19; and how much aggregate income identified for the 2018-19 financial year was written off.

  (87521)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 26 March 2025 to Question 38250 on Health Services: Foreign Nationals, what the ten nationalities with the highest total unpaid invoices were in 2023-24.
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that NHS (a) maternity wards and (b) perinatal services treat fathers as active participants in the birth process. (87529)
- 183 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the link between access to independent advice and improved health and wellbeing outcomes. (87611)
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase awareness amongst (a) GPs and (b) NHS clinicians of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. (87612)
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many cancer drugs have been approved for use in (a) 2021-2022, (b) 2022-2023, (c) 2023-2024 and (d) 2024-2025.
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people were admitted to A&E in England on weekends in (a) 2021-2022, (b) 2022-2023, (c) 2023-2024 and (d) 2024-2025. (87614)
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people were admitted to A&E in England after 5pm in (a) 2021-2022, (b) 2022-2023, (c) 2023-2024 and (d) 2024-2025. (87615)
- Helen Maguire (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the UK's cancer survival rate was in (a) 2021-2022, (b) 2022-2023, (c) 2023-2024 and (d) 2024-2025.

- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is staking to increase survival rates amongst lung cancer patients.

  (87617)
- **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the relationship between deprivation and lung cancer diagnosis. (87618)
- **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve service provision for people with sarcoma in Cornwall. (87557)
- **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help raise awareness among young people of the risks of sudden cardiac death in (a) grassroots sports clubs and (b) higher education settings. (87375)
- **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to introduce screening for asymptomatic heart conditions in young people in sports settings. (87376)
- **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to allow inhalers to be sold over the counter without a prescription. (87631)
- **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support is available to physician associate students approaching qualification (a) in general and (b) who have self-funded training to help them enter employment in the NHS. (87535)
- 196 Ian Roome (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will review the adequacy of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations to ensure that hazardous medicinal products with reprotoxic effects are controlled to the same standard as (a) carcinogens and (b) mutagens. (87513)
- 197 Ian Roome (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to promote the use of (a) biological safety cabinets, (b) closed-system drug-transfer devices and (c) other engineering controls during (i) preparation and (ii) administration of hazardous medicinal products; and whether he plans to provide funding for NHS trusts to implement these controls. (87514)
- 198 Ian Roome (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what research his Department has commissioned on (a) reproductive health outcomes and (b) other long-term health effects of occupational exposure to hazardous medicinal products among nursing staff; and what assessment his Department has made of the costs to the NHS of sickness absence related to such exposure.

- 199 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to improve the assessment and diagnosis for Avoidant/
  Restrictive Food Intake Disorder in (i) Teesside and (ii) the North East of England. (87445)
- 200 Matt Vickers (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance and information his Department issues to clinicians to assist in early diagnosis of Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder. (87446)
- 201 Matt Vickers (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department have made of potential (a) savings to the NHS and (b) improved or increased quality of life for patients from the early diagnosing of people with Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder.
  (87447)
- 202 Matt Vickers (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of practicing clinicians who have received specialist training in (a) diagnosing and (b) treating Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder.
  (87448)
- 203 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Friern Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) improve care and treatment for people with eating disorders and (b) reduce the number of lives lost to eating disorders.

  (87357)
- 204 Martin Wrigley (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of a framework model for functional neurological disorder (FND) care, including (a) FND care pathways, (b) the requirement for multidisciplinary teams trained in FND, (c) follow-up appointments for patients, and (d) mandatory training for (i) GPs, (ii) neurologists, and (ii) A&E staff. (87507)
- 205 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions she has had with her Iranian counterpart on the detention of Baha'i Shahram Fallah since August 2025; and what diplomatic steps she is taking to help ensure his release. (87272)
- 206 **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps she has taken to help
  eradicate polio in (a) Afghanistan and (b) Pakistan.

  (87245)
- 207 Alex Easton (North Down): 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 recent attack on Druze civilians in Suwayda Province, Syria; and what diplomatic steps she is taking to protect the community.
  (87564)

- 208 John Glen (Salisbury): 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 airstrike on a Buddhist festival in Sagaing Region, Myanmar; and what diplomatic steps she is taking with international counterparts to help ensure the protection of civilians in that country.
  (87286)
- 209 Uma Kumaran (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to ensure (a) atrocity prevention capabilities and (b) civilian protection expertise are used during the UK's response to events in El Fasher, Darfur. (87567)
- 210 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent diplomatic steps she has taken
  with international counterparts to help ensure the protection of Christian communities in
  Yemen. (87235)
- 211 Dame Siobhain McDonagh (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions she has had with her counterparts in Bangladesh on the (a) anti-Ahmadi protests planned in Bangladesh for 15 November and (b) upholding freedom of religion for Ahmadi Muslims and other religious communities.
  (87224)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, 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.
- 213 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, 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. (87384)
- 214 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many staff left her Department by the
  grade of those staff in each of the last five years. (87385)
- 215 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many staff in her Department are recorded as having a (a) mental health condition and (b) physical disability by the grade of those staff.

- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many employment tribunal claims relating
  to (a) unfair dismissal and (b) claims under the Equality Act 2010 have been lodged
  against her Department in each of the last five years.

  (87387)
- 217 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions she has had with (a) the Secretary of State for Education and (b) other Cabinet colleagues on the UK's position on proposals at the UN to negotiate an Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to strengthen the right to education. (87472)
- 218 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for what reasons the UK has opposed proposals at the UN to guarantee at least one year of free pre-primary education and free secondary education in international law. (87473)
- 219 Jo Platt (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she plans to establish a formal recognition scheme for British (a) citizens and (b) organisations undertaking (i) humanitarian and (ii) medical work in Ukraine.
  (87377)
- Joe Powell (Kensington and Bayswater): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential
  implications for her policies on preventing (a) mass atrocities and (b) genocide of the
  violence perpetrated by the Rapid Support Forces against civilians in (i) El Fasher and (ii)
  elsewhere in Darfur.

  (87560)
- 221 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent diplomatic discussions she has had with her Chinese counterparts on the detention of Church leader Zhang Chunlei; and what steps she is taking to ensure his release. (87250)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and
   Development Affairs, what discussions she has had with her Estonian counterpart on
   reports that Russian jets entered Estonian airspace. (87295)
- 223 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): 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 recent murder of an Alawite school teacher in Homs, Syria. (87297)
- 224 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, following the Memorandum of Understanding
  with the Palestinian Authority of April 2025, what step she is taking to help to ensure
  that content which promotes (a) hatred and (b) is excluded from the Authority's school
  curriculum.

- 225 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with her international counterparts on reports of the (a) detention and (b) killing of the Falun Gong in China. (87271)
- 226N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people who enquired about her Department's free e-learning training on female genital mutilation subsequently declined to complete the course in each of the last two years.

  [Transferred] (87001)
- 227 Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mandatory suicide preventing training for emergency service workers.
  (87552)
- 228 Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to bring forward legislative proposals to extend the Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act 2023 to include tradespeople's power tools.
  (87553)
- Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to issue guidance to police forces on responding to (a) thefts from vans and (b) tool theft, in the context of the implementation of the Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act 2023.
- Sir Iain Duncan Smith (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the level of threat posed by people motivated by Jihadi ideology to (a) public safety and (b) the safety of (i) synagogues, (ii) Jewish educational establishments and (iii) other Jewish community sites; what assessment she has made of the trends in the level of this threat over the last five years; and what recent assessment she has made of whether levels of security provided to (A) synagogues, (B) Jewish educational establishments and (C) other Jewish community sites is adequate to respond to levels of threat.
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to exempt (a) unaccompanied children seeking to reunite with parents already in the UK and (b) families facing (i) conflict, (ii) persecution and (iii) medical emergencies from future changes to refugee family reunion.

  [R] (87268)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of (a) gathering documentation and (b) submitting biometrics on people submitting refugee family reunion applications; and whether she plans to reduce those requirements in future changes to refugee family reunion.

  [R] (87269)

- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
   Department, whether the review of refugee family reunion will consider the optimisation
   of decision making to reduce the need for appeals.
- 234 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to house asylum seekers in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (87238)
- 235 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help protect (a) police officers, (b) immigration officers and (c) other public sector workers from online harassment by people who film and publish deliberately confrontational encounters with them on social media platforms.

  (87438)
- 236 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on (a) enforcement and (b) prosecution rates by police force following reports from members of the public of road traffic offences captured on (i) dashcams and (ii) other video evidence. (87439)
- 237 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps she has taken to help prevent the exploitation of workers on the Seasonal Worker Visa in food supply chains. (87346)
- 238 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people who were detained in illegal working raids were entered into the National Referral Mechanism in the last 12 months. (87347)
- 239 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of police officers are qualitied to use firearms in each year since 2018.

  (87522)
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police stations have closed in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c)
   Newcastle and (d) the North East since May 2010. (87485)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of closing asylum accommodation hotels on (a) levels of demand for Houses of Multiple Occupation(HMOs),
   (b) local housing stock and (c) local public services; and how many asylum seekers will be rehoused in HMOs.
- Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department,
   what steps her Department is taking to improve fire service workforce resilience in (a)
   Surrey and (b) Surrey Heath constituency.

- 243 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions her Department has had with (a) local authorities and (b) schools on promoting careers in the fire and rescue service in Surrey Heath constituency. (87581)
- 244 Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to prevent the exploitation of workers on the Seasonal Worker visa in food supply chains following BBC's File on 4 Abused for our Food investigation.
  (87404)
- 245 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's report entitled Scientific procedures on living animals, Great Britain: 2024, published on 23 October 2025, what assessment she has made of (a) the number of animals used in experiments in British laboratories in 2024 and (b) trends in the number of animals used in experiments in British laboratories. (87246)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's report entitled Scientific procedures on living animals, Great Britain: 2024, published on 23 October 2025, what assessment she has made of (a) the number of animals used in experiments in British laboratories for (i) basic and (ii) applied research in 2024 and (b) trends in the number of animals used in experiments in British laboratories for (A) basic and (B) applied research.
- 247 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure police officers are able to perform day to day duties during protests outside hotels housing migrants. (87294)
- 248 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the cost to the public purse of (a) voluntary return and (b) deportation schemes since July 2024. (87450)
- 249 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on funding for (a) voluntary and (b) enforced removal schemes of foreign national offenders in the 2025-26 financial year.
- 250 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what mechanisms are in place to recover public funds from people who return to the UK unlawfully after receiving financial support to leave. (87452)
- 251 Matt Vickers (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of deported individuals received financial assistance to leave since July 2024.
  (87453)
- 252 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many number payments were made to people (i) deported and (ii) voluntarily returned under Home Office schemes since July 2024; and what the value of those payments were.

- 253 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the contribution of the UK to national security in Northern Ireland. (87248)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 February 2025 to Question 28585 on Admiralty House, whether the Secretary of State for Defence occupied the residence as a (a) primary or (b) secondary residence from September to November 2024; and whether he occupied the same flat as subsequently occupied by the then Deputy Prime Minister. (87341)
- 255 Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2025 to Question 77638 on Defence and National Security: Finance, whether the expenditure under the Chagos Islands Treaty will be deemed by the Government to be within the 5% target based on the NATO methodology.
  (87342)
- 256 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has plans for a social value model for defence. (87343)
- 257 Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 September 2025 to Question 71248 on Military Aircraft: Ministers, which aircraft were used for the Prime Minister's seven domestic tasks.
  (87344)
- Mike Wood (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the answer of 16 September 2025, to Question 75999, on Submarines: Nuclear Weapons, whether the UK's new F-35A air-launched nuclear capability will use sovereign warheads.

  (87345)
- 259 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to ensure that the 60% of affordable homes provided through the new route at social rent are not renegotiated out at a later stage in the development process. (87274)
- 260 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of lowering affordable housing requirements on levels of social housing supply in London in the (a) long and (b) short term. (87275)
- 261 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he plans to take to (a) maintain social housing commitments in existing planning permissions in London and (b) ensure that levels of social housing are not reduced in instances where developments are already approved in London.
- 262 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what alternative options for helping to deliver (a) affordable and (b) social housing in London have been considered by his Department. (87277)

- **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how his Department plans to work with relevant stakeholders to resolve potential issues affecting the delivery of social housing through Section 106 on early engagement between developers and housing associations on the (a) design and (b) quality of homes in the long-term.
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department consulted mayors on the proposed Supplementary Vote change for (a) mayors and (b) Police and Crime Commissioners prior to the announcement on 10 July 2025. (87317)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 78232 on MHCLG: Remote Working, for what reason junior civil servants have a lower office workplace requirement than senior civil servants. (87318)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2025 to Question 78232 on MHCLG: Remote Working, how many (a) assigned staff and (b) allocated desks there are in each of his Department's offices. (87319)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what correspondence his Department has received from Cumbria Conservatives on the date of the Cumbria mayoral elections; when that correspondence was received; and whether each item of correspondence received a substantive reply. (87320)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 21 October 2025 to Question 78216 on Community Relations: Expenditure, which places received funding; and how much each received.
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2025 to Question 78216 on Community Relations: Expenditure, what each of those 300 projects were; and what reporting requirements there were on how the money was spent. (87322)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2025 to Question 78194 on Affordable Housing: Expenditure, where this information can be found in the annual reports and accounts.
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Affordable Housing Programme will have a funding stream for (a) renovating and (b) getting long-term empty homes back into use as affordable housing.

  (87324)

- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 83816 on Devolution: Cornwall, whether he plans to require Cornwall to (a) join a combined authority with Devon and (b) have a mayor. (87325)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 22 October 2025 to Question 81315 on National Identity, whether his Department is taking steps to promote (a) English and (b) British identities in people who do not speak English as a first language. (87327)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 83810 on Pride in Place Programme: Finance, how much funding has been allocated to each nation in the Spending Review period. (87328)
- **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department plans to take to help reduce the number of children living in temporary accommodation. (87329)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what data his Department holds on the number of fire service call outs in response to fires involving solar panels in England for each of the last five years.

  (87241)
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information his Department holds on compliance with ecological mitigation and enhancement conditions attached to planning permissions; and if he will publish post-occupancy monitoring data on the implementation of (a) bird boxes, (b) hedgehog highways, (c) tree planting and (d) other biodiversity features.
- **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to improve the
  enforcement of ecological conditions attached to planning consents; and whether he has
  had recent discussions with (a) Natural England and (b) local planning authorities on
  improving post-occupancy inspections of biodiversity enhancements.

  (87437)
- Peter Lamb (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local
   Government, when the independent review into civil unrest in Leicester in 2022 is due to
   report. (87636)
- **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the relationship between access to core utilities and population retention in remote rural areas.

- 281 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to support essential infrastructure in rural communities at risk of depopulation. (87673)
- 282 **Andy MacNae** (Rossendale and Darwen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to make it easier to create
  more routes (a) to and (b) through green spaces.

  (87511)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what guidance his Department provides to local
  authorities administering Local Government Pension Scheme funds to assist them in
  ensuring their investments are compliant with the UK's duty not to aid or assist serious
  breaches of international law. (87219)
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  local authorities administering Local Government Pension Scheme on ensuring their
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  breaches of international law.

  (87220)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether he is taking steps to ensure that Local
  Government Pension Scheme investments are compliant with the UK's duty (a) not to aid
  and (b) assist serious breaches of international law.

  (87221)
- 286 John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what his Department's planned timeline is for responding to the Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board's letter, dated 13 October 2025, requesting guidance on investments accused of being complicit in violations of international law. (87222)
- 287 John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he has taken to ensure that planned reforms to the Local Government Pension Scheme are compliant with not aiding or assisting serious breaches of international law. (87223)
- 288 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to publish regular data on Pride in Place Programme spending by intervention type. (87653)
- 289 James McMurdock (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether there are regional variations in the planned allocation of Pride in Place programme funding to high street regeneration projects. (87654)

- 290 John Milne (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of expanding the definition of vulnerable residents when identifying priority cohorts for fire and rescue services to evacuate in emergencies. (87608)
- 291 **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has made an assessment of the effectiveness of utilising shareable health data to help (a) fire and rescues services and (b) local authorities identify vulnerable residents. (87609)
- 292 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what the planned timetable is for transferring
  tenants currently on shorthold tenancies to periodic assured tenancies. (87374)
- 293 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how many times he has met with the leader of
  Birmingham City Council to discuss resolving the ongoing bin strikes. (87298)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
   Communities and Local Government, if he will make an assessment of the potential
   merits of updating the National Planning Policy Framework to include guidance on the
   importance of telecommunications infrastructure in new developments. (87300)
- 295 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will issue guidance to local authorities to ensure mobile network operators are notified for large-scale residential developments.
  (87301)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
   Communities and Local Government, what guidance he has issued to the Planning
   Inspectorate on deciding whether a site is considered grey belt when a decision by a local authority has been appealed.
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
   Communities and Local Government, what guidance he has issued to the Planning
   Inspectorate on considering potential environmental impacts of decisions to designate
   land as grey belt.
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment he has made of (a) the potential impact of houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) on (i) community cohesion and (ii) levels of anti-social behaviour, (b) the concentration of HMOs in specific areas and (c) whether additional planning powers should be made available to local authorities to manage those impacts.

- 299 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of houses of multiple occupation being used to accommodate illegal migrants on (a) the wider private rented housing sector (b) rental prices, (c) the supply of family homes and (d) the (i) availability and (ii) affordability of housing in areas of high demand.
  (87305)
- 300 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what plans his Department has to extend new
  planning powers and investment flexibilities being provided to the Mayor of London
  under the Housing Delivery package announced in Written Statement HCWS991 to (a) the
  Mayor of the West Midlands and (b) other Mayors; and what assessment he has made of
  the potential impact of such powers on Green Belt protection in (i) Aldridge-Brownhills
  constituency and (ii) in general.
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, if he will make it his Department's policy to (a)
  guarantee that green belt protections in the West Midlands will be maintained under
  the devolution of planning powers to the regional mayor and (b) require the consent of
  affected local councils for development on Green Belt land.

  (87307)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. (87388)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, 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. (87389)
- 304 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many staff have left his Department in each of the last five years, listed by grade. (87390)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many staff in his Department are recorded as having a (a) mental health condition and (b) physical disability, listed by grade. (87391)
- 306 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many employment tribunal claims (a) for unfair dismissal and (b) under the Equality Act 2010 have been brought against his Department in each of the last five years. (87392)

- **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how many residential buildings have been decanted
  due to (a) unsafe cladding and (b) other fire safety defects in each year since the passage
  of the Building Safety Act 2022. (87566)
- **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what plans he has to promote awareness among
  leaseholders of their right under the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 to extend
  their lease to 990 years at a peppercorn ground rent; and what support his Department
  will provide to ensure leaseholders can exercise this right without requiring professional
  legal assistance.

  (87632)
- **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to ensure that freeholders
  of leasehold properties comply with their legal obligations to maintain asbestos
  management plans; and what penalties apply to freeholders who fail to provide
  leaseholders with access to such plans when requested.

  (87633)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to implement the recommendations on council tax in the consultation entitled Modernising and improving the administration of council tax, published on 20 June 2025. (87405)
- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department includes purpose-built student accommodation in it's counting of affordable housing. (87409)
- Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average waiting time is for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority to (a) process and (b) determine claims for compensation.

  (87597)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many applications to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority are outstanding for more than (a) 12 months, (b) 18 months and (c) two years. (87598)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will publish
  (a) all recreational activities provided to inmates and (b) the total cost to the public purse
  for providing those activities in (i) HMP Maidstone, (ii) HMP Huntercombe and (iii) HMP
  Morton Hall since 2018.

  (87519)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) translators and (b) interpreters have worked in the prison estate since 2018; and what the total cost to the public purse was for their services. (87520)

- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the number of custody arrangements ordered by family courts that resulted in the father being granted equal or majority care of the child in the last five years.

  (87525)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average waiting time is for fathers seeking access to their children through the family courts after a separation. (87526)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of (a) fathers and (b) mothers received legal aid support in family court proceedings relating to child custody and access in the last five years. (87527)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department has made an assessment of the (a) prevalence and (b) potential impact of parental alienation on fathers' ability to maintain a relationship with their children. (87528)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if his Department will make an estimate of the number of fathers prevented from seeing their children following court proceedings in each of the last five years. (87531)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the average cost to fathers of pursuing access to children through the family court system; and whether he plans to make that process more affordable.

  (87532)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many complaints have been made to the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office on (a) bias against and (b) unfair treatment of fathers in family law proceedings in the last five years.

  (87533)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many individuals released through the early release scheme were foreign nationals. (87534)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners have been wrongly released from prison since July 2024. (87637)
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps the
  Department is taking to support victims of rape and sexual violence through the court
  system in (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle and (d) the North
  East.
- Joe Morris (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions he has had with the Sentencing Council on the use of community sentences (a) Hexham constituency, (b) Northumberland, (c) Newcastle and (d) the North East. (87491)

- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what his planned timeline is for the implementation of the uplift of (a) housing and (b) immigration legal aid. (87406)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department plans to compensate providers for additional work created by the cyber security incident at the Legal Aid Agency. (87407)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what (a) number and (b) proportion of final death certificates remained unissued by the Teesside Coroner's Office for (i) 3 months (ii) 6 months, (iii) 12 months, (iv) 18 months and (v) 24 months after the deaths of individuals referred to the coroners office in each of the last five years. (87441)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what (a) number and (b) proportion of final death certificates remained unissued by Coroner's Offices in England and Wales after (i) 3 months (ii) 6 months, (iii) 12 months, (iv) 18 months and (v) 24 months after the deaths of individuals referred to the coroners office in each of the last five years.
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average time taken was for (a) Teesside Coroner's Officer and (b) Coroner's Offices in England and Wales to issue a final death certificate from the date of when deaths are referred to them in each of the last five years.
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department plans to take to encourage an increased uptake of coronial post-mortems by pathologists.

  (87444)
- **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether the Deputy Prime Minister's official residence in Carlton Gardens is registered with Westminster City Council as a second home. (87340)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will commission a cross-departmental review across (a) justice, (b) education and (c) welfare on (i) improving support for and (ii) empowering fathers in maintaining active roles in children's lives. (87530)
- **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent discussions he has had with the Scotlish Government on the adequacy of utility infrastructure in rural Highland communities. (87675)
- Bob Blackman (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) fuel duty, (b) Clean Air Zone charges and (c) Direct Vision Standard requirements on London-based (a) haulage and (b) coach operators.

- **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of fuel duty increases on (a) the cost of living and (b) consumer prices in London. (87280)
- **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 16 September 2025 to Question 75616 on Business Rates: Local Press, what estimate her Department has made of the cost of the relief for local newspapers in the 2024-25 financial year; and what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of ending the relief from April 2025 on local newspapers. (87326)
- **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increasing fuel duty on (a) consumer price inflation and (b) household living costs. (87555)
- **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress her Department has made on considering the inclusion of refined oil products in the scope of the UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. (87595)
- 341 Harriet Cross (Gordon and Buchan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when her
  Department plans to publish its response to proposals submitted by the fuels sector on
  the inclusion of refined oil products in the scope of the UK Carbon Border Adjustment
  Mechanism.

  (87596)
- Anna Gelderd (South East Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of inflation on the Small Business
  Rate Relief threshold; and whether she plans to bring forward proposals to uprate the threshold in line with inflation.

  (87647)
- 343N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of introducing VAT to to medicines provided free under Early Access Medicines Scheme programmes on pharmaceutical companies.
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an estimate of annual tax loss from untaxed remittances sent abroad by non-UK nationals. (87523)
- **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential economic merits of public investment in essential utility infrastructure in remote rural communities. (87674)
- **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the application of Vehicle Excise Duty on (a) new and (b) existing electric vehicles from 1 April 2025 on the (i) affordability and (ii) trends in the level of ownership of (A) electric and (B) zero emission vehicles. (87638)

- **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to collect regional data on the use of the Lifetime ISA. (87662)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to provide additional funding for the Warm Homes Plan. (87311)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) average annual earnings and (b) prices on household disposable income in 2024-25. (87312)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking to help (a) reduce inflation and (b) increase average annual earnings in the West Midlands. (87313)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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.
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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.
- **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff left her Department by grade in each of the last five years. (87380)
- **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff in her Department are recorded as having a (a) mental health condition and (b) physical disability by grade. (87381)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many employment tribunal claims have been lodged against her Department by (a) unfair dismissal and (b) claims under the Equality Act 2010 in each of the last five years.

  (87382)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of providing funding to the Tropical Forest Forever Facility. (87351)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of salary sacrifice schemes on the (a) affordability and (b) uptake of electric vehicles among (i) lower and (ii) middle-income drivers.

- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of reviewing the treatment of electric vehicles under the benefit-in-kind system. (87577)
- **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to support adults with debt difficulties in Surrey Heath constituency.

  (87579)
- **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to reduce business rates for (a) hospitality businesses, (b) pubs and (c) breweries.

  (87634)
- **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the number of pub closures in the last 12 months; and what fiscal measures she plans to take to support that sector. (87635)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of equalising cider and beer duty. (87370)
- **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what percentage of small cider producers produce less than five hectolitres of pure alcohol and are exempt from alcohol duty payments. (87371)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will review VAT rules to ensure that (a) the purchase of wreaths and (b) other purchases made in support of charitable remembrance activities are not subject to VAT. (87480)
- **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the annual revenue raised through VAT charged on Remembrance wreaths purchased by (a) local authorities, (b) schools and (c) community organisations. (87481)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of recent changes to Landfill Tax rates on chemical manufacturing operations in Teesside. (87455)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of reforms to the Landfill Tax on businesses engaged in environmentally-responsible waste (a) treatment and (b) recycling. (87456)

## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 11 November

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

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the number of (a) marriages and (b) other unions between (i) first cousins and (ii) closer relatives in each nation of the UK in each year since 1997; and whether the Office for National Statistics (A) collects and (B) plans to collect such data through (1) the census, (2) birth records and (3) linked administrative datasets.
- 2N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the (a) geographical and (b) demographic distribution of (i) consanguineous unions and (ii) high genomic inbreeding coefficients in each region; and whether these data are used in public health planning. (87431)
- 3N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has taken steps with Cabinet colleagues to make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of inbreeding on (a) socioeconomic, (b) educational and (c) health outcomes in each region of the UK. (87432)
- 4N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what mechanisms his Department has put in place to allow people to report (a) poor performance and (b) untidy workmanship from Government contractors. (87475)
- 5N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the uplift in Network Charging Compensation Scheme relief on small and medium-sized manufacturers not eligible for EII status. (87289)
- 6N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to publish a list of (a) sectors and (b) companies eligible for the 90% relief under the revised Network Charging Compensation Scheme. (87290)
- 7N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the uplift in compensation for energy intensive industries does not lead to increased costs for other electricity consumers. (87291)
- 8N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has conducted a regional impact assessment of the Network Charging Compensation Scheme uplift on industrial competitiveness across the devolved nations.

  (87292)

- 9N **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is planning to take to (a) monitor and (b) evaluate the effectiveness of the 90% compensation rate in supporting (i) decarbonisation and (ii) energy efficiency in energy intensive industries. (87293)
- 10N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will hold discussions with his US counterpart on removing the 10% levy on Scottish whisky during forthcoming discussions on the UK-US trade deal. (87349)
- 11N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to publish his response to the Grocery Code Adjudicator statutory review, which closed on 5 August 2025.

  [Transferred] (87023)
- 12N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions on levels of business (a) investment and (b) closures in Wales. (87496)
- 13N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of consumer protections for customers whose animals are injured during paid (a) grooming or (b) veterinary services. (87478)
- 14N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to improve sporting facilities for young people in North Shropshire constituency. (87465)
- 15N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make it her policy to work with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to (a) improve awareness of cardiac risk among young athletes and (b) ensure sports clubs have access to (i) screening and (ii) defibrillator equipment.

  (87403)
- 16N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to dispose of the redundant site of the former Parkfield School at Hurn; and what estimate she has made of the (a) security and (b) opportunity costs of the premises remaining unused.

  (87234)
- 17N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many veterinary students are currently enrolled in veterinary public health courses in the UK. (87468)
- 18N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help improve pathways for school leavers without (a) GCSE Maths and (b) GCSE English qualifications. (87463)

- 19N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department holds data on families with home-educated children who are unable to (a) secure a place in a GCSE examination centre and (b) afford exam entry fees.

  (87602)
- 20N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with energy suppliers to help prevent large increases in energy bill direct debits.

  (87568)
- 21N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the National Audit Office Report entitled Energy efficiency installations under the Energy Company Obligation, published on 14 October 2025, how many homes in Wales have had defective retrofit work carried out on them under the Energy Company Obligation scheme.
- 22N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the National Audit Office Report entitled Energy efficiency installations under the Energy Company Obligation, published on 14 October 2025, what the cost to the public purse is of remediating defective retrofit work carried out under the Energy Company Obligation scheme in Wales.
- 23N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the proportion of electricity supplied to the national grid that was generated in Wales. (87499)
- 24N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of (a) the percentage of electricity supplied to the national grid from renewable forms of energy and (b) how much of this is generated from sources in Wales. (87500)
- 25N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the level of public confidence in Government-backed net zero projects. (87474)
- 26N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2025 to Question 80723 on Stray Dogs, with which stakeholders her Department has met. (87593)
- 27N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many remedial action notices the Food Standards Agency have handed out to abattoirs in England and Wales over the last (a) year, (b) 5 years and (c) 10 years.
- 28N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much of the Small Abattoir Fund was spent by her Department prior to it's closure in 2024. (87469)

- 29N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of establishing an independent regulator or ombudsman to support pet-owning households not currently covered by an existing regulatory or complaints framework. (87471)
- 30N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
  Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the report entitled Independent Water
  Commission: review of the water sector, updated on 29 July 2025, what progress her
  Department has made on responding to the recommendations in that report. (87257)
- 31N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress her Department has made on abolishing Ofwat. (87258)
- 32N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress her Department has made on establishing a new integrated water industry regulator. (87259)
- 33N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress her Department has made on publishing a national water strategy.

  (87260)
- 34N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the report entitled Independent Water Commission: review of the water sector, updated on 29 July 2025, whether she plans to revise the legal framework for the Strategic Policy Statement and replace this with a new Ministerial Statement of Water Industry Priorities. (87261)
- 35N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of requiring water companies to demonstrate efficient land asset management before price increases are approved on customers. (87601)
- 36N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that grooming services offered by pet retail chains are subject to adequate (a) welfare standards and (b) inspection regimes. (87476)
- 37N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance his Department has provided to local authorities on the investigation of injuries sustained by companion animals during commercial grooming appointments.

  (87477)
- 38N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of the efficacy of the implementation by Local Authorities of the Food Standards Agency's Food Hygiene Rating Scheme process from investigation to action. (87590)

- 39N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an assessment of whether the membership of the Food Strategy Advisory Board includes adequate expertise in (a) public health, (b) nutrition, (c) environmental science, (d) climate policy and (e) sustainable farming. (87459)
- 40N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if she will hold discussions with Innovate UK on holding
  Innovate Local events in the north west of Northern Ireland. (87243)
- 41N **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she plans to extend Ofcom's Automatic Compensation Scheme to cover prolonged mobile network outages. (87586)
- 42N **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions her Department has had with mobile network operators on the timetable for restoring mobile coverage in Calder Valley constituency; and what steps she is taking to help expedite that process. (87587)
- 43N **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the resilience of mobile networks in rural areas; and whether her Department plans to review (a) planning and (b) infrastructure requirements to prevent prolonged outages. (87588)
- 44N **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of consumer protections for mobile phone users impacted by long term service outages; and whether she plans to introduce additional regulation to increase those protections. (87589)
- 45N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October to Question 82973 on Broadband: Rural Areas, if she will make her policy to include direction to Ofcom on revising the Physical Infrastructure Access pricing model to ensure consistent competitive conditions in the forthcoming Statement of Strategic Priorities.
- 46N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of online misinformation spread by AI Large Language Models on social media platforms. (87504)
- 47N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if she will make it her policy to reduce the Passive
  Infrastructure Access charges to broadband providers installing their own cabling parallel
  to existing Openreach broadband infrastructure. (87215)

- 48N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 3 November 2025 to Question 85702 on Electric Vehicles: Charging Points, what information his Department holds on whether the 127 additional electric vehicle charging points will be (a) publicly available and (b) implemented during the four year period. (87244)
- 49N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of registered number plate suppliers have addresses registered to PO boxes.

  (87501)
- 50N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish a breakdown of the number of registered number plate suppliers registered to each of the most commonly used PO boxes. (87502)
- 51N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress his Department has made on clearing the backlog of Carer's Allowance overpayment debts in relation to earnings. (87570)
- 52N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department's plans to process all Carer's Allowance overpayments in relation to earnings.

  (87571)
- 53N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress his Department has made on processing Carer's Allowance overpayments; and when that process will be completed. (87572)
- 54N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Carer's Allowance overpayments in relation to earnings there are. (87573)
- 55N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate his Department has made of the value of Carer's Allowance overpayment debts in relation to earnings. (87574)
- 56N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will review the offer of two seat convertible Mazda MX-5 cars as part of the Motability Scheme. (87420)
- 57N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to provide guidance to (a) businesses, (b) schools and (c) universities on Al-driven recruitment processes. (87462)
- 58N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to provide an adequate allocation of funding through the Youth Guarantee Scheme for people not in work, employment or training in North Shropshire constituency. (87464)

59N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will host the Global Ministerial Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance in 2028.

(87594)

- 60N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2025 to Question 35028 on LGBT Veterans Independent Review, what progress he has made on recommendations (a) 31, (b) 35, (c) 36, (d) 38 and (e) 42.
- 61N **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which
  (a) individuals and (b) organisations have been appointed to governance structures
  responsible for developing the Modern Service Frameworks for Dementia and Frailty. (87559)
- 62N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase access to dentistry for vulnerable residents in care homes. (87466)
- 63N Lauren Edwards (Rochester and Strood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2025 to Question 80707 on Hospitals: Special Educational Needs, if he will publish a breakdown by region of the over three million people who have completed the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism. (87591)
- 64N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with Integrated Care Boards on the source of funding for redundancy packages resulting from the abolition of NHS England.

  (87411)
- 65N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what representations his Department has received from Integrated Care Boards on (a) the abolition of NHS England and (b) subsequent planned redundancies.

  (87412)
- 66N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 8 August 2025 to Question 67474 on NHS England:

  Redundancy, when his Department will provide an update on the cost impact of integrating NHS England with the DHSC.

  (87413)
- 67N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when research funding was last given for anti-seizure medications in pregnancy. (87253)
- 68N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding his Department has allocated for research of anti-seizure medications in pregnancy (a) in total and (b) to the MHRA since 2020. (87254)

- 69N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) grants and 9b) funding his Department has allocated to the Medical Research Council for research into anti-seizure medications in pregnancy since 2018.
- 70N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding his Department has allocated for prospective studies into anti-seizure medications other than Sodium Valproate in pregnancy since 2018. (87256)
- 71N Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the incidence of (a) genetic and (b) congenital disorders associated with parental consanguinity in England and Wales since 1997; if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of incidence on public health; and if he will publish that assessment. (87433)
- 72N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any NHS trusts (a) collect and (b) are required to collect data on (i) child and infant mortality, (ii) congenital anomalies and (iii) other health outcomes attributable to parental consanguinity. (87434)
- 73N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plans to announce the new membership of the National Quality Board. (87562)
- 74N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust in addressing the long waits for ambulances and emergency care at the acute hospital in Cornwall.
- 75N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the reasons for the difference in availability of Omaveloxolone (Skyclarys) as a treatment for Friedrich's ataxia in (a) Scotland and (b) England and Wales; and if he will make it his policy to require the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence to set out the reasons for which new drugs that (i) have been approved by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency and (ii) are available in Scotland are not available in England and Wales. (87209)
- 76N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, on what evidential basis the minimum age for free covid-19 inoculations to be offered by the NHS, other than for people with particular vulnerabilities, was set at 75; and what information his Department holds on (a) the number of deaths there have been from covid-19 in (i) vaccinated and (ii) unvaccinated age groups below 75 and (b) the likelihood of (A) vaccinated and (B) unvaccinated people aged between 50 and 75 of contracting a long-Covid infection in the last 12 months.

- 77N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent representations he has received from ENT UK on the decision by NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board to refuse all future referrals for (a) septoplasty and (b) other septal surgery, apart from exceptional cases; and what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of this decision on the quality of life of people living with a structural nasal obstruction. (87211)
- 78N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to (a) review and (b) update the guidance entitled Children and young people's continuing care national framework, published on 22 January 2016.
- 79N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of a limited access to suitable (a) prosthetics and (b) wigs on ethnic minority patients; and what steps he is taking to improve access. (87400)
- 80N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with NHS England to ensure the procurement of suitable (a) prosthetics and (b) wigs suitable for ethnic minority patients meets diverse patient needs.

  (87401)
- 81N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Breast Cancer Awareness Month, what steps he is taking in November 2025 to promote inclusive (a) wig and (b) prosthetic services. (87402)
- 82N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment with the Home Secretary of the potential merits of funding a wider rollout of long-acting Injectable Buprenorphine as a treatment option for people using opioids in Dorset. (87603)
- 83N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2025 to Question 81693 on General Practitioners: Insurance, answered on 12th October 2025, how many GPs are covered under the professional indemnity insurance; and what the cost to the public purse of this insurance was in the last 12 months.
- 84N **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to help provide (a)

  atrocity prevention and (b) civilian protection support in El Fasher, Darfur. (87540)
- 85N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she has had discussions with her
  counterpart in Nigeria on the detention of eight children from the Du Merci Christian
  orphanage; and whether she is taking diplomatic steps to secure their release. (87214)

- 86N **Melanie Ward** (Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the
  effectiveness of her Department's Mass Atrocity Prevention Hub for supporting the UK's
  response to the situation in El Fasher, Darfur. (87561)
- 87N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 30 October 2025 to Question 83220 on Army: Public Records, with regards to the criteria of (a) national security, (b) international relations and (c) sensitive personal data, under which of them is Security Service file PF 44288 on Major General JFC Fuller being withheld.
- 88N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will publish the number of hotels that (a) were used and (b) will be used to house asylum seekers in New Forest East constituency in 2025. (87213)
- 89N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, if his Department will engage in a public
  consultation with residents of Rutland before deciding which Local Government
  Reorganisation plan to approve.

  (87416)
- 90N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, if his Department with engage in a public
  consultation with the residents of South Kesteven before deciding which Local
  Government Reorganisation plan to approve.

  (87417)
- 91N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, if his Department will engage in a public
  consultation with the residents of Leicestershire prior to deciding which Local Government
  Reorganisation plans to approve. (87418)
- 92N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what form consultation on local government
  reorganisation proposals will take. (87419)
- 93N Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential
  impact of the judgement in C G Fry & Son Limited v Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government UKSC/2024/0108 on housing delivery. (87299)
- 94N **Jack Rankin** (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing legislation equivalent to New Zealand's Retirement Villages Act 2003 to support the growth of the Integrated Retirement Community sector in the UK. (87630)

- 95N **Vikki Slade** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to amend the (a) Building Safety
  Act 2022 and (b) Building Regulations to ensure (i) building owners and (ii) nominated
  building design professionals can access Building Control records when required. (87604)
- 96N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the status is of the recruitment exercise which closed in November 2024 for Judges of the First-Tier Tribunal; how many applications were received; and how many appointments have been made (a) in total, (b) to the Social Entitlement Tribunal, (c) to the Health Education and Social Care Tribunal, (d) to the Immigration and Asylum Tribunal and (e) to the War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Tribunal.
- 97N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 21 July 2025 to Question 68347 on Immigration: Appeals, when the recruitment exercise commenced in 2024 for the First Tier Tribunal will be completed; and how many vacant posts at the Immigration and Asylum Tribunal will (a) be filled and (b) remain unfilled.
- 98N **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many County Court Judgements were related to vehicle infringements in each of the last five years. (87503)
- 99N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many stage (a) one, and (b) two, complaints were submitted to HM Courts and Tribunals Service in (i) 2024 and (ii) 2025. (87369)
- 100N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the Financial Conduct Authority on ensuring that people with disabilities and without access to mobile phones are not excluded from accessing online quotations and other financial services that require a mobile phone number. (87470)
- 101N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the number of customers accessing pensions prior to the Autumn Budget 2025; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of media coverage of the Budget on pension adequacy throughout retirement. (87287)
- 102N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether it is her policy to protect accrued pension rights when changing the tax treatment of pensions.(87288)
- 103N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many vehicles were leased through the mobility scheme in each year since 2020; and how many of those vehicles were British made. (87366)

104N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of access to affordable credit for (a) people and (b) small businesses in the 100 most deprived communities according to the English indices of multiple deprivation 2025 published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 30 October 2025.

## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 12 November

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department has taken to help ensure that the Infected Blood Compensation Authority claims process is accessible to people whose historic NHS records are difficult to locate.

  (87251)
- 2N **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of reducing VAT on labour costs to 10% for the hair and beauty sector. (87606)

# Questions for Answer on Thursday 13 November

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

1N Kerry McCarthy (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2025 to Question 78048 on General Practitioners: Recruitment, whether he plans to recruit more experienced GPs whose Certificate of Completion of Training Date was more than two years ago. (87252)

# Questions for Answer on Monday 17 November

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Dr Danny Chambers** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether her Department has taken steps to
  help prevent the use of British weapons by the Rapid Support Forces in Sudan. (87592)
- 2N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with her
  international counterparts on the protection of civilians following the capture of El Fasher
  by the Rapid Support Forces on 26 October. (87398)