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Questions tabled on Friday 5 December 2025

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Questions for Answer on Monday 8 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment has been made of the number of domestic boilers sold in England against the number of installations reported to local authority building control. [Transferred] (97199)
- 2 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of trading arrangements with the European Union on British agri-food exporters. [Transferred] (97364)
- 3 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department has had discussions with exporters on sanitary and phytosanitary requirements when trading with the European Union. [Transferred] (97366)
- 4 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department has undertaken a cost-benefit analysis of potential changes to sanitary and phytosanitary procedures applying to UK-EU exports. [Transferred] (97369)
- 5 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many consignments of agri-food products were exported from the UK to the European Union in each (a) week, (b) month and (c) year since July 2024. [Transferred] (97370)

6 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many SPS-related (a) documentary checks, (b) identity checks and (c) physical inspections are carried out on UK agri-food consignments entering the EU each day. [Transferred] (97372)

7 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of consignments of (a) beef, (b) salmon, (c) dairy products, (d) apples and (e) cheese were subject to SPS sampling requirements since 2024. [Transferred] (97375)

8 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the cost of extending Energy Performance Certificate regulations to short-term holiday lets on the finances of owners of those properties. [Transferred] (97251)

9 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what funding his Department has committed to providing specialist support services for survivors of technology-facilitated abuse and online violence against women and girls. [Transferred] (96938)

10 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the removal of business rates relief and business rates revaluation on high street businesses. [Transferred] (97265)

11 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many a) pubs, b) hotels, c) restaurants, d) indoor leisure and e) night clubs will have i) increased, ii) decreased and iii) the same business rates from April 2026. [Transferred] (97266)

12 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of rateable value increases and changes to business rates relief on a) vacancy rates on local high streets, b) jobs, c) businesses closures and d) price levels. [Transferred] (97267)

13 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of higher rateable values and reduced business rates relief on the number of hospitality closures and empty units on high streets over the next three years. [Transferred] (97268)

14 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Box 3.H, and Table 4.1 of the Autumn Budget 2025, HC 1492, 26 November 2025, and to the HMT document, Effects of the business rates retail, hospitality and leisure multipliers and high value multiplier of 26 November 2025, what estimate she has made of the total gross revenue to be raised from the high-value multiplier in 2026-27. [Transferred] (97135)

15 **Alex MAYER** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when her Department plans to publish the consultation on the technical detail of the new small parcels regulatory arrangements. [Transferred] (97053)

16 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has been made of the potential impact of coordinating place-based (a) Government funding and (b) philanthropic, institutional and private sector investment on regional growth. [Transferred] (97208)

17 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how she plans to assess and administer the new high-value property charge; what steps she is taking to prevent avoidance and undervaluation; and whether there will be transitional relief for homeowners whose property value has recently increased due to market fluctuations. [Transferred] (97130)

18 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the number of a) pubs, b) hotels, c) restaurants, d) indoor leisure and e) night clubs whose business rates bill will i) go up ii) stay the same or iii) decrease from April 2026 as a result of the measures announced in Budget 2025. [Transferred] (97260)

19 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of rateable value increases and changes to business rates relief, announced at Budget 2025, on a) vacancy rates on local high streets, b) employment levels, c) businesses closures and d) price levels. [Transferred] (97261)

20 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether it is her policy to reform the business rates system to support physical businesses against online retailers. [Transferred] (97264)

21 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the average customs clearance time was for parcels entering the UK from the EU during the period 1 November to 31 January in each of the last three years. [Transferred] (97381)

22 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the removal of business rates relief and the business rates revaluation on high street businesses. [Transferred] (97411)

23 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her department has made of how many a) pubs b) hotels c) restaurants d) indoor leisure and e) night clubs are expected to see their business rates bill i) go up ii) stay the same or iii) decrease from April 2026 as a result of the measures announced in Budget 2025. [Transferred] (97412)

24 **Joe Robertson** (Isle of Wight East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of rateable value increases and changes to business rates relief announced at Budget 2025 on a) vacancy rates on high streets, b) employment levels, c) businesses closures and d) price levels. [Transferred] (97413)

25 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what guidance or analysis her department has undertaken on the potential impact on high street businesses of the removal of business rates relief and the simultaneous business rates revaluation. [Transferred] (97242)

26 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her department has made of how many a) pubs b) hotels c) restaurants d) indoor leisure and e) night clubs are expected to see their business rates bill i) go up ii) stay the same or iii) decrease from April 2026 as a result of the measures announced in Budget 2025. [Transferred] (97243)

27 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what impact assessments the Government has conducted on the potential effect of rateable value increases and changes to business rates relief, announced at Budget 2025, on a) vacancy rates on local high streets b) job losses c) businesses closures and d) price levels. [Transferred] (97244)

28 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether it remains the Government's policy to reform the business rates system to level the playing field between bricks and mortar businesses and large online businesses. [Transferred] (97247)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 9 December

Questions for Written Answer

1 **Victoria Collins** (Harpden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps the Government is taking to showcase departmental AI pilots, including (a) which tools are being used, (b) what safeguards are in place, and (c) what has succeeded or failed; and whether he will publish accessible case studies to provide templates for responsible AI adoption by SMEs, charities, and public sector organisations. (97580)

2 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, who is responsible for paying the council tax surcharge on Chequers. (97530)

3 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister's Office was consulted on the terms of the exit agreement for Lord Mandelson. (97531)

4 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of third-party campaigner regulations and levels of compliance in England. (97556)

5 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he has taken to raise awareness of voter registration requirements among young people in Surrey Heath constituency. (97595)

6 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to encourage newly eligible young voters to participate in elections in Surrey Heath constituency. (97596)

7 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent assessment his Department has made of fertility trends in Surrey Heath constituency. (97605)

8 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what formal guidance, policies, or risk assessments has the UK government issued to UK research institutions, NHS bodies, and private genomics companies regarding the sharing of genomic data with foreign entities. (97512)

9 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what reporting, monitoring, or public disclosure requirements exist regarding the transfer of UK citizens' genomic data to foreign entities, including approvals, audits, or security assessments conducted. (97515)

10 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, in cases where genomic data has been found to have been transferred in violation of UK law or national security standards, what steps has the government taken or plans to take to remediate these breaches. (97516)

11 **Victoria Collins** (Harpden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support SMEs to (a) implement cybersecurity measures and (b) procure AI systems securely; and whether he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing (i) subsidised support and (ii) guidance to tackle the cost pressures that prevent small businesses from adopting secure-by-design practices. (97575)

12 **Victoria Collins** (Harpden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to develop standards to help with procurement and encourage AI adoption amongst SMEs. (97577)

13 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with local authority trading standards teams about assessing the potential risk of purchasing imported e-bikes and e-scooters, and fire risk from sub standard batteries and chargers. (97546)

14 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with the Welsh government on increasing the economic potential of Holyhead Port relative to UK - Ireland trade. (97548)

15 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of business broadband connectivity speed and reliability on business growth, productivity and competitiveness in (a) Greater Manchester (b) Oldham. (97554)

16 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support the night-time economy in Edmonton and Winchmore Hill constituency. (97535)

17 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions her Department has had with stakeholders to improve tennis facilities in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (97496)

18 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many firms have been fined for not complying with age verification rules in the Online Safety Act 2023. (97497)

19 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of recent steps to tackle problem gambling on online platforms. (97557)

20 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to provide advice and support for headteachers to transition to a smartphone free school. (97536)

21 **Victoria Collins** (Harpden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what comparative assessment she has made of disparities in AI training and support between (a) state and private schools, and (b) high-performing and underperforming schools; and what steps she is taking to address these inequalities. (97578)

22 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what processes are in place to ensure accountability and transparency when GCSE examination scripts are lost by exam boards. (97590)

23 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many incidents of lost exam scripts have been reported to the Department and Ofqual in each of the last two academic years. (97591)

24 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has considered providing sun-safety education in schools. (97641)

25 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has considered including sun-safety lessons in the national curriculum. (97642)

26 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of early interventions in speech and language support. (97645)

27 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve the quality and supply of industry placements for T Levels. (97652)

28 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to support schools and colleges in Newbury in the transition to V Levels. (97653)

29 **Amanda Hack** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) treating stipends for PhD students as income for the purposes of calculating benefit entitlement and (b) not treating when calculating entitlement to free childcare hours on PhD students. (97687)

30 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire are able to offer swimming lessons to pupils. (97492)

31 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to raise the maximum reimbursement Student Finance England can provide for incorrect advice above £500. (97629)

32 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to lower energy prices for people in Newbury constituency. (97636)

33 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of removing all social and environmental levies from electricity bills. (97637)

34 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of increases in electricity capacity charges on (a) consumers and (b) businesses. (97726)

35 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of capacity charges on (a) small and (b) medium sized enterprises. (97727)

36 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that cost recovery mechanisms within the electricity system do not adversely impact small businesses. (97728)

37 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on improving the take up of roof mounted solar retrofit equipment on existing agricultural buildings. (97549)

38 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to prevent the use of cages and other confinement systems for farmed animals. (97537)

39 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to boost flood defences in South Suffolk constituency. (97538)

40 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that sufficient funding for flood prevention is distributed evenly. (97539)

41 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to ensure food and drink sold in the UK is labelled according to RSPCA standards. (97540)

42 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances are classified as Substances of Very High Concern. (97680)

43 **Amanda Hack** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the use of road closures to prevent vehicles disturbing standing water that has collected after heavy rainfall on properties at risk of flooding. (97686)

44 **Alex MAYER** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will take steps to adapt existing farming subsidy schemes to incentivise the (a) housing of (i) pigs and (ii) poultry in woodland and (b) the planting of woodland in permanent pasture to support (A) animal welfare, (B) climate and (C) biodiversity objectives. (97702)

45 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions she has had with waste disposal plant operators on the risk of fire in facilities from disposable items with batteries, such as vape products. (97550)

46 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress her Department has made on phasing out the use of farrowing crates in pig production. (97489)

47 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate her Department has made of how many farms in Somerset and Gloucestershire use farrowing crates in pig production. (97490)

48 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has made representations to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on ensuring that the statutory duties of local highway authorities for the public rights of way network are integrated into the Local Government Outcomes Framework. (97626)

49 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of section 147ZA of the Highways Act 1980 on the rights of disabled people to access the outdoors. (97628)

50 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the answer of 27 October 2025 to Question 83666, how new permanent legal rights of public access will be created through proposals for nine new river walks and three new national forests. (97630)

51 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of long-term, stable funding models for cancer research projects. (97681)

52 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to support research teams undertaking long-term cancer prevention and early-detection research. (97682)

53 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department plans to introduce technological standards on the use of AI. (97541)

54 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the safety of children online in South Suffolk constituency. (97542)

55 **Victoria Collins** (Harpden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to lead international efforts to establish agreed standards for AI safety and ethics in fraud prevention; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the UK's on shaping global AI policies to combat scam operations. (97574)

56 **Victoria Collins** (Harpden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment her Department has made of the level of risk to UK competitiveness from underinvestment in (a) AI and (b) defence technology; and what steps she is taking to ensure that the UK does not fall behind international competitors in AI development and deployment. (97576)

57 **Victoria Collins** (Harpden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what support her Department is providing to enable local authorities to commission AI skills training for SMEs and community groups in their areas. (97579)

58 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she plans to bring forward proposals to expand the remit of the Communications Ombudsman. (97721)

59 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of increasing the powers of the Communications Ombudsman. (97722)

60 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she is taking steps to improve grace periods for parking fines and transparency for the appeal and enforcement process. (97679)

61 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the levels of Network Rail's energy costs. (97699)

62 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the air quality on the rail network; and whether her Department plans to issue updated guidance on air quality on the rail network. (97700)

63 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether Network Rail's debt will be transferred to Great British Railways. (97701)

64 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of recent trends in levels of (a) petrol and (b) diesel prices in West Dorset. (97719)

65 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to support consumers in West Dorset constituency with a) petrol and b) diesel costs. (97720)

66 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the prevalence of mobile phone use while driving in Surrey Heath constituency. (97597)

67 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to support SMEs in the West Midlands to access the Growth and Skills Levy. (97674)

68 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to ensure support is available for vulnerable people in poverty to have improved access to food banks. (97678)

69 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that people with mental health conditions receive reasonable adjustments under Access to Work on an equal basis with those whose disabilities arise from physical health conditions. (97707)

70 **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to ensure that reasonable adjustments for people with mental health conditions recommended through Access to Work are delivered in a timely manner; and what steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for support. (97708)

71 **Zoe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to support private-sector employers implement reasonable adjustments recommended through Access to Work for staff with mental health conditions. (97709)

72 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the number of young people not in (a) education, (b) employment or (c) training in Surrey Heath constituency. (97654)

73 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to tackle pensioner poverty in (a) Surrey and (b) Surrey Heath constituency. (97655)

74 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to support people with mental health illnesses into work in (a) Surrey and (b) Surrey Heath constituency. (97656)

75 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of members of defined benefit pension schemes with pre-1997 service who have received no discretionary pension increases in the last ten years; and what steps he is taking to encourage sponsoring employers and trustees to grant discretionary increases to pre-1997 pension benefits. (97731)

76 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to contact vulnerable individuals in (a) remote and (b) rural areas with low broadband connectivity. (97662)

77 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of ambulance response times in rural areas of the East Midlands; and what steps are being taken to improve response times in those communities. (97508)

78 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average ambulance response time for Category 2 calls was in rural parts of the East Midlands in each of the last 12 months; and how this compares with response times in urban areas in the region. (97509)

79 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to address regional and rural-urban disparities in ambulance response times, with reference to the performance of East Midlands Ambulance Service. (97510)

80 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to expand protected research time for NHS clinicians contributing to research. (97683)

81 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to introduce Lecanemab through the NHS. (97543)

82 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to reintroduce improving dementia diagnosis times into NHS Operational Planning Guidance. (97544)

83 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the recruitment and retention of staff in women's health services. (97562)

84 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that mental health providers in Newbury have the resources they need to support people diagnosed with a serious life-threatening illness. (97638)

85 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Newbury constituency will receive one of the 100 neighbourhood health centres due to be set up by 2030. (97639)

86 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support he is providing to the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire Integrated Care Board to ensure that people are receiving timely treatment for brain cancer. (97647)

87 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce gynaecology waiting lists. (97648)

88 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle health inequalities affecting women. (97649)

89 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to update guidance to GPs on beginning conversations with men at risk of prostate cancer. (97650)

90 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing a new right to kinship care leave. (97651)

91 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what potential new treatments for glioblastoma have been trialled in the NHS. (97568)

92 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment has been made of the volume, proportion and value of food waste in the NHS. (97545)

93 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of MRI scanning waiting lists in (a) all Greater Manchester hospitals (b) Royal Oldham Hospital. (97551)

94 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of recent trends in the level of blood donations by blood type. (97552)

95 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Hospice at Home programme delivered by hospices such as Dr Kershaw's in Oldham on patients. (97553)

96 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of community dementia services in England. (97555)

97 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the network of publicly available defibrillators; whether there are any blackspots; and what steps he is taking to help ensure that all areas have access to defibrillators. (97559)

98 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve integration between NHS services and social care provision in West Dorset constituency. (97666)

99 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of closer NHS and social care integration on reducing the time taken for hospital discharges in West Dorset constituency. (97668)

100 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve integration between social care and NHS services in rural areas. (97670)

101 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of protocols for exchanging medical records electronically between NHS organisations on patients in West Dorset constituency. (97723)

102 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce risks to patients from the electronic exchange of medical records between NHS England and NHS Wales. (97724)

103 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of ensuring electronic medical record systems in NHS England and NHS Wales can exchange patient information more easily. (97725)

104 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve early diagnosis of cardiovascular disease in primary care in North East Somerset and Hanham constituency. (97487)

105 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on reducing waiting times for children requiring speech and language therapy. (97488)

106 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of specialist support for paediatric medical emergencies in Surrey Heath constituency. (97599)

107 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of volunteer emergency responders in Surrey Heath constituency. (97600)

108 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure timely access to treatment for children experiencing sudden medical emergencies in Surrey Heath constituency. (97601)

109 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to improve (a) recognition and (b) support for volunteer emergency responders in Surrey Heath constituency. (97602)

110 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of standards of care for older patients in acute hospital settings in Surrey Heath constituency. (97603)

111 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of staff training programmes relating to patient (a) nutrition, (b) care planning and (c) recordkeeping within NHS services in Surrey Heath constituency. (97604)

112 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of rough sleeping in (a) Surrey and (b) Surrey Heath constituency during winter 2025-26 on the health of rough sleepers. (97667)

113 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that the findings and recommendations of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry are incorporated into future pandemic planning and preparedness exercises. (97697)

114 **Jo Platt** (Leigh and Atherton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the reports by the UK Covid-19 Inquiry. (97698)

115 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support people living with multiple sclerosis to access timely, high-quality care and treatment in Mid Buckinghamshire constituency. (97564)

116 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the NHS England Neurology Transformation Programme on access to specialised neurology care, including care from specialist nurses, for people living with multiple sclerosis. (97565)

117 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with operators of housing-with-care schemes on international best practice in relation to tenure. (97610)

118 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to incorporate transnational repression into the UK's human rights reporting frameworks. (97660)

119 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help ensure that British investors and pension funds are not prevented from challenging harmful actions by Chinese actors in Cayman Islands courts. (97569)

120 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of countries withdrawing from the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction on the integrity of the Convention. (97714)

121 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the National Security Adviser discussed media freedoms in his recent meeting with President Vučić. (97684)

122 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what action her Department is taking to tackle anti-social behaviour in rural towns and villages in South Shropshire constituency. (97587)

123 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what funding is available from her Department for local crime prevention measures in rural areas. (97588)

124 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans her Department has to end the for-profit system of housing people seeking asylum. (97635)

125 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department collects on incidents of transnational repression. (97658)

126 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to assess and prevent the transnational repression of Sudanese nationals and their families. (97659)

127 **Zoe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of information-sharing arrangements between the National Crime Agency, Action Fraud, the Police and relevant professional regulators; and what plans she has to improve interoperability and avoid administrative duplication. (97713)

128 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to prevent immigration rules abuse where people on tourist visas claim asylum. (97493)

129 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people resident in the UK are recorded on the National DNA Database. (97494)

130 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of cameras used in facial recognition technology are made in the UK. (97495)

131 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish the nationalities of people detained for removal caught working illegally as delivery drivers. (97498)

132 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many refused asylum seekers are classified as absconders. (97688)

133 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what percentage of absconders encountered by police have been detained by police in each of the last three years. (97689)

134 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many absconders released on bail have committed further offences in each of the last three years. (97691)

135 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what percentage of people on immigration bail absconded again in each of the last three years. (97692)

136 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the estimated average time is before an absconder going missing and a police report is filed. (97693)

137 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what percentage of absconders have remained in the UK as a result of (a) unresolved legal appeals and (b) last-minute claims in each of the last three years. (97694)

138 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of absconders could not be removed because their home countries would not issue travel documents in each of the last three years. (97695)

139 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of absconders have only been found after an arrest for a separate offence in each of the last three years. (97696)

140 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the capacity of local collision investigation teams in Surrey Heath constituency. (97598)

141 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the British Transport Police's crime-screening policy introduced in August 2024, if she will publish the formal guidance for pedal-cycle theft (J13) and the operational factors used to determine when an offence is progressed to investigation; and if she will publish quarterly data showing the number of (a) pedal-cycle thefts reported, (b) investigated, and (c) closed without investigation, broken down by (i) cycle value and the (ii) availability of (A) CCTV and (B) witness evidence. (97607)

142 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the impact of the British Transport Police's screening policy, including any value or time-window criteria on (a) cycle-theft reporting rates at railway stations and (b) public confidence in the policing of station environments; and whether she has discussions with British Transport Police on ensuring pedal-cycle thefts with available CCTV evidence are investigated. (97608)

143 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that the British Transport Police works with (a) her Department, (b) Network Rail and (b) train operating companies to reduce pedal-cycle theft at railway stations, including through collaboration on prevention measures such as secure cycle parking, lighting and CCTV coverage. (97609)

144 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of gambling harms among serving members of the Armed Forces. (97676)

145 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the NHS on improving prevention and treatment of gambling harms among Armed Forces personnel and veterans. (97677)

146N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what funding is in place for the Ministry of Defence to purchase 8 Type-26 ships. [Transferred] (97148)

147N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, in which financial year will UK NATO declared defence spending will rise above 2.6 per cent of GDP.

[Transferred] (97150)

148 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the suitability of accommodation at HMS Caledonia. (97582)

149 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to increase the number of people who can be accommodated at HMS Caledonia. (97583)

150 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will provide a breakdown of the current accommodation available at HMS Caledonia including (i) room type, (ii) capacity and (iii) construction date. (97584)

151 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much money his Department has spent on (i) maintaining and (ii) improving accommodation at HMS Caledonia in each of the last 10 years. (97585)

152 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish all document titles from the Merlin database that have been declassified by the Atomic Weapons Establishment. (97491)

153 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many defence SMEs in South West Devon constituency have a) applied for and b) received funding from the Defence Innovation Fund. (97631)

154 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many defence SMEs in South West Devon constituency have a) applied for and b) received funding from the Exploration Fund. (97632)

155 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many defence SMEs in South West Devon constituency have a) applied for and b) received funding from the Defence and Security Accelerator. (97633)

156 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment this Department has made of trends in the level of recruitment and retention levels across the armed forces in the latest reporting period. (97611)

157 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to improve accommodation standards for service personnel living in single living accommodation. (97612)

158 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average waiting time is for repairs requested through the Defence Infrastructure Organisation. (97613)

159 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of construction costs on the armed forces estate modernisation programme. (97614)

160 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to accelerate the rollout of new personal protective equipment for frontline personnel. (97615)

161 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the readiness of deployable military units. (97616)

162 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of cyber-security resilience within Defence Digital systems. (97617)

163 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to expand mental health support services for (a) serving personnel and (b) veterans. (97618)

164 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent estimate the Department has made of the total cost of tackling the maintenance backlog across the defence estate. (97619)

165 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the waiting times for Armed Forces Compensation Scheme claims. (97620)

166 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of defence industrial capacity to support long-term equipment programmes. (97621)

167 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the proportion of service accommodation deemed to be below acceptable quality standards. (97622)

168 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to improve the UK's ability to counter emerging drone-based threats. (97623)

169 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's timetable is for the delivery of key equipment upgrades under the Integrated Procurement Model. (97624)

170 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the availability of training opportunities for reservists in the last 12 months. (97625)

171 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the resilience of military supply chains for critical components and materials. (97627)

172 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will reinstate financial support for the development of neighbourhood plans. (97586)

173 **Sir James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled Social and Affordable Homes Programme 2026-2036: MHCLG policy statement to accompany guidance to bidders from Homes England and the Greater London Authority, published on 7 November 2025, if he will set out the timetable to set RDEL and CDEL figures for funding the affordable housing programme in (a) 2026-27, (b) 2027-28 and (c) 2028-29. (97519)

174 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what immediate steps his Department is taking to help reduce levels of homelessness and rough sleeping. (97643)

175 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support he is providing to local authorities to ensure they receive additional dedicated funding for homelessness services. (97644)

176 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what metrics his Department will use to assess whether the Renters' Rights Act 2025 is achieving its stated objectives and its impact on the housing market more broadly. (97646)

177 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Further to the written statement of 4 December 2025, HCWS1128, on Devolution Priority Programme, whether the (a) Electoral Commission or (b) Labour Party were (1) consulted or (2) informed of the decision to cancel the scheduled mayoral elections in May 2026. (97525)

178 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Pursuant to the answer of 26 November 2025, to Question 92034, on Electoral Register: Absent Voting, whether his department has had discussions with the Parliamentary Parties Panel on this issue. [R] (97526)

179 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will make it his policy to issue guidance to councils on protecting political free speech and freedom of association. (97527)

180 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of a pub vaping ban on the viability of local pubs which are designated as local community assets. (97528)

181 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Further to the written statement of 4 December 2025, HCWS1128, on Devolution Priority Programme, what is the criteria that he will use to determine whether local council elections scheduled for 2026 are (a) held as currently scheduled, (b) postponed or (c) cancelled. (97529)

182 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on practices for the safe evacuation of high rise buildings in the event of fire as building heights increase to over 70 stories. (97547)

183 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that development firms meet their agreed affordable housing commitments in West Dorset. (97672)

184 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of developers reducing affordable housing delivery on local housing need in West Dorset. (97717)

185 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that development firms (a) meet national affordable housing targets and (b) do not reduce delivery on viability grounds. (97718)

186 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to help improve voter participation in Surrey Heath constituency. (97593)

187 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of voter registration among young people in Surrey Heath constituency. (97594)

188 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the support available to people sleeping rough in (a) Surrey and (b) Surrey Heath constituency during winter 2025-26. (97664)

189 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what funding has been allocated to homelessness services in (a) Surrey and (b) Surrey Heath constituency for winter 2025-26. (97669)

190 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of emergency accommodation capacity in (a) Surrey and (b) Surrey Heath constituency during winter 2025-2026. (97673)

191 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what his policy is on the treatment of surplus funds held by district councils, including West Devon Borough Council and South Hams District Council, in the event that those authorities are incorporated into a new unitary authority; and whether such surpluses will be used to offset the existing debts of other authorities within the proposed unitary structure. (97634)

192 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the single persons council tax discount to 50%. (97606)

193 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of removing juries from trials on an individual's right to a free and fair trial. (97640)

194 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, in light of the recent ruling on 51Job, Inc. by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands, what steps he is taking to ensure that Overseas Territory courts comply with Privy Council rulings in cases involving (a) British investors and (b) pension funds. (97571)

195 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what criteria the Crown Prosecution Service uses to determine whether to (a) release an absconder on bail and (b) bail them. (97690)

196 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of proposals to remove jury trials for offences other than the most serious crimes on defendants' rights. (97732)

197 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is planning to take to ensure that public confidence in the criminal justice system is maintained if the use of jury trials is reduced. (97733)

198 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Right hon. Member for Kenilworth and Southam, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, pursuant to the written statement of 4 December 2025, HCWS1128, on Devolution Priority Programme, whether the Government consulted the Electoral Commission on the cancellation of the 2026 mayoral elections. (97532)

199 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will review the adequacy of assessment criteria for establishing banking hubs. (97589)

200 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an estimate of (a) the number of retail investors and (b) the total value of investments affected by the collapse of High Street Group mini-bonds and related schemes; and what assessment she has made of the implications of that case for the regulation of unauthorised investment products. (97503)

201 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the redress and support mechanisms available to retail investors who have suffered losses in unauthorised mini-bond schemes that fall outside the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, including High Street Group. (97504)

202 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions she has had with the banking sector and the Payment Systems Regulator on improving the ability of banks to identify and flag potentially suspicious payments linked to unauthorised investment schemes such as High Street Group; and whether she will make an assessment of the case for enhanced tracing and recovery arrangements in such cases. (97505)

203 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she will ask the Financial Conduct Authority and other relevant bodies to review their handling of intelligence and complaints relating to High Street Group and similar unauthorised mini-bond schemes; and to publish any lessons learned on consumer protection. (97506)

204 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of how the proposed new regulatory regime for non-transferable securities and mini-bonds would have applied to the High Street Group scheme had it been in force at the time; and what conclusions she has drawn from that assessment for the position of people impacted by that scheme. (97507)

205 **Alex Ballinger** (Halesowen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support access to finance for SMEs in the West Midlands. (97675)

206N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what percentage of GDP will be spent on the MOD budget in the financial year that NATO declared defence spending will increase to 3 per cent of GDP. [Transferred] (97151)

207 **Zoe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Loan Charge review, what steps her Department are taking to ensure consistency and fairness for individuals who have already settled their cases, compared to the concessions and reliefs now available to others who did not. (97710)

208 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department uses wellbeing metrics in the context of policy development. [R] (97716)

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Questions for Written Answer

1N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what criteria does the Government use to determine whether a company constitutes a threat to national security and is thus placed under investigation by the Procurement Act 2023. (97511)

2N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what mechanisms are in place to ensure that UK institutions and companies comply with the GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018, and other relevant national security requirements when sharing genomic data internationally. (97514)

3N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to WPQ 94153, what discussions she has had with representatives of the road haulage industry to help ensure sufficient capacity exists to meet demand given the change in numbers declaring insolvency. (97501)

4N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many transport companies were registered with the Standard Industrial Classification code 49410 for freight transport by road in (a) 2019 and (b) 2024. (97502)

5N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what mechanisms within the UK-US Economic Prosperity Deal will ensure that pharmaceutical products launched in the UK with a lower price than in the US will not trigger Most Favoured Nation rebates. (97663)

6N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the US Trade Representative's press release entitled U.S. Government Announces Agreement in Principle with the United Kingdom on Pharmaceutical Pricing, published on 1 December 2025, what the other commitments referred to are. (97685)

7N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how does the government assess the risks to UK citizens' personal data and national security when collaborating with foreign genomics companies, especially in countries with restrictive or divergent data-security regimes. (97513)

8N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to ensure that farmers are protected from the monopsony sugar beet processor. (97706)

9N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she expects HS2 Limited to complete its review of the timetable for releasing land for redevelopment at the Washwood Heath rolling stock maintenance yard. (97499)

10N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to WPQ 95613. whether she has had confirmation from Stellantis that all vehicles have been checked, declared safe to drive and returned to owners. (97500)

11N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of the rail fare freeze. (97572)

12N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what is the planned timetable for the reassessment of carers allowance overpayments as a result of incorrect operational guidance. (97703)

13N **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will ensure that carers are not being pursued for overpayments where this was incurred due to incorrect operational guidance. (97704)

14N **Mary Glindon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2025 to Question 70441 on Health Services: Disadvantaged, what his Department's planned timescale is for the publication of an (a) impact statement and (b) equalities impact assessment for the 10-Year Health Plan. (97517)

15N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the capped VPAG rate referred to in the UK-US Economic Prosperity Deal will only apply to pharmaceutical products of US origin. (97665)

16N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment has been made of the adequacy of winter capacity in (a) all Greater Manchester hospitals and (b) Royal Oldham Hospital. (97592)

17N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of NHS hospitals have 24 hours pharmacy dispensing for patients being discharged. (97705)

18N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many ward clerks are employed (a) in England and (b) in A&E departments. (97711)

19N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many bed clerks are employed in (a) England and (b) A&E departments. (97712)

20N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the United Kingdom has ceased sharing intelligence with the United States regarding suspected drug-trafficking vessels in the Caribbean. (97533)

21N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with her United States counterpart on airstrikes in the Caribbean and compliance with international law. (97534)

22N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the recent ruling on 51Job, Inc. by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands, what steps he is taking to ensure that Cayman Islands institutions have the (a) capability and (b) willingness to protect (i) British investors and (ii) pension funds from harmful actions by Chinese actors. (97570)

23N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of ending the use of asylum hotels on the use of dispersed accommodation in areas like Oldham; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of routinely publishing the number of properties procured for dispersed accommodation. (97558)

24N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many complaints have been referred to Professional Standards Unit in last five years, how were they categorised and how many were (a) upheld and (b) rejected. (97566)

25N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department plans to give councils additional planning powers to help tackle unwanted uses such as barbers, vape shops and betting shops. (97561)

26N **James McMurdo** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the interim Combined County Authority will be responsible for determining the allocation of initial funding in the context of the cancellation of the 2026 mayoral election in Greater Essex. (97715)

27N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of reforms to jury trials on minority ethnic groups. (97486)

28N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when he plans to visit HMP Wandsworth. (97518)

29N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2025 to Question 94768 on Criminal Proceedings: Evidence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of lost, missing and damaged evidence collapsed court cases in the context of steps taken to reduce the court backlog and deliver successful trials; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of collating adequate data. (97560)

30N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of retail, hospitality and leisure businesses will be eligible to receive transitional relief for business rates in 2026-27. (97661)

31N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the net fiscal cost of freezing rail prices in each of the next five years. (97573)

32N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what are the Zone A rates for retail properties used to calculate the business rates due in (a) Aberystwyth, (b) Tregaron, (c) Aberaeron, (d) Lampeter, (e) Llandysul, (f) Cardigan, (g) St Dogmaels, (h) Crymych, (i) Fishguard, (j) Goodwick and k) Clunderwen. (97671)

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1N **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of firework regulations in protecting animals and vulnerable people; and whether he plans to review the existing framework. (97567)

2N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to include education on suicide and suicide prevention as a mandatory topic within the national curriculum. (97657)

3N **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will consider establishing a duty on all government departments to consider nature recovery in their work. (97581)

4N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps does the Child Maintenance Service have in place to calculate arrears for maintenance payments. (97520)

5N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Child Maintenance Service cases in the latest year involved a variation request relating to unearned income such as dividends, rental income, or bonuses: and in what proportion of those cases the variation was granted. (97521)

6N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what modelling has the Department conducted on using real-time earnings data to enable immediate recalculation, including (a) real-time PAYE and (b) self-assessment data. (97522)

7N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what long term reforms to Child Maintenance Service digital services are being considered, including in relation to (a) online self service for parents, (b) real time information sharing with HMRC, and (c) data sharing with the courts. (97523)

8N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what measures are in place to ensure that constituency casework can be resolved efficiently, including integration of ministerial databases, improved online access, and prompt communication of case updates. (97524)

9N **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the number of additional NHS appointments delivered between (a) July 2024 and June 2025 and (b) July 2023 and June 2024. (97563)

10N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were detained at Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre on 5 December 2025 by reason for detention. (97729)

11N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many members of the Independent Monitoring Board for Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre have been appointed; and what the names of those members are. (97730)