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Questions tabled on Tuesday 9 December 2025

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 10 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Solicitor General, what assessment he has made of the (a) adequacy of the uptake and (b) effectiveness of the Victim Right to Review pilot. [Transferred] (98178)
- 2 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the level of net migration in the year ending 2025 on (a) overall population growth and (b) population density in major towns and cities. [Transferred] (98282)
- 3 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a programme to subsidise domestic electric battery manufacturing. [Transferred] (98085)
- 4 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the government intends to equalise the National Living Wage rates for workers over 18 years old. [Transferred] (97870)
- 5 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the prevalence of (a) loneliness and (b) social isolation in (i) Surrey and (ii) Surrey Heath constituency. [Transferred] (98116)
- 6 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the public health impacts of loneliness in Surrey Heath constituency. [Transferred] (98118)

- 7 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to reduce loneliness among (a) younger and (b) older demographics in Surrey Heath constituency. [Transferred] (98124)
- 8N **Sir Gavin Williamson** (Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (97514)
- 9 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to ensure that temporary conditions are properly considered under the Blue Badge application process. [Transferred] (97953)
- 10 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the (a) online and (b) written Blue Badge application process. [Transferred] (97954)
- 11 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have used from the Motability scheme in each of the last five years; and what has been the cost to the public purse of that scheme. [Transferred] (97810)
- 12 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent discussions he has had with local authorities on the level of (a) employment and (b) training support provided to job seekers. [Transferred] (97932)
- 13 **Mr Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what clinical monitoring arrangements are in place for Palestine Action activists on hunger strike; and whether hospital care will be provided if medically advised. [Transferred] (98310)
- 14 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of issuing guidance to retailers on reducing the cost of infant formula for low-income families on that cost. [Transferred] (97835)
- 15 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will publish a copy of the model contract for Ambassadors and Heads of Mission. [Transferred] (97798)
- 16 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the level of economic loss from AI-enabled fraud and scams. [Transferred] (97969)
- 17 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many grooming gangs her Department is aware of operating in London. [Transferred] (98266)

- 18 **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has considered introducing lower-interest borrowing facilities for housing associations. [Transferred] (98066)
- 19 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has had discussions with the National Fire Chiefs Council on the potential risk of wildfires crossing into urban areas. [Transferred] (97928)
- 20 **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment has been made of the effectiveness of electoral law governing crypto digital currency donations to UK political parties. [Transferred] (97886)
- 21 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to ensure that UK steel producers are not subject to additional decarbonisation-related charges that could impact their competitiveness relative to overseas producers. [Transferred] (98110)
- 22 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to include indirect emissions in the scope of the UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism before 2029. [Transferred] (98139)
- 23 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what guidance her Department has issued to UK Businesses on the potential impact of the (a) removal of business rates relief and (b) business rates revaluation on high street businesses. [Transferred] (97877)
- 24 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) pubs, (b) hotels, (c) restaurants, (d) indoor leisure facilities and (e) night clubs that will have their business rates bill (i) increase, (ii) remain the same, and (iii) decrease from April 2026 as a result of the measures announced in the Autumn Budget 2025. [Transferred] (97878)
- 25 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Autumn Budget 2025, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed change to (a) rateable value and (b) business rates relief on (i) vacancy rates, (ii) job losses, (iii) business closures and (iv) price levels on local high streets. [Transferred] (97879)
- 26 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) the combined effect of higher rateable values and (b) reduced business rates relief on the number of (i) hospitality closures and (ii) empty units on high streets over the next three years. [Transferred] (97880)
- 27 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): 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] (97819)

- 28 **Sir Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of houses in Sutton Coldfield constituency which will incur council tax surcharges from 2028. [Transferred] (97744)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 11 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the answer of 21 November 2025 to question UIN 90771, what steps he is taking to monitor the performance of the handover of the new Civil Service Pension Scheme contract to Capita, including monitoring and taking action on missed payments to new pensioners and reported errors in the new online portal. (98636)
- 2 **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which Ministers are responsible for overseeing the implementation of the recommendations of the Nuclear Regulatory Review 2025; and if he will set out the timeline for their implementation. (98340)
- 3 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the proportion of tyres procured in the last 12 months for (a) central government and (b) local government heavy vehicle fleets—including lorries, buses and refuse vehicles—were retreaded tyres; and whether the Government holds data on the volume of single-use imported tyres purchased for these fleets. (98721)
- 4 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of a UK-EU Customs Union Deal for economic growth. (98715)
- 5 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance has been issued to help civil servants distinguish between acceptable network activity and activity that may breach impartiality rules. (98587)
- 6 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, to ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office further to the Answer of 4 November 2025, to Question 85708, on Honours: Forfeiture, if he will publish the criteria for removal from the Roll of the Peerage. (98529)
- 7 **Mr Will Forster** (Woking): To ask the hon. Member for Battersea, representing the Church Commissioners, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the end of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on (a) Christ Church in Woking and (b) other community services run by Churches. (98646)

- 8 **Dr Scott Arthur** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to ensure businesses selling e-scooters and e-bikes make customers aware of the legal restrictions on the use of those products. (98632)
- 9 **Charlie Dewhirst** (Bridlington and The Wolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the combined effect of higher rateable values and reduced business rates relief on (a) the number of hospitality businesses and (b) vacancy rates on high streets over the next three years. (98629)
- 10 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the mandatory licensing scheme for builders provides adequate protections for homeowners who hire builders to complete work. (98620)
- 11 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to provide support to people who have hired a registered builder where the work has not been completed due to that builder entering liquidation. (98621)
- 12 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to increase requirements for builders to hold licensing fees. (98622)
- 13 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the Government is providing additional support to crayfish companies affected by recent changes to licensing requirements. (98623)
- 14 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to monitor the level of administrative charges by Royal Mail applied to unstamped mail. (98559)
- 15 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps the Government is taking to support the UK tyre retreading industry in the context of rising imports of single-life budget tyres; and what assessment the Government has made of the impact of such imports on circular economy objectives and domestic manufacturing jobs. (98722)
- 16 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2025 to Question 85806, on what evidential basis his Department chose to issue a call for evidence rather than a consultation. (98419)
- 17 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2025 to Question 85808, if he will publish all responses received to the call for evidence on proposed licensing reforms. (98420)
- 18 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2025 to Question 85812, whether he plans to introduce his Department's proposed reforms to alcohol licensing through (a) legislative changes to the Licensing Act 2003 or (b) regulatory guidance. (98421)

- 19 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2025 to Questions 85811 and 85813, if he will publish all evidence received by the Licensing Taskforce (a) during meetings and (b) through written evidence or other stakeholder engagement. (98422)
- 20N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment his Department has made of the economic impact of Small Business Saturday on high streets and local economies. [Transferred] (97829)
- 21 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Autumn Budget 2025 on the mental health of (a) publicans and (b) people working in the hospitality sector. (98699)
- 22 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what information her Department holds on the proportion of concert ticketing companies that allow disabled customers who are using accessible seating to have one accompanying person with them. (98698)
- 23 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she is taking steps to align her Department's work on enrichment, including the Enrichment Framework, the Enrichment Expansion Programme, the forthcoming Schools White Paper and the independent Curriculum and Assessment Review, with the design and scope of the Dormant Assets Fund. (98617)
- 24 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the National Lottery Community Fund on the design and scope of the Dormant Assets Fund. (98618)
- 25 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that any reforms to SEND will not change the provision for existing enforceable rights under the Children and Families Act 2014. (98569)
- 26 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of centralising SEND funding on the needs of individual children. (98570)
- 27 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of enabling voluntary controlled schools to apply for urgent capital support funding. (98665)
- 28 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of enabling voluntary controlled schools to apply for the condition improvement fund. (98666)
- 29 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support school condition allocations-funded schools with urgent school estate upgrades. (98668)

- 30 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve (a) universal, (b) targeted and (c) specialist speech, language and communication support for children in schools. (98528)
- 31 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data her Department holds on the number of primary and secondary schools in England that include teaching on organ donation within the Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum; and whether her Department plans to (a) collect and (b) publish further information on that topic. (98438)
- 32 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support small village primary schools with low pupil numbers to remain financially stable. (98601)
- 33 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding arrangements for village primary schools with low pupil numbers. (98602)
- 34 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure there are enforceable lines of accountability between schools, governing bodies, local authorities, including Local Authority Designated Officers, Ofsted and the Independent Schools Inspectorate and the police when responding to cases of child on child sexual abuse; and if she will publish updated statutory guidance specifying who is responsible for initial safeguarding decisions, oversight, timescales for action and independent review. (98572)
- 35 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to create an independent stage of complaint for parents in safeguarding cases where a school or governing body has already determined its own conduct in relation to child on child sexual abuse. (98573)
- 36 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will introduce national response timescales for schools and local authorities to investigate allegations of child on child sexual abuse, to provide written outcomes to families and to advise parents on independent routes of redress; and if she will require standardised record keeping and disclosure to parents within set deadlines. (98574)
- 37 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what mechanisms currently allow Ofsted and the Independent Schools Inspectorate to conduct targeted safeguarding inspections where there is evidence of systemic mishandling of child-on-child sexual abuse; and if she will review inspection handbooks to include specific triggers and mandatory follow-up actions. (98576)

- 38 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how her Department monitors local authority compliance with their duty under section 19 of the Education Act 1996 to provide suitable education without delay for children who are out of school following incidents of child-on-child sexual abuse; and whether she plans to introduce statutory timescales for such provision. (98578)
- 39 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to require enhanced training for headteachers, Designated Safeguarding Leads and school governors on the handling of child-on-child sexual abuse, including training on record keeping, victim safeguarding and avoidance of secondary victimisation. (98579)
- 40 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will establish a cross-government protocol with the Home Office and the Department of Health and Social Care setting out roles, referral routes and timescales between schools, police forces and health services when responding to allegations of child-on-child sexual abuse. (98580)
- 41 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the current use of AI in schools. (98404)
- 42 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how he will make sure those on heat networks with no direct relationship with their energy supplier will benefit the reductions in energy bills announced in the budget. (98635)
- 43 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what definition his Department uses for new exploration in the context of a Transitional Energy Certificate; and whether that definition includes seismic activity. (98692)
- 44 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for what reason an official hold to all PV battery installations have been held under the Warm Homes: Local Grant Scheme; and whether his Department plans for this to be lifted. (98730)
- 45 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of electricity prices. (98414)
- 46 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to encourage public bodies to prioritise the purchase of produce from (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (98351)
- 47 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in addition to banning trophy hunting imports, what further plans she has to prevent British firms from selling hunting holidays. (98506)

- 48 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what financial support his Department plans to provide to help farmers transition to higher-welfare, lower-input systems that are resilient to market shocks. (98687)
- 49 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she plans to introduce farming payments to help support animal welfare outcomes. (98688)
- 50 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when she plans to introduce the activity regulations for the Animals (Low Welfare Activities Abroad) Act 2023. (98689)
- 51 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if her Department will take steps to stop the expansion of low-welfare farms. (98690)
- 52 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of ending the routine culling of day-old male chicks in the UK egg industry; and whether she plans to encourage the use of in-ovo sexing technology through the development of an animal welfare strategy. (98691)
- 53 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will ban the live sale of decapod crustaceans to the public to be consumed as food to ensure compliance with the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 2015. (98725)
- 54 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions she has had with her counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to the second outbreak of blue tongue in Portaferry. (98401)
- 55 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps her Department has taken to address extreme flooding. (98402)
- 56 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to support the development of sustainable aquaculture. (98503)
- 57 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate her Department has made of the number of waste-processing facilities currently operating with expired permits. (98504)
- 58 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to improve water quality monitoring in designated bathing areas. (98505)

- 59 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she plans to take steps to require all major broadband providers to operate with an internal audit function. (98616)
- 60 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to create a cross-department, nation-wide AI strategy in the next 12 months. (98648)
- 61 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department has taken to identify sectors of the economy in which AI should not replace human productivity or experience. (98649)
- 62 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if her Department will convene a cross-government summit with key tech companies and trade unions to discuss the future impact of AI and ASI on jobs, the economy and society. (98651)
- 63 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of self-assessments provided by social media companies on risks of hosting suicide, self-harm and depression-related content in the context of Ofcom's recent analysis of platform risk. (98637)
- 64 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of Ofcom's effectiveness in responding to harmful suicide, self-harm and depression-related content online. (98638)
- 65 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions she has had with Ofcom on protecting children and young people online. (98639)
- 66 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of Ofcom's performance in enforcing the Online Safety Act 2023. (98640)
- 67 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that content relating to women's health is not inappropriately restricted or shadow-banned on social media platforms; and whether her Department has issued to platforms on safeguarding access to educational health information. (98650)
- 68 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has considered the potential merits of the mitigation of potential future risks from non-human, autonomous AI systems which may evade human oversight and control. (98531)

- 69 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she has taken to improve computer literacy rates amongst elderly people in a) England and b) Romford constituency. (98390)
- 70 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she has taken to reduce the rate of digital exclusion among elderly people in a) England and b) Romford constituency. (98391)
- 71 **Mark Sowards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Education on the role of the mathematical sciences within future Strategic Priorities Grant funding. (98630)
- 72 **Mark Sowards** (Leeds South West and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what internal discussions her Department has had on the allocation of funding for the mathematical sciences within the 2026-27 Strategic Priorities Grant. (98631)
- 73 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of the level of use of virtual private networks since July 2025. (98654)
- 74 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how she is engaging with aviation workers and their unions about increasing the sustainability of aviation policy, including through the the Airports National Policy Statement review (ANPS) and its review of the Jet Zero strategy; and will she consider deliberative and participatory consultation methods such as a Workers' or Citizens' Assembly. (98633)
- 75 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to reduce the cost to (a) the public purse, and (b) farepayers of the cost of maintaining payments to the current Rolling Stock companies (ROSCOs). (98634)
- 76 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what consideration his Department has given to reviewing diversion routes for A34 closures to ensure that country lanes are not used. (98615)
- 77 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of updating the collection of STATS19 national collision statistics to allow for differentiation between motorcycles and mopeds. (98345)
- 78 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to reduce rail fares after taking franchises into public ownership. (98347)

- 79 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure that people in Lincolnshire can access competitive fuel prices through the Fuel Finder scheme. (98350)
- 80 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to reduce waste and raw material consumption in government fleet maintenance including through the use of retreading. (98723)
- 81 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate she has made of the number of DVSA employees eligible to conduct Individual Vehicle Approval tests by a) individual test centre and b) region. (98603)
- 82 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of closing test centres on businesses reliant on individual vehicle approval testing. (98604)
- 83 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to increase individual vehicle approval testing capacity. (98605)
- 84 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to prioritise individual vehicle approval testing for vehicles commissioned for essential purposes, such as a) emergency healthcare or b) home-to-school education. (98606)
- 85 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the time taken for driving tests and MOTs. (98407)
- 86 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve electric vehicle charging provision. (98408)
- 87 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with British Airways on reducing the number of cancelled flights. (98410)
- 88 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve regional air travel. (98411)
- 89 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the comparative operational performance of publicly owned rail operators versus privately owned rail operators since December 2024. (98656)
- 90 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether any train operator has failed to meet its performance benchmarks since entering public ownership. (98657)

- 91 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many private hire vehicles and drivers licensed by out-of-area authorities have been recorded as operating in (a) Hampshire and (b) Surrey in the most recent period for which data is available. (98705)
- 92 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when he plans to make a decision on a compensation scheme for women impacted by State Pension age changes. (98624)
- 93 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the time taken to decide on a compensation scheme for women impacted by State Pension age changes on those women. (98625)
- 94 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate his Department has made of the number of children in Poole constituency who will become newly eligible for support measures introduced under the Child Poverty Strategy. (98611)
- 95 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to monitor the quality of paid services offering assistance with Attendance Allowance applications. (98553)
- 96 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of unemployment in the West Midlands. (98475)
- 97 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of youth unemployment in the West Midlands. (98476)
- 98 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential impact of the salary sacrifice pension scheme changes announced in the Autumn Budget 2025 on the value of occupational pension funds. (98477)
- 99 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the financial impact of future welfare spending on the economy. (98478)
- 100 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many face-to-face assessments for benefit claimants have taken place since 1 January 2024. (98479)

- 101 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average number of working days lost to sickness absence per full-time equivalent member of staff was in (a) the Department and (b) its executive agencies in the last year; and how many formal performance warnings were issued to staff whose absence exceeded departmental triggers. (98538)
- 102 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of departmental staff were promoted (a) in-grade and (b) to a higher grade in the last year broken down by (i) performance marking in the previous year and (ii) grade. (98539)
- 103 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of departmental staff in each grade were rated in the top performance category in the last year. (98540)
- 104 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the total cost was of (a) settlement agreements and (b) special severance payments made to departing departmental staff in the last year. (98541)
- 105 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, in the past twelve months, how many disciplinary cases were concluded against civil servants in (a) the Department and (b) its agencies broken down by (i) outcome and (ii) whether the primary allegation related to (A) performance and (B) conduct. (98542)
- 106 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to support more young people into work. (98436)
- 107 **Lisa Smart** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the receipt of combined monthly benefit payments on claimants with (a) severe mental health conditions and (b) reduced capacity. (98568)
- 108 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff in his Department are permitted to undertake diversity-related network time during core working hours; and what proportion of overall working time are they permitted to spend on such network activity. (98586)
- 109 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his department is taking to ensure that members of the armed forces are not penalised in child maintenance claims where they are unable to meet contact night thresholds due to the obligations of active service. (98452)
- 110 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his department has plans to implement the recommendations in Turn2us's report entitled From stigma to support, published in October 2025. (98453)

- 111 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the planned increase to the basic State Pension will apply to additional pension payments. (98495)
- 112 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many of the first-wave Neighbourhood Health Centre sites have prioritised neurology within a) initial service plans and b) delivery models. (98589)
- 113 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance has been issued to Neighbourhood Health Centre sites on integrating specialist neurology services with neighbourhood-based care teams. (98590)
- 114 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the commitment to end the discharge of newborn babies into bed and breakfast accommodation or other unsuitable shared housing applies to all families, including those seeking asylum and those subject to No Recourse to Public Funds. [R] (98565)
- 115 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he will publish the outcome of the Healthy Start extension for families with the No Recourse to Public Funds condition; and whether a timeline has been set for bringing the scheme into law. [R] (98566)
- 116 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide an update on the rollout of a Fracture Liaison Service, due to be implemented by 2030. (98567)
- 117 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the collection of data on triple-negative breast cancer. (98644)
- 118 **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many a) neurologists, b) geriatricians and c) nurses in the NHS have specialist training in Parkinson's. (98652)
- 119 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his department are taking steps to support the use of the Play Well Toolkit in NHS healthcare settings. (98510)
- 120 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his department is taking to improve (a) awareness, (b) diagnosis and (c) treatment for, pulmonary hypertension. (98511)
- 121 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions of the potential impact of Long Covid on levels of (a) employment and (b) long-term sickness. (98474)

- 122 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his department collects to monitor potential inequalities in multiple sclerosis care access; and how those findings are used to inform policy and service delivery improvements. (98439)
- 123 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support the development of treatments for Huntington's disease and (b) improve the ability of the NHS to deliver new gene therapies for people living with rare diseases. (98400)
- 124 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support NHS staff working in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (98349)
- 125 **Terry Jermy** (South West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide universal, 24/7 thrombectomy access across England by April 2026. (98619)
- 126 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has undertaken a review of the medical exemption criteria for prescription charges, particularly in relation to solid-organ transplant recipients. (98437)
- 127 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle health inequalities experienced by people affected by homelessness. (98457)
- 128 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure brain tumour patients have timely access to whole genome sequencing. (98417)
- 129 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the number of GPs in Great Yarmouth constituency. (98681)
- 130 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide funding to help increase staffing levels at (a) James Paget University Hospital and (b) Northgate Hospital. (98682)
- 131 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the number of NHS dentists currently working in Great Yarmouth constituency on patients' access to urgent care. (98684)
- 132 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of children in Great Yarmouth constituency that were unable to access an NHS dental appointment in the last 12 months. (98685)

- 133 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will provide emergency funding to areas with the most severe dental shortages, including Great Yarmouth. (98686)
- 134 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on implementing the recommendations of the First Do No Harm report; and if he will publish an updated timetable for delivery of those recommendations. (98594)
- 135 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of NHS provision for complex mesh removal surgery; and what steps he is taking to ensure patients can access specialists with required expertise. (98595)
- 136 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of unresolved mesh complications on the mental health of women impacted; and what support is available for those women. (98596)
- 137 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to Question 90413 on Maternity Services: Inquiries and Question 95963 on Prostate Cancer: Screening. (98558)
- 138 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Written Statement entitled Mental Health Conditions, Autism and ADHD Prevalence and Support, published on 4 December 2025, HCWS1132, what assessment his Department has made of the factors contributing to the reported increase in the prevalence of mental health conditions, autism and ADHD over the past decade; what analysis he has undertaken to differentiate between changes in underlying incidence, improved public awareness, altered diagnostic practice and broader social determinants; and whether he will publish a cross-government strategy setting out how Departments intend to respond to rising prevalence and associated demand on public services. (98463)
- 139 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Written Statement entitled Mental Health Conditions, Autism and ADHD Prevalence and Support, published on 4 December 2025, HCWS1132, what assessment he has made of regional variation in diagnostic practice, referral thresholds and waiting times for autism and ADHD assessments; whether the Independent Review will examine the extent to which inconsistent clinical pathways drive disparities in outcomes; and what steps he plans to take to ensure that adults, young people and children in every Integrated Care Board area receive timely, consistent and clinically robust diagnostic assessment and ongoing support. (98464)

- 140 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Written Statement entitled Mental Health Conditions, Autism and ADHD Prevalence and Support, published on 4 December 2025, HCWS1132, what assessment his Department has made of the wider financial and operational impact on local authorities, schools, criminal justice agencies and employers arising from the increased prevalence of mental health conditions, autism and ADHD; and whether the Independent Review will produce recommendations for cross-government funding mechanisms or reforms to ensure that pressure on non-NHS services does not undermine the sustainability of local support and early-intervention provision. (98465)
- 141 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Written Statement entitled Mental Health Conditions, Autism and ADHD Prevalence and Support, published on 4 December 2025, HCWS1132, what criteria will be used to appoint members to the Advisory Working Group, how individuals with lived experience will be involved in the development and scrutiny of the Review's findings, and what steps he plans to take to ensure that any recommendations accepted by the Government are implemented uniformly across Integrated Care Boards and local authorities, with transparent reporting and measurable outcomes. (98466)
- 142 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average number of working days lost to sickness absence per full-time equivalent member of staff was in (a) the Department and (b) its executive agencies in the last year; and how many formal performance warnings were issued to staff whose absence exceeded departmental triggers. (98532)
- 143 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of departmental staff were promoted (a) in-grade and (b) to a higher grade in the last year broken down by (i) performance marking in the previous year and (ii) grade. (98533)
- 144 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of departmental staff in each grade were rated in the top performance category in the last year. (98534)
- 145 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total cost was of (a) settlement agreements and (b) special severance payments made to departing departmental staff in the last year. (98535)
- 146 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in the past twelve months, how many disciplinary cases were concluded against civil servants in (a) the Department and (b) its agencies broken down by (i) outcome and (ii) whether the primary allegation related to (A) performance and (B) conduct. (98537)
- 147 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has plans to launch a public awareness campaign to help tackle suicide. (98551)

- 148 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential savings to the NHS from reducing the number of failed or repeated prescriptions for the same item. (98530)
- 149 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) breast implants and (b) PIP breast implants have ruptured and had to be removed in the last 10 years; and how many of those ruptured implants were not listed on the breast and cosmetic implant registry when implanted. (98547)
- 150 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a list of the research programmes that are underway on the safety of breast implants. (98548)
- 151 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women in the UK have received Allergan breast implants. (98549)
- 152 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many reports of BIA-ALCL there have been in the UK; and which manufacturers of breast implants those reports have been associated with. (98550)
- 153 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of restricting eligibility for free covid-19 vaccinations on (a) infection rates, (b) hospital admissions and (c) levels of mortality during winter 2025–26. (98701)
- 154 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of restricting eligibility for free covid-19 vaccinations on (a) infection rates, (b) hospital admissions and (c) mortality during winter 2025–26 on adults aged between 65 and 74 years old. (98702)
- 155 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) monitor and (b) regulate the cost of COVID-19 vaccinations offered by private providers for people who are not eligible for a free vaccination. (98704)
- 156 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of waiting times for and availability of trauma-informed therapeutic support for child victims of peer-on-peer or child-on-child sexual abuse; and whether she intends to introduce access targets for such support. (98582)
- 157 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the uptake of the Covid Booster Jab in Autumn 2025. (98405)

- 158 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the uptake of the Flu Jab in Autumn 2025. (98406)
- 159 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been admitted to hospital in the last month with Flu A. (98413)
- 160 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the accessibility of Enhertu as a treatment for breast cancer. (98645)
- 161 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of NHS waiting times for the diagnosis of Ehlers–Danlos syndrome. (98667)
- 162 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the time taken for (a) referrals and (b) assessments for Ehlers–Danlos syndrome. (98669)
- 163 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS trusts in England provide specialist clinics for Ehlers–Danlos syndrome. (98671)
- 164 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to increase specialist capacity for complex and rare connective tissue disorders. (98672)
- 165 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans her Department has to improve training and clinical awareness of Ehlers–Danlos syndrome among GPs and primary care clinicians to support earlier recognition and referral. (98674)
- 166 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to include a) gyms, b) swimming pools, and c) leisure centres in the neighbourhood health schemes. (98707)
- 167 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, given the existing co-location of many health services with leisure centres, what assessment his Department has made of the benefits of including these facilities in neighbourhood health schemes. (98708)
- 168 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to include a) gyms, b) swimming pools, and c) leisure centres in the Men’s Health Strategy and 10 Year Plan. (98709)
- 169 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that smaller systems, such as Gloucestershire, do not lose visibility or influence within larger merged ICBs which include urban centres. (98440)

- 170 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what mechanisms will ensure accountability for primary care outcomes within merged ICBs, particularly where decision-making is centralised elsewhere. (98441)
- 171 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment has his Department made of the potential impact of ICB mergers on continuity and access in rural and semi-rural areas. (98442)
- 172 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to review the adequacy of the GP Contract at reflecting (a) increases in demand, (b) inflation and (c) additional responsibilities. (98443)
- 173 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment has his department made of the potential impact of funding levels for primary care on levels of demand for secondary and urgent care. (98444)
- 174 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how will GPs be supported with increases in workload demand for ADHD, gender medicine and weight-management prescribing. (98445)
- 175 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment has his department made of the potential impact of access targets on continuity of care. (98446)
- 176 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether access metrics will be reviewed to ensure they support relationship-based care. (98447)
- 177 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps are his department taking to ensure the that upcoming GP Connect requirements support confidentiality and data integrity. (98448)
- 178 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has considered guarantees on specialist care provision for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME), Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) and very severe ME. (98449)
- 179 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which department is responsible for making decisions and research into Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) as part of the Final Delivery Plan. (98450)
- 180 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she plans to review elements of UK support for the Palestinian Authority in the context of textbooks for the 2025–26 school year. (98591)

- 181 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 29 October 2025 to Question 79968, whether she plans to publish the findings of the independent audit of Palestinian Authority curriculum reform. (98592)
- 182 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what criteria her Department plans to use to evaluate bids for funding under forthcoming peacebuilding programmes for Israel and Palestine. (98693)
- 183 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate her Department has made of the staffing resource required to administer new peacebuilding schemes. (98694)
- 184 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what mechanisms her Department intends to use to co-ordinate planned UK peacebuilding activity with that of international partners. (98695)
- 185 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether her Department intends to publish a framework for monitoring international commitments made at the Illicit Finance Summit. (98696)
- 186 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what mechanisms her Department plans to establish to co-ordinate Illicit Finance Summit outcomes with domestic enforcement agencies. (98697)
- 187 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when she last raised the case of Karim Ennarah with her Egyptian counterpart. (98341)
- 188 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on how many occasions the Prime Minister has met with his Malawian counterpart since 4 July 2024. (98486)
- 189 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support was agreed with his Bahraini counterpart for the future Royal Navy presence at the UK Naval Support Facility in Bahrain during the UK Bahrain Strategic Dialogue on 24 November 2025. (98384)
- 190 **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 reports of the persecution of Christians in Kashmir. (98409)

- 191 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of allowing individuals to provide a physical proof of residency for applications under the EU Settlement Scheme. (98461)
- 192 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to improve the process for applications under the EU Settlement Scheme. (98462)
- 193 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which government departments and schemes will explicitly include families with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) within their eligibility criteria following the introduction of new guidance; and what steps will be taken to monitor and enforce consistency of support across these schemes. [R] (98564)
- 194 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment has been made of adequacy of the (a) support and (b) guidance available for those who are unable to access their e-visas. (98508)
- 195 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support people with British Nationals (Overseas) visas in relation to the changes set out in the Command Paper entitled A Fairer Pathway to Settlement. (98612)
- 196 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the Metropolitan Police on its decision to retract approval for farmers to bring their tractors to London for a protest. (98613)
- 197 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she had with the Metropolitan Police prior to their decision to retract approval for farmers to bring their tractors to London for a protest. (98614)
- 198 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether there are any plans to ensure that future funding formulas for the police take account of (a) seasonality and (b) rurality. (98726)
- 199 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether people living in the UK on family visas will be exempt from the sustained economic contribution requirement under proposed changes to earned settlement. (98456)
- 200 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of immigrants detained following their arrival in the UK by small boats have been searched for drugs in each of the past five years. (98348)

- 201 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment has she made of the potential implications for her policies of the availability of crossbows through online purchases. (98352)
- 202 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of irregular migrants currently residing in Great Yarmouth and the resource implications for local authorities. (98670)
- 203 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to prevent the concentration of high-need migrant cohorts in deprived coastal communities such as Great Yarmouth. (98673)
- 204 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of trends in the level of violent and drug-related crime in Great Yarmouth; and whether she plans to provide additional resources to Norfolk Constabulary. (98677)
- 205 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Chief Constable of Norfolk on levels of organised criminal activity in Great Yarmouth. (98683)
- 206N **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the draft Statutory Instrument, The Public Order Act 2023 (Interference With Use or Operation of Key National Infrastructure) Regulations 2025 on animal welfare. [Transferred] (98304)
- 207N **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Statutory Instrument, The Public Order Act 2023 (Interference With Use or Operation of Key National Infrastructure) Regulations 2025, on her Department's plans to phase out animal testing. [Transferred] (98305)
- 208 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Written Statement entitled Consultation on a new legal framework for law enforcement use of biometrics, facial recognition and similar technologies, published on 4 December 2025, HCWS1129, what assessment she has made of the safeguards required to ensure that the use of facial recognition and similar biometric technologies by law enforcement remains proportionate to the seriousness of the harm being addressed; what steps she plans to take to ensure that the legal framework maintains public confidence in the protection of individual rights, privacy and data security; and whether she intends to publish an impact assessment on the potential implications for civil liberties as part of the consultation process. (98467)

- 209 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Written Statement entitled Consultation on a new legal framework for law enforcement use of biometrics, facial recognition and similar technologies, published on 4 December 2025, HCWS1129, what assessment her Department has made of current police practice regarding the deployment of facial recognition and related technologies; how operational consistency across police forces will be ensured under the proposed new framework; and what plans she has to strengthen oversight mechanisms, including independent scrutiny, to guarantee that law enforcement agencies use these technologies only within clearly defined legal parameters and with transparent accountability. (98468)
- 210N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what representations she has made to his Malaysian counterpart on the forced disappearance of religious activists; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of Malaysia's High Court's ruling of November 2025 on the sharing of expertise and training between UK and Malaysian police forces. [Transferred] (97791)
- 211 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her statement, entitled A Fairer Pathway to Settlement, of 20 November, if she will explain the impact of the changes on pathways to settlement on the children of British National (Overseas) visa holders. (98554)
- 212 **Sarah Pochin** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure consistent police response standards in cases of child-on-child sexual abuse that arise within school settings; and if she will issue updated guidance on liaison between police forces, Designated Safeguarding Leads and Local Authority Designated Officers. (98581)
- 213 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average processing time is for enhanced DBS checks in the care sector in each of the last twelve months; and what steps the Government is taking to reduce the time taken in the police checking stage of DBS applications. (98728)
- 214 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many enhanced DBS check applications for care sector roles have exceeded 60 days at the police checking stage in each of the last six months; and whether the Government plans to provide additional resources to police forces experiencing significant backlogs in DBS processing. (98729)
- 215 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to help reduce violations of the Firearms Act 1968. (98389)
- 216 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to improve night time safety in bars and clubs. (98415)

- 217 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been charged with non fatal strangulation in the last 6 months. (98435)
- 218 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, Pursuant to the oral answer of 26 November 2025, Official Report, House of Lords, Column 1331, on West Midlands Police: Maccabi Tel Aviv Fans, following statements from Dutch police authorities on the assessment of West Midlands Police about (a) Maccabi Tel Aviv fans and (b) violence around the Ajax v Maccabi Tel Aviv Europa League game in November 2024, what recent discussions she has had with the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police. (98555)
- 219 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the oral answer of 26 November 2025, Official Report, House of Lords, Column 1331, on West Midlands Police: Maccabi Tel Aviv Fans, what discussions her Department has had with Dutch police authorities about the Ajax v Maccabi Tel Aviv Europa League game in November 2024. (98556)
- 220 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the number of serving police officers taking their own lives is recorded. (98455)
- 221 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December to Question 94229 on Autonomous Weapons: Procurement, what percentage of the £450 million on Uncrewed Systems was spent with British companies. (98515)
- 222 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December to Question 94229 on Autonomous Weapons: Procurement, how many contracts have been signed as a result of the £450 million spent on Uncrewed Systems since 5 July 2024. (98516)
- 223 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December to Question 94229 on Autonomous Weapons: Procurement, in relation to the £450 million spent on Uncrewed Systems, what the remaining £150 million that was not spent on research and development was spent on. (98517)
- 224 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December to Question 94229 on Autonomous Weapons: Procurement, how much of the £450 million spent on Uncrewed Systems was not spent on research and development. (98518)
- 225 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Minister of State's answer to Urgent Question on 8 December 2025 from the Hon. Member for South Suffolk, Official Report, col 46, whether any future decision on the Ajax programme will be made before the completion of all three reviews currently underway. (98520)

- 226 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Minister of State's answer to Urgent Question on 8 December 2025 from the Hon. Member for South Suffolk, Official Report, col 46, if he will name the external organisation with experience of noise and vibration that has been asked to assess Ajax. (98521)
- 227 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Minister of State's answer to Urgent Question on 8 December 2025 from the Hon. Member for South Suffolk, Official Report, col 46, what form the expertise and challenge from the team of experts from organisations outside the GD production line will take. (98522)
- 228 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Minister of State's answer to Urgent Question on 8 December 2025 from the Hon. Member for South Suffolk, Official Report, col 46, whether the team of experts from organisations outside the GD production line will produce a report into the Ajax programme. (98523)
- 229 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Minister of State's answer to Urgent Question on 8 December 2025 from the Hon. Member for South Suffolk, Official Report, col 46, whether the work conducted by the team of experts from organisations outside the GD production line on the Ajax programme will be made public. (98524)
- 230 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Minister of State's answer to Urgent Question on 8 December 2025 from the Hon. Member for South Suffolk, Official Report, col 46, whether the team of experts from organisations outside the GD production line will receive monetary compensations for their work. (98525)
- 231 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects HMS Diamond to complete the Power Improvement Project upgrade. (98526)
- 232 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects HMS Duncan to complete the Power Improvement Project upgrade. (98527)
- 233 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has carried out an evaluation of the potential merits of purchasing the CV-90 infantry fighting vehicle. (98364)
- 234 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated IOC date is for the Boxer armoured vehicle. (98365)
- 235 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated IOC date is for the Boxer RCH155mm self-propelled artillery system; and how many such vehicles his Department plans to buy. (98366)
- 236 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the Scimitar reconnaissance vehicle was retired from Army service. (98367)

- 237 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Ajax armoured vehicles had been delivered by General Dynamics to a) his Department and b) the Army as of 1 November 2025. (98368)
- 238 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, who the most senior legal official is in his Department. (98369)
- 239 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any performance bonuses relating to the Ajax programme have been paid to officials in his Department over the last three years. (98370)
- 240 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the latest estimated date is for achieving Full Operating Capability on Ajax. (98371)
- 241 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he now intends to publish the Defence Investment Plan. (98372)
- 242 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the total target for efficiency savings in his Department for a) Financial Year 2025-26 b) Financial Year 2026-27 and c) Financial Year 2027-28. (98373)
- 243 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the salary bill was for the Submarine Delivery Agency in 2024-25. (98374)
- 244 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the salary bill was for Defence Equipment and Support in 2024-25. (98375)
- 245 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has received a request from the Defence Select Committee to provide information relating to the Ajax programme over the last twelve months. (98376)
- 246 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he last met the a) Corporate Chief Executive Officer of General Dynamics and b) Head of General Dynamics UK. (98377)
- 247 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has paid to General Dynamics on the Bowman Evolve to Operate programme in the last five years. (98378)
- 248 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual funding in cash terms has been for MOD Police in each year since 2020. (98607)
- 249 **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the workforce numbers were for the Ministry of Defence Police in each year since 2020. (98608)
- 250 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when HMS Lancaster will be replaced at the UK Naval Support Facility in Bahrain. (98379)

- 251 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase Royal Navy presence in the Gulf in the context of HMS Lancaster being decommissioned. (98380)
- 252 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what funding he has allocated to a long term Royal Navy presence at the UK Naval Support Facility in Bahrain. (98381)
- 253 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to deploy a Type 31 frigate on permanent station at the UK Naval Support Facility in Bahrain. (98382)
- 254 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the Royal Navy presence is at the UK Naval Support Facility in Bahrain following the decommissioning of HMS Lancaster. (98383)
- 255 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department plans to reduce the number of overseas Royal Navy bases. (98387)
- 256 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he will take to remove barriers to accessing a social home for those most in need. (98397)
- 257 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment has been made of the potential impact of pre-tenancy checks by housing associations on the ability of households experiencing or at risk of homelessness to access social housing. (98398)
- 258 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many households have been denied applications for social homes due to affordability checks; and what alternative options are available for those households in order to avoid homelessness. (98399)
- 259 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether religious-based properties will be exempt from the new tax announced in the Budget on properties valued at £2 million and over. (98711)
- 260 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department plans to implement the recommendations set out in the Social Impact Investment Advisory Group's final report; and what steps he is taking to establish the proposed Temporary Accommodation Impact Investment Facility. (98519)
- 261N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of financial caps on political donations for UK political parties, national, devolved and local elections. [Transferred] (97817)

- 262 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans he has to issue guidance to local authorities to ensure that Changing Places toilets are included as standard in major town-centre redevelopments. (98597)
- 263 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to ensure that local regeneration schemes comply with equality duty by providing adequate facilities for people with complex disabilities, such as Changing Places toilets. (98598)
- 264 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans he has to increase the number of Changing Places toilets; and what plans he has to set minimum provision requirements for large public venues. (98599)
- 265 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of levels of access to Changing Places toilets in public spaces on the a) dignity and b) wellbeing of people with complex disabilities. (98600)
- 266 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of planning reform proposals on the timescales for the adoption of local plans by local authorities in the West Midlands. (98480)
- 267 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that planning reforms support the timely delivery of local infrastructure in areas experiencing housing growth in the West Midlands. (98481)
- 268 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support is available to West Midlands local authorities to bring forward brownfield sites under the proposed changes to the planning system. (98482)
- 269 **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 his Department's planning reform proposals on the continued protection of green spaces and environmentally sensitive sites in the West Midlands. (98483)
- 270 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to regulate property management companies. (98489)
- 271 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he holds data on the number of private new-build freehold estates managed via resident-run companies. (98490)

- 272 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many times his Department has given consent for a direction to be made under Section 13 (5) of the Building Safety Act 2022; and which local authorities are subject to such directions. (98385)
- 273 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will criminalise unenforceable clauses in tenancy agreements. (98386)
- 274 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of current social housing stock across the UK. (98403)
- 275 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to reduce the number of derelict buildings across the UK. (98412)
- 276 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if his Department will provide local authorities with flexibility in applying the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or Procurement Act 2023 during periods of local government reorganisation. (98458)
- 277 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if his Department will take steps to ensure that suitable provision is made for uninsured historical liabilities that succeeding authorities may inherit following reorganisation; and if his Department will provide guidance to local authorities to support this process. (98459)
- 278 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which level of local authority will be responsible for collecting the proposed tourist tax; and what estimate his Department has made of the administrative costs of implementing and collecting the tax. (98714)
- 279 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of allowing an exemption from Selective Licensing Schemes to be granted to leaseholders whose properties are within the Cladding Safety Scheme. (98454)
- 280 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when statutory guidance will be produced on the duty to collaborate under the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024; and what plans the Government has to ensure its implementation following the decision to abolish PCCs and the upcoming changes to integrated care boards. (98727)
- 281 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many recorders were sitting in the crown and county courts in 2023, 2024 and 2025. (98557)

- 282 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to reduce reoffending rates among prolific offenders in Great Yarmouth town centre. (98680)
- 283 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will extend Operation Soteria into the Crown Court. (98675)
- 284 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will take steps to enable victims and survivors of sexual abuse to observe their trial without sitting in the public gallery. (98676)
- 285 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of making case conferences before trial mandatory for victims and survivors of sexual abuse. (98678)
- 286 **Helen Maguire** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of implementing a whole-system criminal justice strategy for rape and sexual abuse. (98679)
- 287 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Written Statement entitled Consultation on a new legal framework for law enforcement use of biometrics, facial recognition and similar technologies, published on 4 December 2025, HCWS1129, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of police practice in the deployment of facial recognition and other biometric technologies; and whether he plans to enhance oversight and independent scrutiny of that deployment. (98469)
- 288 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Written Statement entitled Criminal Court Reform, published on 2 December 2025, HCWS1123, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of expanding judge-only trials to a wider class of offences, including fraud cases and triable-either-way cases involving likely sentences of up to three years, on the right to a fair trial and jury participation in the justice system; and what safeguards he intends to put in place to ensure transparency, accountability and public confidence in verdicts reached without a jury. (98472)
- 289 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Written Statement entitled Criminal Court Reform, published on 2 December 2025, HCWS1123, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of removing the option for defendants to elect for trial by jury in certain triable-either-way cases on (a) the constitutional role of juries, (b) defendants' right to a fair trial and (c) public confidence in the criminal justice system. (98473)
- 290 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she has taken to reduce the commission of crime in English prisons. (98388)

- 291 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his department has made of the potential merits of recognising humanist marriages using existing powers. (98451)
- 292 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what evidential basis she decided to include fiscal incentives for electric cars but not for low or zero-emission motorcycles, mopeds, or other L-Category vehicles in the Autumn Budget 2025. (98342)
- 293 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will review the £10,000 price threshold applied to electric motorcycles for the Plug-in Motorcycle Grant. (98343)
- 294 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will review the Plug-in Motorcycle Grant and extend it beyond April 2026. (98344)
- 295 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether Transitional Relief for pubs only applies to the portion of increase directly attributable to Rateable Value change after the effect of new multipliers. (98593)
- 296 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the policy document entitled Motability Scheme: reforming tax reliefs' policy, published on 26 November, if she will publish the calculations used for the conclusion that the proposed changes are not expected to have any macroeconomic impacts. (98717)
- 297 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the projected financial impact of the new 12% premium insurance rate for Motability leases on (a) Motability users and (b) the car industry. (98552)
- 298 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to increase spending on research and development in (a) Lincolnshire and (b) the East Midlands. (98353)
- 299 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate her Department has made of the potential cost savings to the public purse of introducing a mandatory minimum requirement that 30% of tyres procured for government fleet vehicles be retreaded. (98724)
- 300 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of her fiscal policies on low income households in Surrey Heath constituency. (98716)
- 301 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of extending the freeze on Income Tax thresholds on working people in Surrey Heath constituency. (98718)

- 302 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reduce costs for commuters in Surrey Heath constituency. (98719)
- 303 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support entrepreneurs in Surrey Heath constituency. (98720)
- 304 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff in her Department are permitted to undertake diversity-related network time during core working hours; and what proportion of overall working time are they permitted to spend on such network activity. (98584)
- 305 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with the brewing and pub sector on business rates affordability following the November Budget. (98588)
- 306 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the online Self Assessment Time to Pay system in reducing the number of late payment penalties. (98655)
- 307 **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what criteria will guide decisions on whether an overnight stay levy is “modest” and appropriate for local areas; and will there be a cap. (98713)

Questions for Answer on Monday 15 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Solicitor General, what the average daily office attendance rate was for Crown Prosecution Service staff in the most recent quarter for which figures are available. (98428)
- 2N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much funding was allocated to the Civil Service LGBT Plus Network in each of the last five years. (98585)
- 3N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 28 April 2025 to Question 47529 on Government Departments: TikTok, whether (a) the Prime Minister and (b) Number 10 officials have installed TikTok on their corporate communication devices. (98491)
- 4N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the second homes council tax premium has been paid on the Prime Minister’s residence in Chequers since 1 April 2025. (98493)

- 5N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an estimate of the financial impact of the suspension of arms export licenses to Israel on British businesses. (98432)
- 6N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, for what reason the suspension of arms sales to Israel is not listed on his Department and Export Control Joint Unit's official guidance. (98433)
- 7N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what proportion of (a) named day questions and (b) ordinary written questions were responded to by her Department within the required timescale in (i) May 2025, (ii) June 2025, (iii) July 2025, (iv) August 2025, (v) September 2025, (vi) October 2025 and (vii) November 2025. (98496)
- 8N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of veterinary market consolidation by large veterinary groups on client choice, pricing and local competition. (98641)
- 9N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had recent discussions with the Competition and Markets Authority on the decision not to (a) require divestments and (b) impose penalties following its investigation into the veterinary sector. (98643)
- 10N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make it her policy to include measures to help tackle the resale of live event tickets in the forthcoming King's Speech. (98394)
- 11N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools in Telford constituency have applied for funding to provide a) free breakfast clubs and b) funded nurseries places in all rounds of applications up to and including 6 December 2025; and how many of those applications have been successful. (98416)
- 12N **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what factors determined the timing between the publication of the consultation on the SEND white paper on 2 December 2025 and the first engagement event on 3 December 2025; and whether that notice period aligns with her Department's standards for effective public consultation. (98571)
- 13N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment has she made of the performance of her Department's Behaviour and Attendance Ambassadors Programme, with reference to absence and exclusions of pupils with SEND or mental ill health. (98543)
- 14N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish the Equality Impacts Assessment made of the Behaviour and Attendance Ambassador's Programme. (98544)

- 15N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment has she made of potential conflicts of interest for individuals and companies awarded contracts to deliver the Behaviour and Attendance Ambassador's Programme. (98545)
- 16N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the median annual earnings were for apprentices whose prior attainment was equivalent to (a) 4 As or above, (b) 360 points, (c) 300-359 points, (d) 240-299 points, (e) 180-239 points, (f) below 180 points, (g) 1 or 2 A level passes, (h) BTEC and (i) other (i) 1, (ii) 3 and (iii) 5 years after the completion of their apprenticeship in the most recent year for which data is available. (98513)
- 17N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what impact has the decision to designate two AI Growth Zones in Wales had on NESO's plans for improving grid connections in both (a) north Wales and (b) south Wales. (98712)
- 18N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of UK weather patterns on crop production in 2025. (98434)
- 19N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she plans to introduce requirements for veterinary practices to display in-clinic and online information about ownership beyond listings on the RCVS website. (98642)
- 20N **Dawn Butler** (Brent East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the answer of 9 December to Question 96093, what steps the Government is taking to safeguard individuals from non-sexually explicit deepfakes, digital impersonation, and the misuse of personal identity. (98393)
- 21N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what proportion of (a) named day questions and (b) ordinary written questions were responded to by her Department within the required timescale in (i) May 2025, (ii) June 2025, (iii) July 2025, (iv) August 2025, (v) September 2025, (vi) October 2025 and (vii) November 2025. (98497)
- 22N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill on the EU's data adequacy decisions in relation to the UK. (98502)
- 23N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department holds information on the number of road traffic accidents caused by people driving legally under non-GB issued driving licences. (98628)

- 24N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact the Windsor Framework on the operations of the Civil Aviation Authority. (98357)
- 25N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress her Department has made on the construction of the M6 M54 toll link road. (98501)
- 26N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure her Department's consultations comply fully with the Gunning Principles in the future. (98575)
- 27N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she has taken to recover the 6120 missing responses from the Railways Bill consultation; and what steps she is taking to ensure the integrity of the consultation process for future consultations. (98577)
- 28N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 20 Oct 2025 to Question 81532 on Taxis: Licensing, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the powers available to local licensing authorities for ensuring the effective enforcement of private-hire vehicles that are licensed in one authority but predominantly operate in another. (98583)
- 29N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2024 to Question 9859 on Motor Insurance Taskforce: Northern Ireland, when she will publish the report from the Taskforce on motor insurance. (98710)
- 30N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost of an annual standard class rail season ticket was between Atherstone and London stations in (a) 2010 and (b) 2024. (98494)
- 31N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of (a) named day questions and (b) ordinary written questions were responded to by her Department within the required timescale in (i) May 2025, (ii) June 2025, (iii) July 2025, (iv) August 2025, (v) September 2025, (vi) October 2025 and (vii) November 2025. (98498)
- 32N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how their department can work with others across Government to ensure there are the right skills and workforce in place to support local authorities in developing careers in amenity horticulture and parks. (98610)
- 33N **Sir Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what number and proportion of pregnant Universal Credit claimants were deemed to have Limited Capability for Work-Related Activity due to pregnancy risk in the most recent year for which data is available. (98395)

- 34N **Sir Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have been migrated from Employment and Support Allowance to Universal Credit since July 2024. (98396)
- 35N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what performance metrics his Department uses to evaluate the timeliness and quality of support provided to Members of Parliament when handling child maintenance queries. (98423)
- 36N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what is the current total value is of child maintenance arrears. (98424)
- 37N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the proportion of child maintenance arrears that are (a) likely to be recovered in full, (b) partly recoverable and (c) unlikely to be recovered. (98425)
- 38N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of the total value of child maintenance arrears has been outstanding for (a) under 12 months, (b) 1 to 3 years, (c) 3 to 7 years and (d) more than 7 years. (98426)
- 39N **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of child maintenance owed is collected within (a) 3, (b) 6 and (c) 12 months of assessment. (98427)
- 40N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to WPQ 51812, what assessment he has made of the reliability of BMI testing, in the context of the Global Burden of Disease's indication that one of the main contributory causes of type 2 diabetes is high body mass index. (98354)
- 41N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS providers are making use of the Royal Mail barcode for NHS mail. (98418)
- 42N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the time taken by NICE to assess Givinostat. (98626)
- 43N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she plans to consider resuming exports of defence equipment to Israel. (98431)
- 44N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proportion of (a) named day questions and (b) ordinary written questions were responded to by her Department within the required timescale in (i) May 2025, (ii) June 2025, (iii) July 2025, (iv) August 2025, (v) September 2025, (vi) October 2025 and (vii) November 2025. (98499)

- 45N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what discussions she has had with the Government of Viet Nam following the extradition of Y Quynh Bdap from Thailand; and whether she has sought urgent clarification of his whereabouts, his health and wellbeing, and guarantees that he will be granted access to lawyers, family members, and independent observers. (98536)
- 46N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of concerns for the safety of Vietnamese human rights defender Y Quynh Bdap; and what discussions she has had with her Vietnamese counterparts on his wellbeing. (98546)
- 47N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing asylum expenditure data by constituency. (98627)
- 48N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number of migrants that arrived in the UK by small boat that possess a criminal record either in the UK or abroad. (98706)
- 49N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Metropolitan Police on the case of Hasan Ali al-Taraki. (98355)
- 50N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answers of 9 December 2025 to Question 96618 and 25 November 2025 to Question 94151, what assessment she has made of the risk of those involved in committing acts of terrorism being included in the commemoration events. (98358)
- 51N **Chris Coghlan** (Dorking and Horley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to Croydon Magistrates' Court's 8 December sentencing of a resident of the Four Points Hotel in Horley, what steps she is taking to end the use of the Four Points Hotel to house asylum seekers. (98664)
- 52N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions her Department have had with Welsh Government counterparts on the implementation of local investigations in Wales as part of the grooming gangs inquiry. (98563)
- 53N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December to Question 94229 on Autonomous Weapons: Procurement, what percentage of the £450 million on Uncrewed Systems was spent on funding procurement for Ukraine. (98512)

- 54N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December to Question 94229 on Autonomous Weapons: Procurement, what quantity of drones have been procured as part of the £450 million on Uncrewed Systems, broken down by (a) reconnaissance, (b) logistics, (c) FPV and (d) long-range one-way attack. (98514)
- 55N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Minister of State's answer to the Urgent Question on 8 November 2025 from the Hon. Member for South Suffolk, whether the Ajax programme will be considered in the Defence Investment Programme. (98560)
- 56N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Minister of State's answer to the Urgent Question on 8 November 2025 from the Hon. Member for South Suffolk, whether any decisions on the Ajax programme in the Defence Investment Plan have been changed as a result of the safety investigations into the Ajax vehicle. (98561)
- 57N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Minister of State's answer to the Urgent Question on 8 November 2025 from the Hon. Member for South Suffolk, whether the Ajax programme safety investigations have caused a delay to the publication of the Defence Investment Plan. (98562)
- 58N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, on which date Initial Operating Capability for Ajax was declared; and who signed that declaration. (98359)
- 59N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with General Dynamics on suing that company for liquidated damages relating to the Ajax programme. (98360)
- 60N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the National Armaments Director was consulted prior to the decision to declare IOC for Ajax. (98361)
- 61N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has considered inviting the Institute of Naval Medicine to investigate the reasons why medical issues arose during the Ajax-related exercise on Salisbury Plain on 22 November 2025. (98362)
- 62N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Warrior armoured fighting vehicles are a) in active service with the Army and b) in storage by variant. (98363)
- 63N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2025 to Question 97048, how many Single Living Accommodation units in the United Kingdom have recorded Legionella, in each year since 2018. (98507)

- 64N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to respond to Questions 97049 and 97052 on Armed Forces: Housing. (98509)
- 65N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether launching a US sovereign nuclear weapon from the UK's F-35A planes would require the authorisation of the Prime Minister. (98492)
- 66N **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will publish an analysis of how the updated deprivation indicators have altered funding allocations to individual councils under the new Local Government Finance Settlement for (a) Hampshire; (b) Hertfordshire; (c) Kent; (d) Surrey; (e) Essex; (f) Oxfordshire; (g) Buckinghamshire; (h) West Sussex; and (i) East Sussex. (98460)
- 67N **Samantha Niblett** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will consider commissioning a piece of work to review all the existing evidence on the return of funding for parks and green spaces to support central and local government in prioritising funding decisions on parks. (98609)
- 68N **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made, as part of his Department's responsibilities for access to justice and the protection of victims of domestic abuse, of the risk that delays caused by a non-engaging spouse in divorce and financial remedy proceedings may facilitate ongoing coercive or controlling behaviour. (98700)
- 69N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, on what dates he has officially visited HMP Wandsworth since his appointment; and whether he has met with the Governor to discuss the recent mistaken release. (98429)
- 70N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, on what dates he has officially visited HMP Chelmsford since his appointment; and whether he has met with the Governor to discuss the recent mistaken release. (98430)
- 71N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what representations has he received from (a) barristers, (b) solicitors, and (c) legal aid providers regarding the Legal Aid Agency data breach on 23 April 2025. (98470)
- 72N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department has taken to restore Legal Aid Agency digital services since the data breach on 23 April 2025. (98471)
- 73N **Mr Peter Bedford** (Mid Leicestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate has she made of the number of people that will reduce their working hours following the introduction of National Insurance contribution on any salary sacrifice scheme exceeding £2,000. (98647)

- 74N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Financial Conduct Authority's press release entitled FCA sets out landmark package to boost UK investment culture, published on 8 December 2025, whether she plans to provide additional support for those reforms. (98356)
- 75N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of (a) named day questions and (b) ordinary written questions were responded to by her Department within the required timescale in (i) May 2025, (ii) June 2025, (iii) July 2025, (iv) August 2025, (v) September 2025, (vi) October 2025 and (vii) November 2025. (98500)
- 76N **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed increase in the rateable values of pubs on the level of their profitability. (98392)
- 77N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she will discuss support for new mutual banks with Ministerial colleagues in the Department for Business and Trade. (98346)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- 1 **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): What steps he is taking through defence spending to help increase economic growth. (906891)
- 2 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): What discussions he has had with the Chancellor of Exchequer on meeting the NATO target of 5 per cent of GDP on defence expenditure. (906892)
- 3 **Andrew Ranger** (Wrexham): What steps he is taking through defence spending to help increase economic growth. (906893)
- 4 **Fred Thomas** (Plymouth Moor View): What steps his Department is taking to increase the speed of the development and adoption of uncrewed defence systems. (906894)
- 5 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): What steps he is taking to improve support for female veterans. (906895)
- 6 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): What steps he is taking through defence spending to help increase economic growth. (906896)
- 7 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): What steps he is taking to ensure that veterans receive adequate support after leaving the armed forces. (906897)
- 8 **Sarah Hall** (Warrington South): What recent discussions he has had with NATO counterparts on European security. (906898)

- 9 **Peter Fortune** (Bromley and Biggin Hill): What discussions he has had with the Chancellor of Exchequer on meeting the NATO target of 5 per cent of GDP on defence expenditure. (906899)
- 10 **John Glen** (Salisbury): What discussions he has had with service chiefs on the proposed level of spending in the forthcoming Defence Investment Plan. (906900)
- 11 **Elaine Stewart** (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): What steps he is taking to support Typhoon production. (906901)
- 12 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): What steps he is taking to help increase innovation in the defence sector. (906902)
- 13 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): What steps he is taking to ensure that veterans receive adequate support after leaving the armed forces. (906903)
- 14 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): If he will make it his policy to increase the size of the Army. (906904)
- 15 **Jonathan Hinder** (Pendle and Clitheroe): What steps he is taking to support Typhoon production. (906905)
- 16 **Kevin Bonavia** (Stevenage): What steps he is taking through defence spending to help increase economic growth. (906906)
- 17 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): Whether it is his policy to seek UK participation in the Security Action for Europe instrument. (906907)
- 18 **Cameron Thomas** (Tewkesbury): What assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the US National Security Strategy, dated November 2025. (906908)
- 19 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): What recent discussions he has had with NATO counterparts on European security. (906909)
- 20 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): What discussions he has had with service chiefs on the proposed level of spending in the forthcoming Defence Investment Plan. (906910)
- 21 **Irene Campbell** (North Ayrshire and Arran): What steps he is taking to build energetics and munitions factories. (906911)
- 22 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): What recent discussions he has had with NATO counterparts on European security. (906912)
- 23 **Chris Vince** (Harlow): What recent discussions he has had with NATO counterparts on European security. (906913)
- 24 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): What steps he is taking to improve support for women veterans. (906914)

- 25 **Martin Rhodes** (Glasgow North): What progress he has made on implementing the recommendations of the LGBT Veterans Independent Review. (906915)
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Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

- T1 **Sean Woodcock** (Banbury): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (906916)
- T2 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): (906917)
- T3 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): (906918)
- T4 **Antonia Bance** (Tipton and Wednesbury): (906919)
- T5 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): (906920)
- T6 **Alan Strickland** (Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor): (906921)
- T7 **Pam Cox** (Colchester): (906922)
- T8 **Irene Campbell** (North Ayrshire and Arran): (906923)
- T9 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): (906924)
- T10 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): (906925)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 16 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost of an annual standard class rail season ticket was between Atherstone and Nuneaton stations in (a) 2010 and (b) 2024. (98660)
- 2N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost of an annual standard class rail season ticket was between Atherstone and Tamworth stations in (a) 2010 and (b) 2024. (98661)
- 3N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost of an annual standard class rail season ticket was between Atherstone and Birmingham stations in (a) 2010 and (b) 2024. (98662)
- 4N **Rachel Taylor** (North Warwickshire and Bedworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost of an annual standard class rail season ticket was between Coleshill and Birmingham stations in (a) 2010 and (b) 2024. (98663)

- 5N **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people with multiple sclerosis on contributory Employment and Support Allowance are in the (i) Support Group and (ii) Work-Related Activity Group. (98653)
- 6N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what mechanisms exist for healthcare professionals to report poverty in people with terminal illnesses to the Department for Work and Pensions. (98658)
- 7N **Mr Andrew Snowden** (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the prevalence of drug smuggling among illegal migrants who arrive in the UK via the Channel. (98659)
- 8N **Zöe Franklin** (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that victims of domestic abuse are not required to bear additional financial or procedural burdens in order to progress divorce proceedings when the other party fails to engage. (98703)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 17 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support adoptive families from being subject to legal action when attempting to return a child to care. [Transferred] (97742)
- 2N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance was allocated to Malawi in each of the last ten financial years. (98484)
- 3N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on how many occasions she has met with her Malawian counterpart since 4 July 2024. (98485)
- 4N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on how many occasions she has visited Malawi since 4 July 2024. (98487)
- 5N **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on how many occasions the Minister of State (International Development and Africa) has visited Malawi since 4 July 2024. (98488)