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Questions tabled on Monday 29 January 2024

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 30 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Prime Minister's Oral Statement of 23 January 2024 on Action against Houthi Maritime Attacks, Official Report, column 155, when the Government plans to publish the legal advice. [Transferred] (11545)
- 2N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Government's policy papers entitled (a) Summary of the UK Government Legal Position: The legality of UK military action to target Houthi facilities in Yemen on 12 January 2024, published on 12 January 2024 and (b) Summary of the UK Government Legal Position: The legality of UK military action to target Houthi facilities in Yemen on 22 January 2024, published on 23 January 2024, if the Government will publish the full legal advice on the military action of (i) 11 and (ii) 22 January 2024. [Transferred] (11546)
- 3 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will introduce a minimum wage of £12 per hour for (a) early years and (b) elder care. [Transferred] (11650)
- 4 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the effectiveness of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) in (a) providing value for money and (b) reaching the most deprived households. [Transferred] (11636)
- 5 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of plans to grant new oil and gas licences. [Transferred] (11648)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 31 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Attorney General, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11745)
- 2 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2024 to Question 8779 on Artificial Intelligence: Elections, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the use of deepfakes during recent elections in Bangladesh. (11831)
- 3 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11746)
- 4 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had discussions with the Police Service of Northern Ireland on lessons learned from data breaches. (11781)
- 5 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of support provided to drivers by (a) Uber and (b) other private hire operators. (11844)
- 6 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions she has had with representatives of Uber on the Supreme Court judgment in the case of Uber BV and others v Aslam and others, [2021] UKSC 5. (11845)
- 7 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions she has had with (a) Uber and (b) other private hire operators on the matter of driver safety. (11846)
- 8 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department plans to bring forward proposals on strengthening protection for gig economy workers. (11847)
- 9 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11747)
- 10 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what her Department's policy is on lenders threatening to charge additional fees and penalties on the repayment of loans under the Bounce Back Loan Scheme; and whether her Department has taken enforcement action against such lenders. (11882)

- 11 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has met with the Agent General of South Australia in the last six months; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of South Australia's rank as the highest-ranking Australian state in economic growth. (11715)
- 12 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much and what proportion of apprenticeship levy funds her Department has spent on training in each of the last three years. (11720)
- 13 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many companies have received training subsidies from the apprenticeship levy in each of the last three years. (11721)
- 14 **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of employment practices in the direct sales industry in (a) Cardiff Central constituency, (b) England and (c) Wales. (11818)
- 15 **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he is confident that the minimum wage is being paid in (a) Cardiff Central, (b) England and (c) Wales by direct sales companies. (11819)
- 16 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11748)
- 17 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for the roll out of fibre broadband. (11814)
- 18 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what her planned timetable is to respond to her Department's consultation on Measures relating to the land-based gambling sector. (11815)
- 19 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Education on encouraging young women to play football in school. (11780)
- 20 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of eligible two year olds received free funded early education in each year between 2019 and 2023. (11874)
- 21 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11750)

- 22 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2024 to Question 10317 on English Language and Mathematics: GCSE, how many and what proportion of young people achieve a pass in GCSE (a) English and (b) maths in 16-19 education by their prior grade at age 16 in the corresponding qualification only. (11875)
- 23 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2024 to Question 10317 on English Language and Mathematics: GCSE, how many and what proportion of young people from a disadvantaged background achieve a pass in GCSE (a) English and (b) maths in 16-19 education by their prior grade at age 16 in the corresponding qualification only. (11876)
- 24 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will provide a breakdown of the number of people starting level (a) 3, (b) 4 and (c) higher apprenticeships in the last 12 months by age; and how many and what proportion of those people had passed a level 2 qualification in (i) English and (ii) maths when they started. (11877)
- 25 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for what reason the role of Special Representative on Climate Change was discontinued. (11848)
- 26 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to her Department's press release entitled UK to host new London Energy Security Conference to rewire global energy resilience, published on 10 August 2023, what her planned timetable is for hosting an energy security summit. (11849)
- 27 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many households have received funding from the Warm Home Discount Scheme in South Holland and The Deepings constituency in each year since 2019. (11681)
- 28 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department plans to hold a public consultation on proposals to decouple electricity from wholesale gas prices. (11838)
- 29 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if her Department will allocate funding to (a) planning authorities and (b) statutory consultees to help reduce approval times for renewable (i) generation and (ii) storage projects. (11839)
- 30 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to develop the (a) expertise and (b) capabilities of Local Planning Authorities to deliver new (i) renewable generation and (ii) battery projects. (11840)

- 31 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential role of ground-mounted solar farms in increasing solar deployment to 70 gigawatts by 2035. (11841)
- 32 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11749)
- 33 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the level of regional disparity in fuel prices. (11861)
- 34 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to her Department's National Policy Statements for Energy Infrastructure, published on 22 November 2023, whether she has made an assessment of the impact of the change in definition of critical national priority on protected (a) habitats and (b) species. (11768)
- 35 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what progress she has made on (a) meeting net zero targets and (b) reducing energy costs. (11782)
- 36 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will review the eligibility criteria for businesses to install wind turbines. (11783)
- 37 **Anna Firth** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reducing the minimum landing size for invasive species of clams which may not grow to the required size. (11915)
- 38 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11751)
- 39 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to prevent local authorities from declaring bankruptcy. (11858)
- 40 **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make it his policy to extend the lifespan of enterprise zones for a further ten years. (11695)
- 41 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department will take steps to review the £250 threshold for triggering a consultation procedure under section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985. (11789)

- 42 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11752)
- 43 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department plans to reintroduce the parking code of practice. (11883)
- 44 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing legislation to limit the use of LED bulbs in vehicle headlights. (11859)
- 45 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Avanti West Coast's performance against its contractual service obligations. (11850)
- 46 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of increases in rail fares on trends in the level of passenger numbers. (11851)
- 47 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of bus service levels in England. (11852)
- 48 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11753)
- 49 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his planned timetable is to respond to his Department's consultation on Increasing the weight limit for fuel tankers. (11816)
- 50 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the waiting time is for replacement driving licences. (11817)
- 51 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to help support Network Rail to respond to (a) severe weather and (b) other emergencies. (11854)
- 52 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a national freedom pass for pensioners to utilise public transport across the United Kingdom. (11716)
- 53 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Child Maintenance Service is taking to improve collect and pay compliance. (11857)

- 54 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11754)
- 55 **Rachel Maclean** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what clinical definition of anxiety his Department uses. (11860)
- 56 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will publish data on the (a) geographical location and (b) age profile of people who have not claimed Universal Credit following required migration. (11813)
- 57 **Keir Mather** (Selby and Ainsty): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the eligibility criteria of the bereavement support payment to include separated parents. (11916)
- 58 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the capital funding provided to Barts Health NHS Trust for fire safety works at (a) Newham Hospital Gateway Surgical Centre, (b) other areas of Newham Hospital and (c) other facilities within that Trust. (11738)
- 59 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing the use of loyalty card points to buy baby formula. (11823)
- 60 **Dame Jackie Doyle-Price** (Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she expects the Anthony Nolan and NHS Blood and Transplant State of the Registry report on stem cells to be published. (11772)
- 61 **Dame Jackie Doyle-Price** (Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help tackle racial inequalities in levels of organ transplantation. (11773)
- 62 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the number of crisis referrals to child and adolescent mental health services on the standard of therapeutic provision for under-18s in south Cumbria. (11739)
- 63 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of young people who presented at an ambulance and emergency department in mental health crisis in each month in 2023. (11740)
- 64 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of young people who were admitted to a paediatric ward in mental health crisis in each month in 2023. (11741)

- 65 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of young people in South Cumbria identified as highly complex or at high risk to self or others are on the waiting list for (a) cognitive behavioural therapy, (b) psychology and (c) family therapy as of 29 January 2024. (11742)
- 66 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to support young people with autism in South Cumbria. (11743)
- 67 **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many established posts are filled by (a) discipline and (b) job role in South Cumbria CAMHS. (11867)
- 68 **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many established posts are vacant by (a) discipline and (b) job role in South Cumbria CAMHS. (11868)
- 69 **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many referrals have been accepted by South Cumbria CAMHS in each of the last 10 years. (11869)
- 70 **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many referrals have been accepted by South Cumbria CAMHS in each of the last 12 months. (11870)
- 71 **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of young people who were referred to child and adolescent mental health services waited (a) two weeks, (b) one month, (c) three months, (d) six months and (e) longer than six months for an assessment in the last 12 months. (11871)
- 72 **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what crisis assessment and intervention services are available to young people under the age of 18 in South Cumbria. (11872)
- 73 **Nick Fletcher** (Don Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions she has had with NHS England on the Kooth mental health platform. (11892)
- 74 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing financial incentives for businesses to manufacture medicines in the UK. (11887)
- 75 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of paying junior doctors' student loans if they (a) remain in the UK and (b) take up a registrar post. (11888)

- 76 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to improve the (a) diagnosis time and (b) access to care for people suffering from (i) Crohn's disease and (ii) colitis. (11685)
- 77 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department plans to increase funding for research into a cure for (a) colitis and (b) Crohn's disease. (11686)
- 78 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 14 June 2023 to Question 188530 on Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood, whether it remains her policy to update the information on the NHS website on sudden unexplained death in childhood before June 2024. (11788)
- 79 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11755)
- 80 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of funding for Admiral Nurses. (11810)
- 81 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data her Department holds on the number of deaths as a result of (a) nitazenes and (b) fentanyl poisonings in 2023. (11885)
- 82 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of administering naloxone when (a) reversing an overdose and (b) no opioids are present in the system. (11886)
- 83 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the supply of Creon on the NHS. (11787)
- 84 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the report by the APPG for Hospice and End of Life Care entitled Government funding for hospices, to be published in February 2024. (11700)
- 85 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment her Department has made of the equity of funding provided to hospices across England. (11701)
- 86 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment her Department has made of the sustainability of the funding model for hospices in England. (11702)

- 87 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department (a) is taking and (b) plans to take to ensure the long-term sustainability of the hospice sector. (11703)
- 88 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to introduce similar restrictions on nitrites in processed meat products to those set out in European Commission Regulation No 231/2012 on food additives nitrites (E 249-250) and nitrates (E 251-252), published on 1 June 2023. (11926)
- 89 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with the UN on the potential merits of taking further steps to help protect (a) members of expert panels mandated by the Security Council and (b) other UN (i) investigators and (ii) researchers from reprisals for their work. (11736)
- 90 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of whether the death sentences given to six people in Ghana in January 2024 will be carried out; and whether he has had recent discussions with his Ghanaian counterpart on this issue. (11737)
- 91 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will publish his Department's review of sanctions architecture. (11693)
- 92 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the memorandum from the Action Committee Condemning the Batang Kali Massacre, presented on 12 December 2023. (11832)
- 93 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made with international counterparts of the extent to which foreign states were involved in the drone attack on the Tower 22 US base in Jordan on 28 January 2024. (11727)
- 94 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implication for his policies of expulsion threats against Ahmadiyya Muslims in Pakistan; and whether his Department has taken steps to tackle those threats. (11865)
- 95 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will publish details of the discussions between the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs and his Israeli counterpart during his most recent visit to that country. (11804)

- 96 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether representations were made to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on the UK's funding of UNRWA in meetings with Israeli government officials during his most recent visit to that country. (11805)
- 97 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11756)
- 98 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 12 January 2024 to Question 7540 on Gaza: Humanitarian Aid and the Answer of 26 January 2024 to Question 9495 on Gaza: Humanitarian Aid, how many truckloads of UK aid are in Gaza; what recent progress his Department has made on helping to tackle constraints on the number of trucks entering Gaza each day; and what recent estimate he has made of the average daily number of truckloads of humanitarian supplies entering Gaza in the last month. (11763)
- 99 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what mechanisms are in place to disrupt Hamas' financial networks. (11771)
- 100 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he is taking steps to help ensure that the Israeli government is implementing the International Court of Justice's decision on the request for provisional measures in the case concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel). (11744)
- 101 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 25 January 2024 to Question 10054 on Ethiopia: Somaliland, whether he has made an assessment on the potential impact of an independent Somaliland on the security of the Red Sea. (11713)
- 102 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in Somaliland on the ongoing British intervention in Yemen. (11714)
- 103 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the report by the UN entitled The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022, published on 9 May 2022, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle poverty in the countries identified in that report as having the highest number of people living in extreme poverty. (11784)

- 104 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the reported violence in Ayodhya, India. (11786)
- 105 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he is taking steps to ensure that the enforcement of safe access zones is proportionate to other (a) protests and (b) gatherings. (11769)
- 106 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Defending Democracy Taskforce has taken evidence from BBC Persian journalists as part of its review into the UK's approach to transnational repression; and whether it has had recent discussions with the BBC World Service on that review. (11735)
- 107 **Tracey Crouch** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will take steps to ensure that (a) technology and (b) telecommunications companies help to prevent fraud. (11765)
- 108 **Tracey Crouch** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will introduce legislation to mandate information sharing between (a) payment service providers, (b) technology companies and (c) telecommunications companies. (11766)
- 109 **Tracey Crouch** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will appoint a Minister for Economic Crime. (11767)
- 110 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits introducing mandatory jail terms for people caught in possession of (a) blades, (b) knives and (c) other pointed articles without authorisation. (11728)
- 111 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Department's press release entitled New law to ban zombie-style knives and machetes, published on 25 January 2024, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of that proposed legislation on preventing the sale of zombie-style knives; and what steps his Department plans to take to confiscate zombie-style knives already in public possession. (11729)
- 112 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had recent discussions with Border Force on allegations that people seeking asylum in the UK that have returned to their country of origin for a holiday. (11682)
- 113 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number of exit checks conducted by Border Force which identified people seeking asylum in the UK attempting to return to their country of origin in 2022. (11683)

- 114 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11758)
- 115 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many claims for asylum were suspended in each month between September and December 2023. (11811)
- 116 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many job vacancies there are in his Department. (11812)
- 117 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate his Department has made of the average cost to the public purse of removing a person from the UK to Rwanda. (11884)
- 118 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support people running small medium enterprises impacted by banking fraud. (11806)
- 119 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department is taking steps to help tackle the rise in artificial intelligence generated deepfake crime. (11722)
- 120 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has any plans to outlaw the use of artificial intelligence deepfake programmes. (11723)
- 121 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many potential crimes involving AI deepfake programmes were reported in each of the last three years. (11724)
- 122 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much his Department has spent from the public purse on tackling AI deepfake crimes in each of the last three years. (11725)
- 123 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his polices of the drone attack on the Tower 22 US base in Jordan on 28 January 2024. (11726)
- 124 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the level of risk posed by the Islamic Resistance in Iraq to service personnel (a) deployed on Op Shader and (b) otherwise serving overseas. (11730)
- 125 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much the Royal Navy spent on (a) recruitment campaigns and (b) other initiatives to help increase the diversity of its workforce in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021 and (iii) 2022. (11677)

- 126 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much the Army spent on (a) recruitment campaigns and (b) other initiatives to help increase the diversity of its workforce in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021 and (iii) 2022. (11678)
- 127 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people are employed by the Royal Navy in roles relating to diversity and inclusion. (11679)
- 128 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people are employed in diversity and inclusion roles in the Royal Air Force. (11680)
- 129 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11759)
- 130 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent steps he has taken to increase the presence of strategic naval assets in the Indo-Pacific region. (11708)
- 131 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of enhancing British military assets in Brunei. (11709)
- 132 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the merits of adding anti-air close-in weapons systems to the Type 23 frigate. (11710)
- 133 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to increase the capability of offshore patrol vessels operated by the Royal Navy. (11711)
- 134 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has taken recent steps to increase the defensive capabilities of the Queen Elizabeth class aircraft carriers. (11712)
- 135 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to provide military assistance to help support Ukraine's naval forces in winter 2023-24. (11785)
- 136 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many members of the armed forces are deployed in Iraq. (11880)
- 137 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, in what specialisms the Armed Forces are providing training to Iraqi Security Forces in Iraq. (11881)

- 138 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisons are fully staffed. (11803)
- 139 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people serving prison sentences in England and Wales as of January 29 2024 were born outside of the United Kingdom. (11684)
- 140 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11760)
- 141 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will take legislative steps to expunge criminal records for summary offence crimes committed by individuals (a) under the age of 18 and (b) more than 10 years ago. (11770)
- 142 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11761)
- 143 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much his Department spent on public information campaigns promoting Government policies in the (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23 financial years; and how much it has spent on such campaigns in the 2023-24 financial year as of 29 January 2024. (11807)
- 144 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much his Department has spent on communications staff in the (a) 2022-23 financial year and (b) 2023-24 financial year as of 29 January 2024. (11808)
- 145 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much his Department has spent on special advisers in the (a) 2022-23 financial year and (b) 2023-24 financial year as of 29 January 2024. (11809)
- 146 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11762)
- 147 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his Department's consultation entitled Reforming anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing supervision, published on 30 June 2023, if he will (a) make an assessment of the level of potential (i) risk to continued anti-money laundering compliance posed by each proposed model of reform and (ii) transitional risk associated with models (A) two, (B) three and (C) four of the reform proposals and (b) publish those assessments. (11692)

- 148 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the provision of funding for an infected blood compensation scheme. (11853)
- 149 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.87 of the Autumn Statement 2023, CP 977, published on 22 November 2023, in what form his Department prefers to receive (a) industry representations and (b) broader data on the VAT Retail Export Scheme. (11671)
- 150 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.87 of the Autumn Statement 2023, CP 977, published on 22 November 2023, until what date his Department will continue to accept (a) industry representations and (b) broader data on the VAT Retail Export Scheme. (11672)
- 151 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his oral contribution of 22 November 2023, Official Report column 349, what the evidential basis is for the statement that the VAT Retail Export Scheme cost around £2.5 billion a year; and if he will publish the methodology underpinning this costing. (11673)
- 152 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 21 December 2023 to Question 7211 on Fire and Rescue Services Finance, what Barnett consequentials arise as a result of additional funding support for Fire and Rescue Authorities in England. (11830)
- 153 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which policies under each arms length body reporting to their Department fall within the scope of the Environmental principles policy statement, published on 31 January 2023. (11757)
- 154 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the £20 billion of funding announced in the Spring Budget 2023 for early deployment of carbon capture, usage and storage was in addition to previous announcements of funding for (a) carbon capture, usage and storage, (b) hydrogen power and (c) direct air capture made since January 2020. (11764)
- 155 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Answer of 8 March 2023 to Question 157639 on Mortgages, whether he plans to publish a response to the report entitled Releasing the Mortgage Prisoners, published on 1 March 2023. (11794)
- 156 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate his Department has made of the revenue raised from the apprenticeship levy in each of the last three years. (11717)

- 157 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an estimate of the interest earned on apprenticeship levy funds in each of the last three years. (11718)
- 158 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many companies have paid the apprenticeship levy in each of the last three years. (11719)
- 159 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of basing child benefit eligibility on household rather than individual income. (11906)
- 160 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the child benefit income eligibility threshold in line with inflation. (11907)
- 161 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the high income child benefit charge on household finances where (a) one parent's income is and (b) both parents' incomes are above the threshold. (11908)
- 162N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will issue guidance to insurance companies on reducing emissions from installations financed by those companies. [Transferred] (11554)
- 163 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of the abolition of marriage value under schedule two of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill on tax revenues derived from the enfranchisement of leasehold properties. (11699)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 1 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of clearances were processed by United Kingdom Security Vetting within 95 days in the latest period for which data is available. (11707)
- 2N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what information her Department holds on the proportion of cars produced in the UK that were (a) electric hybrid and (b) fully electric in 2023. (11697)
- 3N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes in rules of origin arrangements with Canada as a result of the suspension of trade negotiations with that country on (a) the economy and (b) each sector. (11775)

- 4N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to support businesses impacted by the suspension of trade negotiations with Canada. (11776)
- 5N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make it her policy to maintain the existing terms of the universal service obligation for Royal Mail delivery services. (11897)
- 6N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she make an assessment of the potential merits of including Post Office clerks who were impacted by the Horizon scandal in the compensation schemes. (11732)
- 7N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including individuals who were employed by a franchise organisation of the Post Office and who were impacted by the Horizon scandal, in the compensation schemes. (11733)
- 8N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will hold discussions with the BBC on taking steps to ensure that its commissioning processes are subject to independent scrutiny. (11696)
- 9N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the condition of heritage assets in Tamworth constituency. (11922)
- 10N **Anna Firth** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will meet with the Shrimpers Trust to discuss the Football Governance Bill. (11914)
- 11N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Online Advertising Taskforce action plan, published on 30 November 2023, what her Department's expected timeline to publish its further consultation on the online advertising programme policy package. (11825)
- 12N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what progress her Department has made implementing the objectives set out in its online advertising taskforce action plan, published on 30 November 2023. (11826)
- 13N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Online Advertising Taskforce action plan, published on 30 November 2023, what her Department's expected timeline is to undertake research on online users' experiences of advertising harms. (11827)
- 14N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many libraries have closed in each year since 2015. (11909)

- 15N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many libraries have opened in each year since 2015. (11910)
- 16N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many youth centres have closed in each year since 2015. (11911)
- 17N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many local authority swimming pools have closed in each year since 2015. (11912)
- 18N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many local authority leisure centres have closed by region in each year since 2015. (11913)
- 19N **Mr William Wragg** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has received recent representations from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council on the presence of RAAC at the Forum Theatre in Romiley. (11821)
- 20N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what opportunities parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) have had to contribute to the development of new professional standards for mediators working with SEND. (11833)
- 21N **Kate Hollern** (Blackburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to allow parents to claim funded hours for their child if they are cared for by a registered childminder who is also a member of their extended family. (11795)
- 22N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of how many (a) colleges and (b) universities offer Higher Technical Qualifications (i) nationally and (ii) in each English region. (11793)
- 23N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that children with autism receive a good standard of education. (11774)
- 24N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Government plans to seek UK membership of the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance. (11902)
- 25N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions she has had with her international counterparts on the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill. (11903)
- 26N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department plans to take to help support workers affected by the transition away from oil and gas towards renewable energy sources. (11904)

- 27N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it is her policy to advocate for the phase-out of fossil fuels at COP29. (11905)
- 28N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to encourage green investment in the production of renewable liquid gases for decarbonising off-grid (a) homes and (b) businesses unsuitable for a heat pump. (11894)
- 29N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Green Taxonomy will recognise (a) advanced biofuels, (b) renewable fuels of non-biological origin and (c) recycled carbon fuels as compliant. (11895)
- 30N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has had recent discussions with Ofgem on (a) the impact of high energy costs on the finances of businesses that agreed new electricity contracts in the last two years and (b) taking steps to help support those businesses to agree new electricity contracts. (11829)
- 31N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department plans to acquire the Wylfa site land at the book value assigned to it by Hitachi. (11927)
- 32N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that energy networks have the radio spectrum access they need to deliver smart energy networks. (11667)
- 33 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill on the restoration of marine habitats. (11900)
- 34N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in other countries on COP16 to the Convention on Biological Diversity. (11901)
- 35N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the presence of antibiotic resistant bacteria in waterways. (11896)
- 36N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department last met with (a) Tamworth Borough Council, (b) Staffordshire County Council and (c) Lichfield District Council to discuss flood preparedness. (11924)
- 37N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much flooding response funding has been allocated to Tamworth constituency in each of the last 10 years. (11925)

- 38N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support farmers to use methane suppressing feed additives. (11731)
- 39N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Border Target Operating Model on the cost of food for households in the next (a) 12 months, (b) five years and (c) 10 years. (11866)
- 40N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has met with (a) Tamworth Borough Council, (b) Staffordshire County Council and (c) Lichfield District Council to discuss heritage assets. (11921)
- 41N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of Tamworth Borough Council on levelling up funding. (11923)
- 42N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the total costs incurred by local authorities relating to legal cases on the fitness for habitation of council properties in each of the last five years. (11842)
- 43N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether a commission fee was added by Gallions Approach Management Ltd to the application to the Building Safety Fund in relation to the application for Drift Court in the London Borough of Newham, reference London_1595. (11670)
- 44N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has had recent discussions with (a) the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero and (b) Ofcom on energy networks' access to the radio spectrum in the context of the (i) smart meter rollout and (ii) implementation of a smart energy network. (11668)
- 45N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister of State, Department for Transport during the oral question on Access for All of 8 June 2023, Official Report, column 856, what his planned timetable is for making a decision on the projects receiving funding from the Access for All programme. (11862)
- 46N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 26 January 2024 to Question 11134 on Railways: Wales, if he will publish the initial prioritised list of rail improvements and investments. (11820)
- 47N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish his response to his Department's consultation entitled Managing pavement parking, which closed on 22 November 2020. (11917)

- 48N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps his Department has taken to tackle pavement parking on a national level. (11918)
- 49N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of pavement parking on (a) people living with visual impairments and (b) wheelchair users. (11919)
- 50N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the cost to the public purse of the Pensions Dashboards programme has been as of 29 January 2024. (11836)
- 51N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of people who will (a) experience financial detriment to their public sector pension and (b) delay retirement following the McCloud Remedy. (11822)
- 52N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of using alternative methods of determining eligibility for cold weather payments. (11694)
- 53N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that maternity and neonatal safety improvement schemes include a focus on mitigating against the effects of inequalities. (11898)
- 54N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of maternity and neonatal safety improvement schemes on mitigating the effects of inequalities in perinatal deaths. (11899)
- 55N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had recent discussions with the Chief Executive of NHS England on the (a) procurement of and (b) the supply chain for Esketamine. (11889)
- 56N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that the NHS has an adequate supply of Esketamine for use in clinical settings. (11890)
- 57N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the efficacy of Esketamine in treating people with rare neurological conditions. (11891)
- 58N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the impact of the closure of the Veterans Hearing Fund on NHS auditory services. (11691)

- 59N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on social security support for people with a mental health care plan. (11669)
- 60N **Sir Michael Ellis** (Northampton North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of his Department's travel advice for South Africa, in the context of (a) recent trends in levels of crime in South Africa and (b) the case of cricketer David Teeger. (11777)
- 61N **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the (a) recent physical assault of Hagop Djernazian and (b) safety of Armenians in the Old City of Jerusalem. [R] (11824)
- 62N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in light of a recent reported incident in London, whether he has issued recent guidance to the police on the rights of people to sing religious songs in a public setting. (11698)
- 63N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 January 2024 to Questions 8423 and 8424 on Asylum: Children, for what reason his Department is unable to provide the figures requested. (11778)
- 64N **James Daly** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) student and (b) student dependent visa applications were received by his Department in the first two weeks of January (i) 2023 and (ii) 2024. (11893)
- 65N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps he has taken to (a) tackle off-road biking and (b) work with local authorities on this issue. (11920)
- 66N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to re-establish the Veterans Hearing Fund. (11687)
- 67N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on integrating commissioning for veteran-specific hearing (a) treatments and (b) equipment in the NHS. (11688)
- 68N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help reduce the number of Armed Forces personnel who are medically discharged due to hearing related (a) damage and (b) impairments. (11689)
- 69N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Veterans Hearing Fund. (11690)

- 70N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the threat to (a) wives and (b) children of people eligible for relocation under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy in cases where the principal is deceased. (11790)
- 71N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people in Pakistan eligible for relocation under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme have been relocated to the UK since December 2023. (11791)
- 72N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people in Pakistan eligible for relocation under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy are still awaiting relocation. (11792)
- 73N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to publish (a) eligibility and (b) application process information on how LGBT veterans can apply for a financial award, in the context of the LGBT Veterans Independent Review, published on 19 July 2023. (11704)
- 74N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Oral statement by the Minister for Defence People and Families of 13 December 2023 on the LGBT Veterans Independent Review, Official Report, column 904, what is his assessment of the difference between a (a) financial awards scheme and (b) compensation scheme. (11705)
- 75N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with stakeholders on recommendation 28 of the LGBT veterans independent review. (11706)
- 76N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the number of officers who will lose entitlement to their Service Family Accommodation properties when the new accommodation offer is introduced. (11863)
- 77N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the number of officers applying for transitional protection for their properties when the new accommodation offer is introduced. (11864)
- 78N **Rob Butler** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of trends in re-offending rates for people subject to a home detention curfew for the final part of their custodial sentence. (11873)
- 79N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data his Department holds on the number of prison officers dismissed for having intimate relationships with prisoners for each year since 2014. (11798)
- 80N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers have been dismissed for (a) supplying and (b) transporting drugs in prison in each of the last ten years. (11799)

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- 81N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the National Statistics entitled Safety in Custody Statistics, England and Wales: Deaths in Prison Custody to December 2023 Assaults and Self-harm to September 2023, published on 25 January 2024, how many and what proportion of assaults on prison staff took place in privately-operated prisons. (11800)
- 82N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prison officers recruited in 2023 have left the prison service. (11801)
- 83N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officer positions were vacant in (a) October, (b) November and (c) December 2023. (11802)
- 84N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing VAT on (a) catering and (b) takeaway hot food. (11828)
- 85N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the amount of interest that has been accrued on frozen Russian assets seized by the UK Government. (11837)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 2 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the reasons for change in the mean cost of heat pump installations through the Boiler Upgrade Scheme. (11734)
- 2N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take legislative steps to minimise harm to the environment as a result of improper disposal of vapes. (11835)
- 3N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of offering incentives to dentists to deliver NHS dentistry. (11878)
- 4N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of equalising dentistry training requirements between the private sector and NHS on (a) NHS budgets and (b) the NHS dentistry workforce. (11879)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 5 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on the use of electronic communications during the covid-19 pandemic. (11843)
- 2N **Julie Elliott** (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of Multi-Sports Grassroots Facilities programme projects 2023-24 on the (a) engagement and (b) participation of women and girls in sport. (11779)
- 3N **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on (a) the VAT treatment of private hire vehicles and (b) the potential impact of changes in VAT rates for those vehicles on the viability of that sector. (11797)
- 4N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make (a) an assessment of the potential merits of ring-fencing NHS dentistry funding and (b) an estimate of the potential impact of such ringfencing on the NHS budget. (11855)
- 5N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will (a) make it her policy to introduce mandatory dental checks for children under 11 in educational settings and (b) make an estimate of the cost of such checks. (11856)
- 6N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, under which circumstances members of the British Armed Forces are issued with Mefloquine. (11674)
- 7N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many times Mefloquine has been issued to services personnel since 2017. (11675)
- 8N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people have been prescribed Mefloquine by pharmacies under a contract with his Department since 2017. (11676)
- 9N **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department plans to start a consultation on the VAT treatment of private hire vehicles. (11796)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 23 February

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take legislative steps to tackle the promotion of e-cigarettes and disposable vapes to children.

(11834)