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Questions tabled on Thursday 1 February 2024

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Friday 2 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of civil partnerships for opposite sex couples have been (a) registered and (b) ended in each year since 2019. [Transferred] (11930)
- 2 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of extending guidance on community benefit to low-carbon electricity generation on net zero targets. [Transferred] (12410)
- 3 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to increase the penalties for people who are successfully prosecuted for fly tipping. [Transferred] (12357)
- 4 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of abolishing marriage value under schedule two of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill on the finances of freeholders. [Transferred] (12279)
- 5 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of abolishing marriage value under schedule two of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill on the transfer of wealth overseas by freeholders. [Transferred] (12280)

- 6 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the average value of residential properties with remaining leases of (a) 80 to 71, (b) 70 to 61, (c) 60 to 51, (d) 50 to 41, (e) 40 to 31, (f) 30 to 21, (g) 20 to 11 years and (h) 10 or fewer years. [Transferred] (12281)
- 7 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many Fisheries Protection Officers are commissioned to patrol the British Indian Ocean Territory. [Transferred] (12297)
- 8 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many fishing logs have been inspected by Fisheries Protection Officers in the British Indian Ocean Territory in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (12298)

Questions for Answer on Monday 5 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which civil service training programmes include the spotting of microaggressions. (12500)
- 2 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many ARAP applicants awaiting a decision are residing in UK hotels as of 30 January 2024. (12499)
- 3N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the release entitled National population projections: 2021-based interim, published by the Office for National Statistics on 30 January 2024, what (a) bodies and (b) individuals provided expert advisory feedback to the National Population Projections Committee on long-term assumptions. [Transferred] (12352)
- 4N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the release entitled National population projections: 2021-based interim, published by the Office for National Statistics on 30 January 2024, for what reason the National Population Projections Committee agreed the average of 10 years of historical international migration data including the years ending mid-2022 and mid-2023 on which to base the long-term assumptions. [Transferred] (12373)
- 5 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what value of goods was (a) imported from and (b) exported to the Kingdom of Morocco in (i) 2021, (ii) 2022 and (iii) 2023. (12605)

- 6 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Japan since 2022. (12700)
- 7 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Canada since 2022. (12701)
- 8 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Switzerland since 2022. (12702)
- 9 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Australia since 2022. (12703)
- 10 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Sweden since 2022. (12704)
- 11 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Poland since 2022. (12705)
- 12 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to the United Arab Emirates since 2022. (12706)
- 13 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Turkey since 2022. (12707)
- 14 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Singapore since 2022. (12708)
- 15 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to South Korea since 2022. (12709)
- 16 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Second Special Report of the Environmental Audit Committee of Session 2017–19 on Toxic Chemicals in Everyday Life: Government Response to the Committee's Twentieth Report of Session 2017–19, HC160, published on 30 October 2019, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of chemical flame-retardant use in furniture filling materials on (a) health, (b) environmental wellbeing and (c) fire safety. (12619)

- 17 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made an estimate of the number and proportion of SMEs that have received funding from her Department in East Devon constituency in each of the last three years. (12680)
- 18 **John McNally** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what information her Department holds on the number of (a) hairdressing and (b) barber salons there are. (12558)
- 19 **John McNally** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to help support small employers with increases in the national minimum wage. (12560)
- 20 **Carolyn Harris** (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the study by Gabriel A. Brooks and Luke Clark entitled, *The gamblers of the future? Migration from loot boxes to gambling in a longitudinal study of young adults*, published in *Computers in Human Behaviour*, volume 141, in April 2023. (12653)
- 21 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) reducing and (b) eliminating the residency requirement for British National Overseas visa holders to qualify for (i) home fee status and (ii) student finance. (12725)
- 22 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 31 January 2024 to Question 11541 on Children in Care, what assessment she has made of the reasons for the higher proportion of looked after children per head of population in the North East; and what steps she is taking to remedy those causes. (12664)
- 23 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will review the Levelised Cost of Electricity to take account of the (a) full cost of energy and (b) energy return on energy invested. (12712)
- 24 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of disposable vapes on (a) rivers, (b) oceans and (c) animals. (12734)
- 25N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Border Target Operating Model, whether he has made an estimate of the (a) average cost to businesses of a health certificate for an individual consignment and (b) total cost for businesses of acquiring health certificates over the next 12 months. [Transferred] (12300)
- 26 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing mandatory microchipping for all (a) horses, (b) ponies and (c) donkeys. (12684)

- 27 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to implement Owen's Law in line with the recommendations of the Food Standards Agency. (12663)
- 28 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an estimate of the potential cost to farmers of dog attacks on farm animals in the last 12 months. (12506)
- 29N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of funding a redevelopment of the Animal Plant and Health Agency Headquarters in Weybridge. [Transferred] (12462)
- 30 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to detect the illegal carrying of meat products into the UK. (12673)
- 31 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help prevent the spread of African Swine Fever to the UK. (12674)
- 32 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the level of risk posed to the UK by the spread of African Swine Fever. (12675)
- 33 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his Department's timescales are for the publication of the results of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations consultation; and what plans his Department has to introduce changes to the Veterinary Medicines Regulation 2013. (12648)
- 34 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the Fifth Report of Session 2023-24 of the Committee of Public Accounts entitled Government's programme of waste reforms. (12667)
- 35 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce sewage discharges in East Devon constituency. (12678)
- 36 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to work with relevant bodies to help protect the buzzard (a) nationally and (b) in Romford constituency. (12593)
- 37 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to undertake a consultation on the labelling of non-stun slaughter meat. (12604)

- 38 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on establishing a deposit return scheme. (12545)
- 39 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to ensure the interoperability of deposit return schemes in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. (12546)
- 40 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to appoint an independent administrator for a deposit return scheme. (12547)
- 41 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in the devolved Administrations on ensuring the interoperability of deposit return schemes. (12548)
- 42 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department plans to roll out Housing First to areas beyond the existing pilots. (12655)
- 43 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of updating the valuations upon which Council Tax bands are set. (12689)
- 44 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding to local authorities beyond the expiration date of the Ukraine sponsorship schemes, to help support those from Ukraine currently resident in the UK under such schemes. (12626)
- 45 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, What steps her Department is taking to help increase the number of potential employees with sufficient (a) software and (b) data skills in the labour market. (12614)
- 46 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to p.26 of the UK Wireless Infrastructure Strategy published by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology in April 2023, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help ensure the consistency of wireless connectivity on the rail network. (12715)
- 47 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made a comparative assessment of the performance of (a) passenger Wi-Fi and (b) non-passenger data transmission by each of the train operating companies that are (i) contracted by him to the private sector and (ii) under the control of DfT OLR Holdings Limited with international counterparts. (12716)

- 48 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the average Wi-Fi (a) download and (b) upload speed per passenger provided by each of the train operating companies. (12717)
- 49 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many mobile masts have been installed on the London-Brighton railway by Cellnex since 2021; and how many mobile network operators were offering services from Cellnex masts on 1 February 2024. (12718)
- 50 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress Network Rail has made on finalising the contract for Project Reach. (12728)
- 51 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish the (a) agendas and (b) minutes of discussion (i) he and (ii) officials in his Department have had with his Swiss counterpart on a proposed train link between London St. Pancras and Basel. (12555)
- 52 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with car manufacturers on trends in car insurance prices in the last 12 months. (12601)
- 53 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the economic impact of electrifying the railway line between Lancaster and Morecambe. (12577)
- 54 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if his Department will take steps to recruit staff to process claims for Disability Living Allowance for children. (12659)
- 55 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with the NHS on the impact of its timescales for providing medical evidence for child Disability Living Allowance claims on the time taken to process those claims. (12661)
- 56 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the time taken to process child Disability Living Allowance claims. (12662)
- 57 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether (a) GoFundMe and (b) other fundraisers set up by a friend or relative can impact on a claimant's access to (i) universal credit, (ii) child benefit, (iii) housing benefit and (iv) other social security benefits. (12721)
- 58 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many personal independence payment claims are outstanding. (12719)
- 59 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Access to Work claims are outstanding. (12720)

- 60 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the impact of the Household Support Fund on vulnerable households. (12644)
- 61 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with local authorities on continuation of the Household Support Fund in 2024-25. (12645)
- 62 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an estimate of the potential financial impact on public services of the discontinuation of the Household Support Fund. (12646)
- 63 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have entered employment through the people and skills investment priority of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in each year since its inception. (12586)
- 64 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the safety of Philips CPAP machines in the NHS. (12691)
- 65 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the availability of genomic testing. [R] (12685)
- 66 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to ensure future NHS genomic testing publications include data on access to different cancer tests based on an individual's (a) ethnicity, (b) socioeconomic status and (c) type of cancer test. [R] (12686)
- 67 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of variations in access to genetic and genomic testing for cancer through the NHS Genomics Medicine Service; and what steps her Department is taking to reduce these variations. [R] (12687)
- 68 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the impact of trends in average waiting times for biomarker and genomic testing on waiting times for cancer treatment. [R] (12690)
- 69 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 29 January 2024 to Question 10925 on Liver Diseases: Darlington, how much and what proportion of the £30,000 for County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust will be spent in Darlington. (12658)
- 70 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 January 2024 to Question 10927 on Mental Health Services: Children and Young People, what the average waiting time was from referral to assessment for a child referred to the Child and Adolescent Mental

- Health Service in the latest period for which data is available; and how many children are on a waiting list in each local authority within the NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board area. (12660)
- 71 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what research the Government is funding on tackling lobular breast cancer. (12665)
- 72 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of availability of follow up MRI scans for women who have undergone mastectomies to tackle lobular breast cancer. (12666)
- 73 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to (a) increase availability and (b) cut waiting times for dental appointments. (12552)
- 74 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reduce the potential impact of increased antimicrobial resistance caused by the overuse of antibiotics on industrial farms on human health. (12649)
- 75 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of NHS menopause services available in Devon. (12681)
- 76 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help improve access to NHS menopause services. (12682)
- 77 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to place further restrictions on the advertisement of alcohol. (12633)
- 78 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of placing further restrictions on advertising on the packaging of alcoholic drinks. (12634)
- 79 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for alcohol (a) harm and (b) addiction services. (12636)
- 80 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to raise awareness of alcohol harm. (12637)
- 81 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will introduce (a) liver and (b) blood tests for (i) young and (ii) any other people with high alcohol use. (12640)

- 82 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in what proportion of cases presented at urgent care and emergency departments has alcohol been recorded as (a) a contributing or (b) major factor in the latest period for which data is available. (12641)
- 83 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had discussion with her international counterparts on best practice in the management of alcohol use. (12642)
- 84 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to provide adequate education on the use of alcohol to people under the age of 18. (12643)
- 85 **James Morris** (Halesowen and Rowley Regis): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many pharmacies in Halesowen & Rowley Regis constituency have signed up for Pharmacy First. (12567)
- 86 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help raise public awareness of the risks of vaping. (12572)
- 87 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent steps his Department is taking to increase the effectiveness of its aid programmes in the context of the Government implementing the sixth sustainable development goal. (12726)
- 88 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent steps his Department has taken to improve the effectiveness of UK aid programmes in (a) reducing poverty, (b) increasing literacy rates and (c) increasing life expectancies. (12727)
- 89 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1078 on Rwanda: Human Rights, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of due process during the investigation into the death of John Williams Ntwali and; whether he is aware of any action taken by the Rwandan authorities since 7 February 2023 to address concerns around due process during that investigation. (12556)
- 90 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to paragraph 44 of the summary grounds of the Secretary of State in the case of *The King (on the application of Al-Haq) v. Secretary of State for Business and Trade, AC-2023-LON-003634*, for what reason the assessment on Israel's commitment to comply with international humanitarian law was deferred for ministerial decision. (12622)
- 91 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made on the implications for his policies of the press release of the Office of the

- High Commissioner for Human Rights entitled, Hong Kong SAR: UN expert warns against admission of evidence, allegedly secured through torture, in Jimmy Lai case, published on 31 January 2024; and when he last made representations to the Hong Kong authorities on the Jimmy Lai case. (12495)
- 92 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made on the implications for his policies of the press release of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights entitled, Hong Kong SAR: UN expert warns against admission of evidence, allegedly secured through torture, in Jimmy Lai case, published on 31 January 2024; and when he last made representations to the Hong Kong authorities on the Jimmy Lai case. (12496)
- 93 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, for what reason the UK-African Investment Summit has been postponed. (12711)
- 94 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of implementation of the recommendations made in the Commission of Inquiry report for governance reform in the British Virgin Islands. (12740)
- 95 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the report entitled Intimidation as Foreign Policy, published by Policy Exchange on 29 January 2024. (12594)
- 96 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will stop negotiations with Mauritius over the British Indian Ocean Territory. (12595)
- 97 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with his Mauritian counterpart on sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (12596)
- 98 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he plans to visit Montserrat. (12597)
- 99 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what the cost to the public purse was of Official Development Assistance funding to Montserrat in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (12599)
- 100 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to help improve healthcare provision on Montserrat. (12600)

- 101 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on development in the Maghreb of the breakdown of the ceasefire in Western Sahara. (12713)
- 102 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the use of Western Sahara's natural resources by the occupying power on the indigenous Saharawi people. (12714)
- 103 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will increase UK aid to Gaza. (12710)
- 104 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing an asylum right to work pilot on asylum seekers. (12606)
- 105 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing British National (Overseas) passport holders to use e-gates at the UK border. (12722)
- 106 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing British National (Overseas) passport holders to undertake voluntary work as (a) sportspersons and (b) sports coaches. (12723)
- 107 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the documentation provided to British National Overseas passport holders to access mandatory provident fund monies. (12724)
- 108 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to reduce net migration. (12688)
- 109 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the cultivation of illegal drug farms in abandoned commercial properties. (12695)
- 110 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that people who are arrested for suspected drug cultivation are assessed for signs that they may have been (a) coerced and (b) exploited by others. (12696)
- 111 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance his Department issues to (a) police and (b) immigration authorities on working together to tackle the intersection of (i) drug cultivation and (ii) immigration offences. (12697)

- 112 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help prevent the risk of (a) fires, (b) floods, (c) structural damage to buildings and (d) other dangers potentially caused by illegal drug cultivation. (12598)
- 113 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers who arrived on small boats were on bail on 1 February 2024. (12501)
- 114 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many non-UK citizens who served in the Armed Forces for (a) four and (b) five years applied for indefinite leave to remain and had to pay visa fees in (i) 2021, (ii) 2022 and (iii) 2023. (12512)
- 115 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the total sum paid by the dependents of non-UK citizens was who served in the armed forces for (a) four and (b) five years and were granted indefinite leave to remain in (i) 2021, (ii) 2022 and (iii) 2023. (12513)
- 116 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people whose application for an award under the Windrush Compensation Scheme has been denied have appealed in each quarter since that scheme was launched. (12730)
- 117 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the report by Public Health Scotland entitled Evaluating the impact of minimum unit pricing for alcohol in Scotland, published on 27 June 2023. (12635)
- 118 **John McNally** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle the use of barber shops as fronts for (a) organised crime and (b) illegal immigration. (12561)
- 119 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of attempts to log into the UK Visas and Immigration portal failed in each of the past six months. (12578)
- 120 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help social care providers to (a) apply for a sponsorship license for social care staff and (b) complete online applications to sponsor a social care worker visa. (12579)
- 121 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the accessibility of the UK Visa and Immigration portal for social care workers visas. (12580)
- 122 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance his Department provides social care providers on using the social staff visa application portal. (12583)

- 123 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he has taken to help reduce automobile theft in (a) the UK and (b) Romford constituency. (12587)
- 124 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number of crossbows in the UK; and what plans he has to (a) categorise crossbows as firearms and (b) restrict the ownership of crossbows. (12588)
- 125 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the future of those resident in the UK on Ukrainian sponsorship schemes beyond the schemes' expiration. (12625)
- 126 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page six of the Defence Suppliers' Forum publication entitled Collaboration Charter, published on 22 November 2023, following which operations has in-service feedback been shared with industry partners since the publication of that charter. (12525)
- 127 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 7.3 of the Defence Suppliers' Forum publication entitled Collaboration Charter, published on 22 November 2023, what bespoke engagements have taken place since the establishment of the charter. (12526)
- 128 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 7.4 of the Defence Suppliers' Forum publication entitled Collaboration Charter, published on 22 November 2023, what recent estimate he has made of when the new system to standardise the ability to exchange information will be completed. (12527)
- 129 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 7.5 of the Defence Suppliers' Forum publication entitled Collaboration Charter, published on 22 November 2023, whether data retention settings are in place to save messages from the instant messaging platform on the new system. (12528)
- 130 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 8.3 on page 6 of the Defence Suppliers' Forum publication entitled Collaboration Charter, published on 22 November 2023, how many people from each of the companies listed as a signatory of the charter have received security clearance from his Department as of 1 February 2024. (12529)
- 131 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 8.5 on page 6 of the Defence Suppliers' Forum publication entitled Collaboration Charter, published on 22 November 2023, when he next plans to review collaborative working. (12530)

- 132 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q111 of the oral evidence given by David Williams to the Public Accounts Committee on 22 January 2024, HC 451, how many Government Major Projects Portfolio review meetings took place in 2023. (12533)
- 133 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q111 of the oral evidence given by David Williams to the Public Accounts Committee on 22 January 2024, HC 451, what the programme of project review meetings led by non-executive directors at Defence Equipment and Support covers. (12534)
- 134 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q113 of the oral evidence by Andy Start to the Committee of Public Accounts on 22 January 2024, HC 451, how much and what proportion of the £560 million has been spent on enhancing the supply chain of chemicals. (12536)
- 135 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q116 of the oral evidence by Andy Start to the Committee of Public Accounts on 22 January 2024, HC 451, what the budget for Project Hirst has been in each financial year since its establishment. (12537)
- 136 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q116 of the oral evidence by Andy Start to the Committee of Public Accounts on 22 January 2024, HC 451, what recent discussions he has had with industry stakeholders on investments in munitions. (12538)
- 137 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q122 of the oral evidence by David Williams to the Committee of Public Accounts on 22 January 2024, HC 451, what support senior responsible owners are receiving from (a) programme directors and (b) Defence Equipment and Support. (12539)
- 138 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q123 of the oral evidence by David Williams to the Committee of Public Accounts on 22 January 2024, HC 451, what the length is of the contract his Department has agreed with Serco. (12540)
- 139 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 29 January 2024 to Question 10992 on Haythornthwaite Review of Armed Forces Incentivisation, if he will detail how the £9.2 million was spent. (12543)
- 140 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many aerial threats has HMS Diamond shot down since arriving in the Red Sea. (12514)
- 141 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people were rejected from joining the Armed Forces due to asthma in each year since 2010. (12515)

- 142 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people were rejected from joining the Armed Forces due to dermatitis in each year since 2010. (12516)
- 143 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people were rejected from joining the Armed Forces due to (a) Raynaud's phenomenon and (b) vasospastic disease in each year since 2010. (12517)
- 144 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people were rejected from joining the Armed Forces due to high blood pressure in each year since 2010. (12518)
- 145 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people were rejected from joining the Armed Forces due to (a) anaphylaxis and (b) allergies in each year since 2010. (12519)
- 146 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many times a UK Carrier Strike Group with a wholly sovereign air wing and escort fleet has sailed on (a) exercise and (b) deployment since 2020. (12520)
- 147 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the ability of the UK to field a wholly sovereign Carrier Strike Group. (12521)
- 148 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Royal Navy ships have been deployed to the Gulf region in each year since 2010. (12522)
- 149 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Royal Navy's press release of 9 January 2024, entitled HMS Richmond heads to Gulf to support Diamond and Lancaster safeguard shipping, when he plans HMS Richmond will arrive on station. (12550)
- 150 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, What the (a) original and (b) current in service date is for the New Medium Helicopter. (12551)
- 151 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the planned delivery dates are for (a) HMS Sheffield, (b) HMS Newcastle, (c) HMS Edinburgh and (d) HMS London. (12603)
- 152 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Israeli armed forces personnel are in the UK. (12736)
- 153 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's policy is on the import of bearskin from Canada for use as hats. (12573)

- 154 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the operational future of the (a) HMS Prince of Wales and (b) HMS Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier. (12589)
- 155 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has taken steps to help increase the lethality of Queen Elizabeth-class aircraft carriers. (12590)
- 156 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the operational independence of the UK Carrier Strike Group. (12591)
- 157 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the readiness of the UK Carrier Strike Group; and what steps he has taken to improve that readiness. (12592)
- 158 **George Eustice** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to prevent the Civil Procedure Rule Committee making rules of court that would implement the recommendations in paragraphs 73 and 74 of Part L of the Leveson Report. (12565)
- 159N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many additional staff he has (a) recruited and (b) transferred from other roles in order to process additional changes to National Insurance records arising from (i) the HMRC exercise to correct errors in records relating to Home Responsibilities Protection and (ii) the forthcoming online service on payment of voluntary NI contributions. [Transferred] (12146)
- 160 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he is taking steps to prevent banks from providing (a) financial and (b) investment support to business which derive income from industrial livestock companies with low animal welfare practices. (12575)
- 161 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of reducing VAT for the hospitality industry. (12738)
- 162 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to help prevent the closure of banks in East Devon constituency. (12679)
- 163 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has had discussions with Cash Access UK on the opening hours of banking hubs. (12683)
- 164 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will raise duty on (a) tobacco products, (b) vapes and (c) alcohol in the forthcoming Budget. (12638)

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- 165 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will introduce hypothecated taxes for (a) smoking products, (b) vaping products and (c) alcohol to pay for health services related to those products. (12639)
- 166 **John McNally** (Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many disguised employment enforcement actions have been taken by HMRC against hairdressing salons in the last 12 months. (12557)
- 167 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the impact of changes to alcohol duty implemented in August 2023 on tax receipts. (12676)
- 168 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the consumer price index rate for alcoholic drinks. (12677)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 6 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Attorney General, how many and what proportion of female civil servants in the Crown Prosecution Service were employed on temporary contracts in each of the last three years. (12544)
- 2N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 1 February 2024 to Question 11775 on Origin Marking: Canada, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to rules of origin arrangements on tariffs for each sector identified as likely to be impacted. (12617)
- 3N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when was ministerial approval granted to UK Export Finance to advance negotiations with Harland & Wolff in relation to a proposed £200 million guaranteed loan facility under the Export Development Guarantee Scheme. (12549)
- 4N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of providing special educational needs inclusion funding directly to providers based on identified need rather than through the early years national funding formula. (12559)
- 5N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to extend the eligibility criteria for the early years pupil premium to children aged 9 months to three years who receive the 15 hours childcare entitlement in 2024. (12562)

- 6N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number and proportion of local authorities who have advised their local childcare providers of their hourly rate from 1 April 2024; and what steps she is taking to help ensure that childcare providers have adequate notice to prepare for the expanded roll-out. (12620)
- 7N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support land-based education. (12669)
- 8N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2024 to Question 10141 on Apprenticeships, whether her Department holds this data for any academic year since 2010/11. (12581)
- 9N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of apprenticeship courses were not completed in each academic year since 2016-17. (12582)
- 10N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 29 January 2024 to Question 11344 on Apprentices, for what reasons were there no apprenticeship starts in the two lowest funding bands in the 2022-23 academic year. (12584)
- 11N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of apprentices completed their endpoint assessment (a) on the date of, (b) one to three months after, (c) three to six months after and (d) more than six months after completing their apprenticeship in the 2021-22 academic year. (12585)
- 12N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many home EV charging points have been installed in each of the last two years. (12523)
- 13N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department is taking steps to support hospices with energy costs. (12671)
- 14N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many sewage releases there were in Luton South constituency in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (12656)
- 15N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether sewage was released into the chalk aquifer in Caddington in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (12657)
- 16N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish the National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides. (12576)

- 17N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the guidance issued by his Department entitled Import live animals and germinal products from the EU to Great Britain on 31 January 2024, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that the time taken for the new checks to be undertaken at airports after 30 April 2024 does not affect the viability of imported chilled semen for (a) racehorses and (b) other species. (12650)
- 18N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he plans to respond to the final offers from the Learned Societies for long-term leases on Burlington House. (12494)
- 19N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of the current threshold for higher education innovation funding on smaller universities and colleges; and whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of reducing that threshold. (12611)
- 20N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what her planned timetable is for the publication of the Space Sector Plan. (12612)
- 21N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to (a) monitor and (b) increase the demographic diversity of the space sector workforce; and what steps she is taking to tackle skills shortages in the space sector. (12613)
- 22N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the cost to the public purse was of her Department's expenditure on (a) space research and (b) promoting the commercialism of space research. (12615)
- 23N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish an update to the national road traffic projections. (12524)
- 24N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) is taking steps to reduce car practical driving test waiting times in Penzance; and if the DVSA will increase the number of available time slots for those tests in that area. (12647)
- 25N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what NHS England's policy is on hybrid working arrangements for (a) medical and (b) non-medical staff; and whether NHS England has made an assessment of the potential impact of working from home for up to (i) one, (ii) two, (iii) three and (iv) four days a week on levels of work productivity. (12504)

- 26N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many claims on (a) MMR, (b) Covid-19 and (c) all other vaccinations have been made to the Vaccine Damage Payments Scheme in each of the last three years; and how many of each are awaiting a decision as of 1 February 2024. (12505)
- 27N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps her Department has taken to support hospices. (12670)
- 28N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department plans to take to regulate the locations of point of sale displays for vapes. (12628)
- 29N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department plans to take steps to restrict the advertising of vapes at (a) sporting venues, (b) on packaging and (c) at point of sale. (12629)
- 30N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the number of (a) users and (b) people that have experienced harm due to the use of nitrous oxide. (12630)
- 31N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to take further steps to help prevent the use of nitrous oxide. (12631)
- 32N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to restrict the location of sale of alcohol. (12632)
- 33N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of NHS trusts have a digital prescribing system in place. (12566)
- 34N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many prescription errors were recorded by NHS trusts in 2023; and how many were recorded as causing patient harm. (12568)
- 35N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential obstacles to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency meeting its statutory licensing commitments for clinical trials for the year 2022-23. (12569)
- 36N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency's publication entitled MHRA Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023, published on 19 July 2023, what estimate she has made of the resourcing challenges faced by the MHRA; and what steps her Department is taking to tackle these challenges. (12570)

- 37N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of clinical trials were assessed after the statutory timeframe of 30 days in the 2022-23 financial year. (12571)
- 38N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department undertook an assessment of the impact of a separate pay spine for nursing on pay equality before launching the consultation. (12693)
- 39N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients are recorded as being on a waiting list for treatment more than once for the same condition. (12493)
- 40N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 5802 on Department of Health and Social Care: Correspondence, for what reason has a response not been provided within the statutory timeframe; and what assessment she has made of the implications for her Department's policies of the Prevention of Future Deaths (PFD) report prepared by Coroner Andrew Cox on 23 November 2023. (12652)
- 41N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to paragraph 40 of the summary grounds of the Secretary of State in the case of *The King (on the application of Al-Haq) v. Secretary of State for Business and Trade, AC-2023-LON-003634*, if he will publish the out-of-cycle international humanitarian law assessment produced by his Department's Middle East and North Africa directorate on 8 December 2023. (12621)
- 42N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to Q639 of the oral evidence given by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to the Foreign Affairs Committee on 9 January 2024, HC 325, and to paragraph 50 of the summary grounds of the Secretary of State in the case of *The King (on the application of Al-Haq) v. Secretary of State for Business and Trade, AC-2023-LON-003634*, for what reason the Secretary of State said to the Committee that his role was not to make a legal adjudication on whether Israel had breached international humanitarian law. (12623)
- 43N **Richard Foord** (Tiverton and Honiton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has had discussions with Donald Trump's presidential campaign team on US support for Ukraine. (12627)
- 44N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, on what date he plans to host the 4th European Political Community Summit. (12511)

- 45N **Anne McLaughlin** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has had discussions with cellular network providers in Gaza on the adequacy of telecommunication services in that region. (12564)
- 46N **Anne McLaughlin** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies on deciding asylum applications of the conflict in Gaza. (12563)
- 47N **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions he has had with Mitre on the potential merits of employing instructors to train staff on how to direct asylum-seekers on to planes for Rwanda in Bedfordshire. (12624)
- 48N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Leader of the House, what proportion of named day questions were answered on or before the relevant named day by (a) all Government Departments and (b) the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in (i) the 2022-23 Parliamentary Session and (ii) the current Parliamentary session. (12618)
- 49N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q110 of the oral evidence given by David Williams to the Public Accounts Committee on 22 January 2024, HC 451, what the duration is for each of the contracts with Fujitsu. (12531)
- 50N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q110 of the oral evidence given by David Williams to the Public Accounts Committee on 22 January 2024, HC 451, what the total value is for each of the contracts with Fujitsu. (12532)
- 51N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q112 of the oral evidence given by David Williams to the Public Accounts Committee on 22 January 2024, HC 451, what steps he is taking to increase access to semiconductors. (12535)
- 52N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q128 of the oral evidence given by the Chief Executive, Defence Equipment and Support, to the Public Accounts Committee on 22 January 2024, HC 451, what steps he is taking to increase the number of master welders in defence manufacturing. (12541)
- 53N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on when the 2.5% of GDP target for defence spending will be achieved. (12542)
- 54N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the outflow was from the Royal Fleet Auxiliary in each year since 2010. (12507)

- 55N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the £2.5 billion military aid for Ukraine in 2024-25, announced on 12 January 2024, if he will provide a breakdown of how he plans to divide that funding. (12508)
- 56N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the £2.5 billion military aid for Ukraine in 2024-25, announced on 12 January 2024, whether that funding includes his Department's operational costs. (12509)
- 57N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the £2.5 billion military aid for Ukraine in 2024-25, announced on 12 January 2024, whether that funding includes his Department's operational costs for NATO bases. (12510)
- 58N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2024 to Question 9179 on HMS Prince of Wales, whether the Government of Malaysia has asked for technical support in the assessment and identification of potential human remains recovered from the wreck of HMS Prince of Wales through unauthorised salvage operations. (12553)
- 59N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2024 to Question 9179 on HMS Prince of Wales, whether the Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre is involved in the assessment and identification of potential human remains recovered from the wreck of HMS Prince of Wales through unauthorised salvage operations. (12554)
- 60N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions his Department has had with BAE Systems on subcontractor work on the Type 26 programme. (12598)
- 61N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will list the subcontractors involved in fabrication work on the Type 26 programme. (12602)
- 62N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Israeli Air Force operated planes have (a) landed and (b) taken off from British territory since 7 October 2023. (12729)
- 63N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the US Air Force has used any Royal Air Force bases in the UK to transfer weapons to Israel since October 7 2023. (12731)
- 64N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Royal Air Force operated planes have flown to Israel since 7 October 2023. (12732)
- 65N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many surveillance flights has the Royal Air Force flown over Gaza since 7 October 2023. (12733)

- 66N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether intelligence on military operations has been shared with Israel during the conflict in Gaza. (12735)
- 67N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many SMEs his Department awarded space defence sector contracts to in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023; and what steps he is taking to improve the ability of SMEs to access space defence contracts. (12616)
- 68N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the consultation entitled Public Sector Exit Payments: a new controls process for high exit payments, which closed on 17 October 2022, for what reason his Department has not yet responded to that consultation; and when he plans to respond. (12497)
- 69N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many public sector exit payments were made in excess of £95,000 in the financial years ending 31 March (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2020, (e) 2021, (f) 2022 and (g) 2023; and what the total cost was of those payments in each of those years. (12498)
- 70N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of levels of public sector productivity in each financial year between 2018-19 and 2022-23; and what his planned timetable is for publication of the Public Service Productivity Review. (12503)
- 71N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which Minister has responsibility for drawing up contingency plans in case of the potential collapse of Thames Water. (12737)
- 72N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish his Department's contingency plan for the potential event of Thames Water's collapse. (12739)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 7 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the number of driving under the influence of (a) drugs and (b) alcohol offences in (i) the South West and (ii) Bournemouth. (12609)
- 2N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what funding his Department is providing for road resurfacing in Bournemouth. (12610)

- 3N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent representations he has made to his Afghan counterpart on the treatment of women and girls in that country.

(12651)

Oral Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

- 1 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle violence against women and girls. (901441)
- 2 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): What recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the time taken to process claims to the Windrush Compensation Scheme. (901442)
- 3 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): Whether she has had recent discussions with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner on taking steps to help tackle so-called honour-based abuse. (901443)
- 4 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): What steps she is taking to help support women into science, technology, engineering and mathematics jobs. (901444)
- 5 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): What recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the time taken to process claims to the Windrush Compensation Scheme. (901445)
- 6 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): What recent steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle violence against women and girls. (901446)
- 7 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): What steps the Government is taking to help support women with caring responsibilities to continue working. (901447)
- 8 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): If she will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of Government support for energy bills on disabled people. (901448)
- 9 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): What steps the Government is taking to help tackle refusal of entry of guide dogs into business establishments. (901449)
- 10 **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): What steps the Government is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support women into science, technology, engineering and mathematics jobs. (901450)
- 11 **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): What steps the Government is taking to help reduce the gender pay gap. (901451)
- 12 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact on women's health of the Government's progress on implementing the recommendations of the report of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review entitled First Do No Harm, published on 8 July 2020. (901452)

- 13 **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support women experiencing menopause at work. (901453)
- 14 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce economic inactivity among women between the ages of 45 and 64. (901454)
- 15 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): What recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the time taken to process claims to the Windrush Compensation Scheme. (901455)

Topical Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

- T1 **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (901456)
- T2 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): (901457)
- T3 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): (901458)
- T4 **Marco Longhi** (Dudley North): (901459)
- T5 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): (901460)
- T6 **Anna Firth** (Southend West): (901461)
- T7 **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): (901462)
- T8 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): (901463)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 7 February. (901391)
- 2 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): (901392)
- 3 **Andrew Lewer** (Northampton South): (901393)
- 4 **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): (901394)
- 5 **Mr John Baron** (Basildon and Billericay): (901395)
- 6 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): (901396)
- 7 **Sam Tarry** (Ilford South): (901397)
- 8 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): (901398)
- 9 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): (901399)
- 10 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): (901400)

11	Virginia Crosbie (Ynys Môn):	(901401)
12	Kenny MacAskill (East Lothian):	(901402)
13	Mr Philip Hollobone (Kettering):	(901403)
14	Alun Cairns (Vale of Glamorgan):	(901404)
15	Sarah Edwards (Tamworth):	(901405)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 8 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies on gambling regulation of (a) Omaze and (b) other companies that engage in lottery-style giveaways outside of the scope of existing regulation. (12654)
- 2N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to support local councils with high debt levels. (12608)
- 3N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse was of outsourcing radiology scans to external teleradiology companies in each of the last five years. (12694)
- 4N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of knee replacement operations do not require an overnight stay in hospital. (12699)
- 5N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps the Government takes to meet its legal obligation to prevent genocide. (12668)
- 6N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make it his policy to maintain the minimum income threshold level for spouse visas in place on 1 February 2024. (12502)
- 7N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 January 2024 to Question 9950 on Yemen: Military Intervention, which conflicts are covered by his Department's tracker database of alleged violations of international law. (12672)
- 8N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average time is for hon. Members to receive a response from His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service on casework queries. (12692)

- 9N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a sliding scale of VAT rates for companies according to revenue. (12607)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- 1 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): What steps his Department is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support seafarers working in the Red Sea. (901406)
- 2 **Damien Moore** (Southport): What steps he is taking to increase transport connectivity between towns and cities in the North West. (901407)
- 3 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): What steps he is taking to ensure consistent standards of taxi licencing across local authorities. (901408)
- 4 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): What recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of bus services. (901409)
- 5 **James Sunderland** (Bracknell): What steps he is taking to support motorists. (901410)
- 6 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): What discussions he has had with local authorities on 20mph speed limits on roads. (901411)
- 7 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): When he plans to respond to the sustainable available fuel mandate consultation. (901412)
- 8 **Marco Longhi** (Dudley North): What steps he is taking to increase transport connectivity between cities in the north of England. (901413)
- 9 **Sir David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): What steps his Department is taking to help increase the use of hydrogen fuel. (901414)
- 10 **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): What steps he is taking with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero to improve allocation of resources between the production of sustainable aviation fuel and other uses of biomass. (901415)
- 11 **Andrew Western** (Stretford and Urmston): What assessment he has made of the impact of the rise in rail fares on passenger numbers since 2010. (901416)
- 12 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): What recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of bus service levels in England. (901417)
- 13 **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): What steps he is taking to ensure consistent standards of taxi licencing across local authorities. (901418)
- 14 **Tom Randall** (Gedling): What funding his Department is providing for road resurfacing. (901419)
- 15 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): What steps he is taking to help ensure the safety of vulnerable road users. (901420)

- 16 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): Whether the Office of Rail Regulation has identified unused rail network capacity for open access services. (901421)
- 17 **Mrs Sheryll Murray** (South East Cornwall): Whether he is taking steps to support motorists with road tolls. (901422)
- 18 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What discussions he has had with TfL on its use of Government funding. (901423)
- 19 **Priti Patel** (Witham): When he expects work on the A12 widening scheme to begin and to be completed. (901424)
- 20 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): What steps he is taking to increase transport connectivity across North Yorkshire. (901425)
- 21 **Darren Henry** (Broxtowe): What funding his Department is providing for road resurfacing. (901426)
- 22 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): What steps he is taking to ensure consistent standards of taxi licensing across local authorities. (901427)
- 23 **Steve Tuckwell** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): What steps he is taking to support low-income motorists. (901428)
- 24 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): What progress his Department has made on meeting its target of installing 300,000 electric vehicle charging points by 2030. (901429)
- 25 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland): What steps he is taking to increase rail connectivity between Cambridge and Norwich. (901430)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- T1 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (901431)
- T2 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): (901432)
- T3 **Trudy Harrison** (Copeland): (901433)
- T4 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): (901434)
- T5 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): (901435)
- T6 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): (901436)
- T7 **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): (901437)

T8	Jeff Smith (Manchester, Withington):	(901438)
T9	Mohammad Yasin (Bedford):	(901439)
T10	Munira Wilson (Twickenham):	(901440)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 20 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of advertising vape products (a) in sports venues and (b) on sports kits on health outcomes. (12574)