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Questions tabled on Wednesday 4 September 2024

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 5 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his Department's timetable is for implementing Schedule 3 of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing thresholds at which those measures would be applied to help reduce the potential impact on small-scale developers. [Transferred] (3831)
- 2 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) improve mental health services in prison and (b) ensure continuity with previous mental health interventions. [Transferred] (4001)
- 3 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment has she made of the potential impact of the introduction of VAT for independent school fees on children who (a) attend independent schools and (b) do not have an EHCP and (i) are in care, (ii) experience mental ill-health and (iii) have other SEND challenges. [Transferred] (3993)
- 4 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a lower rate for VAT for independent schools with lower fees. [Transferred] (3994)
- 5 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the introduction of VAT on independent school fees on the financial viability of Steiner schools. [Transferred] (3995)

- 6 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of applying VAT to independent school fees on the affordability of those fees. [Transferred] (4098)
- 7 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will ensure that revenues generated by VAT on independent school fees are passed on proportionally to devolved Administrations in (a) Scotland, (b) Wales and (c) Northern Ireland. [Transferred] (4099)
- 8 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her planned timetable is for the reform of business rates. [Transferred] (4134)

Questions for Answer on Monday 9 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent assessment he has made of trends in life expectancy in Aldershot constituency. [Transferred] (4108)
- 2N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions have taken place at (a) official and (b) ministerial level between the Propriety and Constitution Group and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) on the establishment of the CSC's review of appointments made by exception at delegated grades since 1 July 2024. (4271)
- 3 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support small businesses in villages and rural areas in Shipley constituency. (4315)
- 4N **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many subpostmasters had their convictions quashed as a result of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Act. (4254)
- 5 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Written Statement of 2 September 2024, HCWS64, whether he has had discussions with his counterparts in other countries in the F-35 global supply chain on the potential merits of suspending indirect exports of F35s to Israel. (4217)
- 6N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many individuals have (a) been offered and (b) accepted compensation under the Group Litigation Order Scheme. (4276)

- 7 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the value of trade was between the UK and Taiwan in (a) each year since 2020 and (b) the latest period for which data is available. (4185)
- 8 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to expand the Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme to include facilities in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (4171)
- 9N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to bring forward legislation on short term lets licensing. [Transferred] (4135)
- 10N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to improve the standard of grassroots sports facilities in rural areas. (4278)
- 11 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to continue the Half-Term Activities Fund in (a) Shropshire and (b) the UK. (4255)
- 12 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential economic impact of the introduction of VAT on independent schools in South Suffolk constituency. (4227)
- 13 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the introduction of VAT on independent schools on employment in such schools in South Suffolk constituency. (4228)
- 14 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve children's mental health and well-being in schools in Shipley constituency. (4311)
- 15 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to reform children's care services to improve outcomes for (a) children in care and (b) care leavers. (4312)
- 16 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department made of the adequacy of SEND services in Shipley constituency; and what steps she has taken to support the local authority to improve SEND provisions. (4316)
- 17 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data on unfilled school capacity by 2024 parliamentary constituency she plans to publish before the Finance Bill is introduced. (4198)
- 18 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) children of secondary school age are resident, (b) children are on roll at state secondary schools and (c) places are unfilled in state secondary schools in (i) the South

West, (ii) the local authority area of Bristol City Council, (iii) secondary planning area 8010015, (iv) secondary planning area 8010016 and (v) secondary planning area 8010017.

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- 19 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children of secondary school age are (a) resident and (b) on the roll in (i) the North West, (ii) Salford Local Authority, (iii) secondary planning area 3550101, (iv) secondary planning area 3550102 and (v) secondary planning area 3550103; and how many school places are unfilled in state secondary schools in those areas. (4200)
- 20 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children of secondary school age are (a) resident and (b) on roll at state secondary schools in (i) Yorkshire & the Humber; (ii) York Local Authority and (iii) secondary planning area 8169997; and how places are unfilled in state secondary schools in those areas. (4201)
- 21 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether it is her policy to retain Oak National Academy as an arms length body to her Department. (4246)
- 22 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps with local authorities to broaden holiday club access to SEND children and families during holiday periods. (4287)
- 23 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the adequacy of school place provision in areas with high levels of housebuilding. (4283)
- 24 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of including (a) taekwondo and (b) other martial arts in the activity lists for (i) GCSE, (ii) AS and (iii) A-Level physical education. (4260)
- 25 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will raise apprenticeship levy funding. (4292)
- 26N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what information his Department holds on the average cost to energy companies of (a) installing and (b) maintaining smart meters in domestic properties in (i) 2023 and (ii) 2024. (4180)
- 27N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will launch a consultation on including heat batteries as part of the Boiler Upgrade Scheme. (4290)
- 28 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that all new green-energy infrastructure is (a) built in suitable locations and (b) benefits nearby communities. (4314)

- 29N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of large solar farms on the habitats of rare species. [Transferred] (4052)
- 30 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to announce the results of the Small Modular Reactor competition. (4250)
- 31 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential contribution of nuclear energy to his net zero goals in 2050; and if he will provide a roadmap for the deployment of nuclear assets. (4251)
- 32 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the development of a UK nuclear supply chain. (4252)
- 33 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has met with the Secretary of State for Education to discuss the development of skills needed for the growth of the nuclear sector. (4253)
- 34 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support East Anglian wine producers. (4229)
- 35 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to prevent moorland fires. (4318)
- 36 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle sewage discharges into the River (a) Aire and (b) Wharfe in Shipley constituency. (4307)
- 37 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the risk of flooding in Shipley constituency. (4317)
- 38 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the extender producer responsibility scheme on sustainable glass producers. (4268)
- 39 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle the decline of seabirds. (4170)
- 40 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps Government is taking to meet its 2030 nature recovery targets. (4323)

- 41 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help prepare for COP29. (4324)
- 42 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to make cuts to the agricultural budget. (4325)
- 43 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of trends in the level of farming funding on the Government's ability to reach it's (a) nature recovery and (b) net zero targets. (4326)
- 44 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle the decline of UK seabirds. (4327)
- 45 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help restore peatlands. (4328)
- 46 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the state of nature in national parks. (4329)
- 47 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the environmental impact of grouse moor management. (4330)
- 48 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure a (a) secure and (b) affordable water supply for households. (4331)
- 49 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of bringing Thames Water into special administration. (4332)
- 50 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what criteria his Department uses to assess whether a water company should lose its licence. (4333)
- 51 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): 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. (4241)
- 52 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in the Welsh Government on taking steps to help tackle livestock worrying. (4242)
- 53 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help tackle livestock worrying. (4243)

- 54 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals on livestock worrying. (4244)
- 55 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether it is his policy that water companies in breach of their operating licence are able to continue to operate with no material sanction. (4320)
- 56 **Charlie Maynard** (Witney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps with Ofwat to place Thames Water in special administration. (4321)
- 57 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to issue new badger cull licences. (4281)
- 58N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to support the Compound Semiconductor Applications Catapult. (4262)
- 59N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to expand the UK's semiconductor research base. (4263)
- 60N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to have discussions with the Secretary of State for Education on the expansion of skills in the (a) design, (b) fabrication and (c) packaging of semiconductors. (4264)
- 61N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his policy is on the future of the Research Collaboration Advice Team. (4265)
- 62N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans he has to support the National Semiconductor Institute. (4266)
- 63 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 1045, if he will make it his policy to publish a timetable by Christmas 2024 for phasing out animal testing. (4212)
- 64 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Local Transport Fund allocations 2025 to 2032, published on 26 February 2024, what her Department's planned timetable is for making available the funding allocated to Leicestershire County Council. (4222)

- 65N **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment the Department has made of the merits of the bid for a railway station in Corsham. (4302)
- 66 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps is she taking to reduce waiting times for driving tests in (a) Eastleigh constituency and (b) other areas. (4285)
- 67 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department will introduce a new National Airport Strategy. (4294)
- 68 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what guidance her Department has issued on increasing (a) station accessibility and (b) rolling stock accessibility for mobility scooters on the rail network. (4218)
- 69 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of requiring passenger rail franchise operators to accommodate mobility scooters. (4219)
- 70 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many (a) stations and (b) rolling stock units in service were mobility-scooter friendly on the rail network in each year since 2010. (4220)
- 71 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she intends to establish a Road Safety Investigation Branch. (4245)
- 72N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which projects her Department plans to include in the third Road Investment Strategy. (4274)
- 73 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of determining the sequencing of when train operating companies will be brought into public ownership by their operational performance. (4221)
- 74 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that stations without step free access are made accessible for all. (4291)
- 75 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the accessibility of (a) buses, (b) trains and (c) other public transport for disabled people; and what steps she plans to take to improve such accessibility. (4261)
- 76N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the impact of the removal of Winter Fuel Payments on pensioners in receipt of attendance allowance. (4270)

- 77 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in South Suffolk constituency are in receipt of the Winter Fuel Allowance. (4230)
- 78 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the total uprated value of the State Pension will be from 1 April 2025, by constituency. (4295)
- 79 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of people who will be in receipt of the Winter Fuel Payment by constituency from 1 April 2025; and what the total value of the (a) Winter Fuel Payment and (b) State Pension uprating will be by constituency from 1 April 2025. (4296)
- 80 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of households that will be affected by the proposed change to the eligibility criteria for Winter Fuel Payments in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (4176)
- 81N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when Pension Credit was last (a) reviewed and (b) adjusted. (4249)
- 82 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of fraudulent Universal Credit claims. (4184)
- 83N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of providing annual ECGs to young people on the number of victims of sudden cardiac death; and if he will hold discussions with his Italian counterpart on lessons that could be learned from that country. (4168)
- 84 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to expand access to preventative HIV care beyond sexual health services in Colne Valley constituency. (4319)
- 85 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to NHS dentistry in Shipley constituency. (4308)
- 86 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Ministers in his Department have met the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change since 5 July 2024. (4172)
- 87 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made delivering the Women's Health Strategy. [R] (4234)

- 88 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure sex-based language is used in (a) NHS guidance and (b) NHS communications. [R] (4235)
- 89 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance he issues to (a) his Department, (b) NHS England, (c) arms length bodies and (a) NHS trusts on using public funds to subscribe to Stonewall. (4236)
- 90 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to retain the £1000 three year continuing professional development budget for nurses and midwives. (4237)
- 91 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an estimate of the (a) capital cost of doubling the number of MRI and CT scanners and (b) running costs of incentives to work additional hours. [R] (4238)
- 92 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to introduce a redress scheme for women affected by (a) vaginal mesh and (b) sodium valporate. (4239)
- 93 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to reduce external spending on equality, diversity and inclusion programmes, in the context of NHS efficiency savings. [R] (4240)
- 94 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution of the Prime Minister in response to the question from the hon. Member Bolton South and Walkden of 4 September 2024, Official Report, which new Primodos scientific publication is being reviewed; and which team will conduct the review. (4203)
- 95N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure sustainable long-term funding for the Veterans' Orthopaedic Service at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital. (4275)
- 96N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) improve and (b) standardise the quality of annual dementia reviews. (4277)
- 97 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle rising levels of obesity among people under 25 years old. (4183)

- 98 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report by NHS England entitled Improving the blood culture pathway, published on 29 June 2022, what recent discussions NHS England has had with (a) regional, (b) integrated care system and (c) NHS trust managers on implementing the recommendations of that report. (4204)
- 99 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report by NHS England entitled Improving the blood culture pathway, published on 29 June 2022, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the implementation of the recommendations of that report in NHS hospitals. (4205)
- 100 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report by NHS England entitled Improving the blood culture pathway, published on 29 June 2022, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing the framework set out in that report. (4206)
- 101 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with NHS England to introduce a clear supplier roadmap for carbon reduction reporting for NHS suppliers; and what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of current carbon reduction reporting requirements. (4208)
- 102 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made with NHS England of the cost of carbon footprint reporting by NHS Trusts. (4209)
- 103 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department and NHS England have made of (a) the potential impact on the availability of appropriate medical devices on the NHS of the requirement for suppliers to report the carbon footprint of all their products available across the NHS and (b) the cost of this requirement to NHS suppliers. (4210)
- 104 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the formal roles and responsibilities of NHS England's Specialised Services Devices Programme (SSDP) are; whether the responsibilities of the SSDP have been expanded to include the evaluation and procurement of medical devices; and how his Department plans to regulate the evaluation and procurement of medical devices by the SSDP. (4211)
- 105 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support biomedical research into (a) long covid and (b) myalgic encephalomyelitis. (4301)
- 106N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when the proceeds of the sale of Chelsea FC will be distributed to humanitarian causes in Ukraine. [Transferred] (3950)

- 107 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps to encourage (a) the USA and (b) Europe an allies to the risk of their arms exports to Israel being used to commit serious violations of international law. (4304)
- 108 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral statement entitled Middle East Update of 2 September 2024, Official Report, column 37, what assessment he has made of whether equipment relating to licenses that have not been suspended could be used in Gaza. (4213)
- 109 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral statement entitled Middle East Update of 2 September 2024, Official Report, column 37, what information his Department holds on whether Israeli F-35 jets have been used to commit violations of international humanitarian law in Gaza. (4214)
- 110 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral contribution of 2 September 2024 on Middle East, Official Report, column 37, what discussions he had with his counterpart in the US Government prior to his decision not to suspend export licences for F-35 fighter jet components. (4215)
- 111 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral statement of 2 September 2024 on Middle East Update, Official Report, column 37, if he will hold discussions with counterparts in other countries involved in the F-35 global supply chain on the potential merits of collectively withholding export licenses for F-35s to Israel. (4216)
- 112 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to align (a) pay, (b) terms and (c) conditions of facilities management employees contracted to his Department by OCS with those of comparable directly-employed staff. (4166)
- 113 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of supporting Morocco's autonomy plan for Western Sahara, in line with the amended diplomatic positions of (a) France, (b) the US, (c) Israel and (d) Spain. (4190)
- 114 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the obstacles to recognising Moroccan sovereignty over Western Sahara (a) in general and (b) in relation to British Overseas Territories. (4191)

- 115 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the current political situation in Uganda. (4248)
- 116N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what documentation is required to obtain a UK passport for people born in the Irish Republic who are living in Northern Ireland. (4179)
- 117 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle (a) anti-social behaviour and (b) noise disturbances in Shipley constituency. (4309)
- 118 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle dangerous driving in (a) villages and (b) rural areas. (4310)
- 119 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with contractors on the provision of appropriate accommodation for asylum seeker families in Northern Ireland. (4267)
- 120 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many raids were carried out by Border Force in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire in each of the last five years. (4175)
- 121 **Chris Hinchliff** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce knife crime. (4303)
- 122N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many migrants attempting to enter the United Kingdom illegally in small boats have died in the English Channel in each of the last five years: how many such fatalities were children; and how many occurred in (a) UK and (b) French territorial waters. (4165)
- 123 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff at the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority work in (a) Scotland and (b) Northern Ireland. (4167)
- 124N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to house asylum seekers in Tricorn House in Stroud constituency. (4280)
- 125 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle the increase in shoplifting. (4186)
- 126N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will estimate the cost to the defence industry of lost output resulting from disruption linked to political protest in the last 12 months. (4231)

- 127N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with his US counterpart on the decision to suspend certain licenses for arms exports to Israel. (4232)
- 128N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will set out the assumed spending envelope for the Strategic Defence Review. (4233)
- 129 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department holds information on British personnel affected by water contamination at US Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune between 1953 and 1987. (4187)
- 130 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any British personnel affected by the water contamination at Camp Lejeune received compensation under the War Pension Scheme. (4188)
- 131 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of opening another application period for compensation of British personnel affected by the Camp Lejeune water contamination. (4189)
- 132 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of providing (a) eyewear and (b) eye tests for Ukrainian troops being trained in the UK on the health and wellbeing of those troops; and what estimate he has made of the financial value of optician vouchers offered to those troops in the last 12 months. (4192)
- 133N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many Help to Buy loan repayment applications are being processed; and how many and what proportion of these applications have been outstanding for more than (a) three and (b) six months. (4169)
- 134N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her policy is on the single-person discounts on council tax for single (a) pension and (b) working households; and what the forecast discount is for the next five financial years. (4202)
- 135 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the number of unoccupied dwellings in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (4173)
- 136 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of enabling district councils to become constituent members of Combined County Authorities. (4174)

- 137 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the potential merits of using accommodation contracted by the Home Office to provide housing for prisoners released when they have served 40% of their sentences. (4223)
- 138 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of the number and proportion of prisoners who will be released having served 40% of their sentences who will not have stable accommodation to be released to. (4224)
- 139 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of recent changes to the prisoner early release scheme on demand for housing from local authorities. (4225)
- 140 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether Ministers in her Department have had discussions with the Prison Officers' Association on the issuing of PAVA spray to prison officers in the youth estate since the general election. (4226)
- 141 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the probation service has the capacity to cope with recent increases in prisoner releases. (4313)
- 142 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of differences in sentencing for violent crimes committed (a) within domestic settings and (b) outside the home. (4284)
- 143 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for tribunal hearings. (4182)
- 144 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he plans to (a) implement the Northern Ireland Enhanced Investment Zone and (b) extend that zone to cover Stranraer and Cairnryan. (4334)
- 145 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Prime Minister, if will publicly call for the release of Jagtar Singh Johal. (4305)
- 146N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will have discussions with major banking institutions on progress in establishing banking hubs (a) in rural areas, (b) in small towns and (c) nationally. (4181)
- 147 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to reduce the tax burden on working people. (4288)
- 148 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that new banking hubs will be opened in communities affected by bank branch closures. (4306)

- 149 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an estimate of the maximum number of pupils that could move from independent to state schools for there to be a net increase in revenues to the Exchequer arising from her policy on levying VAT on independent school fees. (4196)
- 150 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether specialist post-16 institutions will be exempt from VAT. (4197)
- 151N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of pupils moving from independent to state schools as a result of the planned introduction of VAT on independent schools. [Transferred] (4047)
- 152 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the report by the Financial Reporting Council entitled Annual Review of Audit Quality 2024, published on 30 July 2024, whether she plans to take steps to improve audit (a) regulation, (b) quality and (c) accountability. (4286)
- 153N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish the (a) names and (b) job titles of all senior civil service jobs in her Department at director level and above (i) offered and (ii) appointed since 30 May 2024. (4256)
- 154N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish the (a) names and (b) job titles of all senior civil service jobs in her Department at Deputy Director level and above (i) offered and (ii) appointed since 30 May 2024. (4257)
- 155N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish a list of appointments to her Department made by exception since 30 May 2024, by grade. (4258)
- 156N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many special advisers have been appointed in her Department since 4 July 2024; and how many appointments there have been to the Council of Economic Advisers since that date. (4259)
- 157N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of requiring employers to respond to reasonable adjustment requests from disabled workers within two weeks. [Transferred] (4084)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 10 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of banning the sale of peat for use in the amateur gardening sector. (4272)
- 2N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of widening the reintroduction of beavers to the wild in England. (4273)
- 3N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had discussions with Ministers in the Department for Communities in the Northern Ireland Executive on (a) eligibility for the winter fuel allowance and (b) that Department's access to administrative data used for the payment of winter fuel payments. (4322)
- 4N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of strengthening the right to Disability Leave for disabled workers. (4289)
- 5N **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she is taking steps to move those in receipt of the old state pension to the new one to help prevent financial hardship in winter 2024-25. (4207)
- 6N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Explanatory Memorandum on the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024, what the (a) evidential basis was and (b) methodological process used to ascertain there will be no impact on charities or voluntary bodies from reducing winter fuel allowance support for pensioners. (4193)
- 7N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024, whether (a) a regulatory impact assessment, (b) an equality impact assessment, (c) an environmental principles assessment and (d) a family test assessment was produced for the policy. (4194)
- 8N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the answer of 12 August 2024, to Question HL421 on Employment, whether a strengthened equality impact assessment has been produced for the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024. (4195)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

- 1 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): What steps her Department is taking to increase prison capacity. (900355)

- 2 **Bobby Dean** (Carshalton and Wallington): What steps she is taking to support the rehabilitation of offenders. (900356)
- 3 **Alison Hume** (Scarborough and Whitby): What steps her Department is taking to support victims of rape and sexual violence. (900357)
- 4 **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): What steps her Department is taking to support victims of rape and sexual violence. (900358)
- 5 **Linsey Farnsworth** (Amber Valley): What assessment she has made of the impact of recent disorder on the criminal justice system. [R] (900359)
- 6 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): What steps her Department is taking to improve the experience of victims at court. (900360)
- 7 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): What steps her Department is taking to support victims of rape and sexual violence. (900361)
- 8 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): What steps she plans to take to meet prison officer recruitment targets. (900362)
- 9 **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): What steps she is taking to support the rehabilitation of offenders. (900363)
- 10 **Mr Jonathan Brash** (Hartlepool): What steps she is taking to tackle the court backlog. (900364)
- 11 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): What support her Department is providing to victims of domestic abuse. (900365)
- 12 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the time taken for cases to progress through the criminal justice system. (900366)
- 13 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): What steps she is taking to help reduce the time taken for criminal cases to be heard at court. (900367)
- 14 **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): What steps her Department is taking to improve access to justice for rural communities. (900368)
- 15 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): What steps her Department is taking to help reduce levels of reoffending. (900369)
- 16 **Andrew Ranger** (Wrexham): What steps her Department is taking to increase prison capacity. (900370)
- 17 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): What assessment she has made of the impact of recent disorder on the criminal justice system. (900371)
- 18 **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): What steps her Department is taking to improve the enforcement of the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales. (900372)
- 19 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): If her Department will review the effectiveness of the single justice procedure. (900373)
- 20 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): What steps she is taking to ensure adequate funding for support for victims of sexual violence after 31 March 2025. (900374)

- 21 **Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): What steps her Department is taking to support victims of rape and sexual violence. (900375)
- 22 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): What steps she is taking to reduce the cost of court transcripts for victims. (900376)
- 23 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): What steps her Department is taking to support victims of rape and sexual violence. (900377)
- 24 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon and Consett): What steps her Department is taking to support victims of rape and sexual violence. (900378)
- 25 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): What assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the backlog of cases in courts. (900379)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

- T1 **Olivia Bailey** (Reading West and Mid Berkshire): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (900380)
- T2 **Bradley Thomas** (Bromsgrove): (900381)
- T3 **Joe Powell** (Kensington and Bayswater): (900382)
- T4 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): (900383)
- T5 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): (900384)
- T6 **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): (900385)
- T7 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): (900386)
- T8 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): (900387)
- T9 **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): (900388)
- T10 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): (900389)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 11 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make it his policy to make the veterans ID card an acceptable form of photo ID for elections. (4297)

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- 2N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to encourage more women and girls to participate in non-professional sport in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole council area. (4299)
- 3N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will pause the defunding of applied general qualifications scheduled for 2025 and 2026. (4269)
- 4N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support more children to learn to swim. (4300)
- 5N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to establish (a) dedicated care pathways, (b) specialist clinics and (c) home support for people with long covid. (4293)
- 6N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the safety of the opposition leaders in Uganda. (4247)
- 7N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans his Department has to make the veterans ID card more widely accepted. (4298)
- 8N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to take steps to upgrade roads to enable housing targets to be met. (4282)
- 9N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to mandate that swift bricks are required to be added to all new houses. (4279)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 12 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were extradited from the United States to the United Kingdom for (a) violent and (b) non-violent crimes in each year since 2003. (4177)
- 2N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were extradited to the United States for (a) violent and (b) non-violent crimes in each year since 2003. (4178)