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Questions tabled on Tuesday 19 November 2024

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- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
 - † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 20 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) the Prime Minister, (b) his special advisers and (c) officials in his Department met with representatives of Tiktok between 5 July and 7 October 2024.
[Transferred] (14636)
- 2 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will request that the Gambling Commission provide an overview of where (a) the Health Lottery and (b) other large scale lotteries have not fulfilled their social responsibility duties; and if she will take steps as a result of this overview.
[Transferred] (14697)
- 3 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the reasons for the increase in the number of children with Special Educational Needs.
[Transferred] (14889)
- 4 **Mr James Frith** (Bury North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to reinstate the Music and Dance Scheme.
[Transferred] (14662)
- 5 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with international counterparts on setting a target in the Global Plastics Treaty for reducing plastic production that aligns with the UK's climate targets.
[Transferred] (14659)

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- 6 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact on greenhouse gas emissions of global adoption of the Bridge to Busan Declaration approach to the Global Plastics Treaty. [Transferred] (14660)
- 7 **James McMurdock** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if his Department will launch an inquiry into social media harms for young people. [Transferred] (14880)
- 8 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2024 to Question 8130 on Public Sector: Pay, what the gross cost was of the doctors pay deal. [Transferred] (14631)
- 9 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many irregular migrants have received a refund for paying the immigration health surcharge since 2017. [Transferred] (14586)
- 10 **Satvir Kaur** (Southampton Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps hse has taken to increase the number of solar panels on new housing developments. [Transferred] (14851)
- 11 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of adding a photograph to National Insurance cards issued at the age of 16 to provide photographic identification. [Transferred] (14883)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 21 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Solicitor General, pursuant to the Answer of 25 October 2024 to Question 9603 on Attorney General: Buildings, how many individual desks were occupied in her Department's HQ office in the most recent four weeks for which figures are available; and how many staff assigned to that HQ workplace attended the office in person on average in the same period. (15036)
- 2 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Solicitor General, if she will make an assessment of whether the restriction of the application of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to terminally ill patients is compliant with the European Convention on Human Rights. (14962)

- 3 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Solicitor General, if she will make a comparative assessment of the testimony given to the High Court during *AB and others v. Ministry of Defence (2009)* and records released by the Atomic Weapons Establishment relating to nuclear test veterans in May 2024. (14915)
- 4 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many full time equivalent staff are employed by the Office for Equality and Opportunity. (14905)
- 5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 6 November 2024 to Question 12416 on Government Departments: Disclosure of Information, whether it is his policy that government transparency data should be (a) available and (b) searchable on a new transparency platform. (14972)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 7 October 2024 to Question HL1058 on Civil Service: Equality, whether Departments are required to report exemptions to his Department. (14973)
- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 8 November 2024 to Question 10699 on Procurement: National Security, what the topic was of the evaluation that met an exemption under the Act. (14974)
- 8 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2024 to Question 5290 on Civil Servants: Trade Union Officials, whether he plans to (a) collate and (b) publish data on trade union facility time after the repeal of the Trade Union Act 2016. (14975)
- 9 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2024 to Question 5291 on Cabinet Office and Prime Minister: Travel, if he publish his Department's intranet guidance. (14976)
- 10 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to promote cross-departmental collaboration to strengthen rural communities in the aftermath of recent riots. (15041)
- 11N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024 to Question 6071 on Prime Minister: Correspondence, if he will publish the Prime Minister's response. [Transferred] (14632)
- 12N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 11 October 2024 to Question 5577 on Chequers: Official Visits, how many external guests have visited Chequers since 5 July 2024. [Transferred] (14633)
- 13N **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the new Ethics and Integrity Commission will be established on a statutory basis. [Transferred] (14634)

- 14 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office; for what reason painting GAC 0/34 was removed from 10 Downing Street. (15164)
- 15 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to provide additional funding to small businesses to help meet additional costs arising from the Autumn Budget 2024. (14964)
- 16N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the answer of 14 November 2024 to Question 13639 on Crawford Falconer, whether he plans to recruit a new Second Permanent Secretary and Chief Trade Negotiation Adviser. [Transferred] (14818)
- 17 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the implementation of existing free trade agreements. (15029)
- 18 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) innovation and (b) growth in the bicycle manufacturing industry. (14941)
- 19 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what data his Department holds on the potential impact of non-EU bicycle imports on (a) cycle distributors in the North East and (b) the bicycle manufacturing sector. (14942)
- 20 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) adequacy of safety standards of imported e-bikes from outside the EU and (b) implications for his policies of risks associated with non-EU lithium-ion batteries. (14943)
- 21 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to ensure that private hire drivers (a) are not exploited and (b) receive (i) appropriate pay and (ii) equal employment rights. (15040)
- 22 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether Elon Musk was invited to attend the International Investment Summit in October 2024. (15163)
- 23 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help leisure centres conduct renovations to reduce their energy consumption. (14979)
- 24 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what information her Department holds on the number of (a) football and (b) cricket pitches there are in England. (15032)

- 25 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help support press freedom. (14926)
- 26 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has met with the Local Government Association since her appointment. (15119)
- 27 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential (a) implications for her policies of trends in the level of unauthorised term time absences and (b) impact of unauthorised absence rules on families who are unable to find suitable times for holidays outside of (i) school term times and (ii) work schedules. (15012)
- 28 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to collect data on the number of children in care that are living in placements that are not in line with their care plan. (15130)
- 29 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the average age at which a child was referred for an Education, Health and Care Plan in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England in each of the last five years. (15081)
- 30 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that education, health and care plan assessments are (a) progressed and (b) issued promptly. (15082)
- 31 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the challenges of (a) recruiting and (b) retaining educational psychologists to ensure the processing of EHC plans. (15008)
- 32 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase the number of educational psychologists. (15009)
- 33 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions, as announced in the Autumn Budget 2024, on the the cost of nursery provision for parents. (15120)
- 34 **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of access to SEND services in Staffordshire. (15146)
- 35 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions she has had with the School and Public Health Nurses Association on the number of school nurses in schools in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency, (b) Staffordshire and (c) England. (15030)

- 36 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on automatically enrolling all eligible pupils for free school meals. (14992)
- 37 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to help increase the number of students entering the civil nuclear sector. (15025)
- 38 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's statistical release entitled Children looked after in England including adoptions, last updated 14 November 2024, how many children were looked after in a (a) relative and (b) friend foster placements per local authority area on 31 March 2024. (15018)
- 39 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's statistical release entitled Children looked after in England including adoptions, last updated 14 November 2024, how many children were looked after in (a) relative and (b) friend foster placements broken down by (i) age, (ii) gender and (iii) ethnicity on 31 March 2024. (15019)
- 40 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's statistical release entitled Children looked after in England including adoptions, last updated 14 November 2024, how many children that were looked after in (a) relative and (b) friend foster placements on 31 March 2024 had also been in (i) an unrelated foster placement, (ii) another relative or friend placement, (iii) a children's home and (iv) other provisions for looked-after children. (15020)
- 41 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed increase in the rate of employers national insurance contributions on (a) nurseries and (b) pre-schools. (14956)
- 42 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to help increase the number of pupils taking T-Level courses in (a) Romford constituency and (b) Havering. (14927)
- 43 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of primary schools have an exclusion policy for packed lunches and snacks.(15015)
- 44 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of secondary schools have an exclusion policy for packed lunches and snacks. (15016)
- 45 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Children's Wellbeing Bill will include provisions to help schools provide up to date allergy awareness education for pupils and staff. (15017)

- 46 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has received representations from (a) the Catholic Education Service and (b) dioceses on the decision to end trust (a) capacity funding and (b) establishment and growth and academy conversion payments. (15049)
- 47 **Paul Waugh** (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people are currently waiting longer than the statutory 3-month period for a response from Teachers' Pensions on their cash equivalent transfer value details. (15144)
- 48 **Paul Waugh** (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her expected timeframe is for resolving the backlog of people waiting for cash equivalent transfer value details from Teachers' Pensions. (15145)
- 49 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the number of households in Runcorn and Helsby constituency in fuel poverty. (14993)
- 50 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 16 October 2024 to Question 7946 on Sizewell C Power Station: Compensation, what (a) output in MWh his Department has assumed for Hinkley Point C and (b) discounting rate has been applied for sharing First-of-a-Kind costs with Hinkley Point C over the first 35 years of its lifetime; and whether the cost of the discounting rate is included in expenditure eligible for a Sizewell C Regulated Asset Base. (15095)
- 51 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the contribution of on-shore solar energy to delivering the Government's target of clean power by 2030. (15099)
- 52 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support the fitting of rooftop solar panels on (a) new build and (b) existing homes in Bournemouth East constituency; and how such solar panels will contribute to the Government's mission of clean energy by 2030. (15100)
- 53 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the accuracy of the solar capacity identified in the report entitled Clean Power 2030, published by National Energy System Operator on 5 November 2024. (15101)
- 54 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent progress he has made on considering proposals from local authorities for funding from the Local Power Plan. (15102)
- 55 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to ensure that (a) viable, (b) funded and (c) consented projects are delivered despite National Energy System Operator objections. (15105)

- 56 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing local supply rights to allow smaller-scale renewable energy schemes to sell their power directly to local customers. (15074)
- 57 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of support provided by energy companies to customers with their energy bills. (15094)
- 58 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he is taking steps to help domestic energy customers to (a) reinsulate their homes and (b) replace their boilers. (14933)
- 59 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with the devolved administrations to help increase awareness among pensioners of benefits they may be entitled to. (14934)
- 60 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on giving GB Energy a nature recovery duty. (15058)
- 61 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has plans to embed nature as a core priority in (a) the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan and (b) other energy planning frameworks. (15059)
- 62 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of reallocating subsidies for burning bioenergy towards lower carbon renewables. (15060)
- 63 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to prevent the proliferation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the marine environment. (15103)
- 64 **Jess Asato** (Lowestoft): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of banning per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances where alternatives are available. (15104)
- 65 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much he plans to allocate to the Rural England Prosperity Fund in (a) 2025/26 and (b) 2026/27. (14959)
- 66 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much he plans to allocate to the Farming in Protected Landscapes Fund in (a) 2025/26 and (b) 2026/27. (14960)

- 67 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October to Question 6253 on Marine Protected Areas: Fisheries, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of continued bottom trawl fishing in parts of the North Norfolk Sandbanks and Saturn Reef marine protected area on the (a) ecological integrity of the site and (b) achievement of its conservation objectives. (14963)
- 68 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to incentivise councils to increase the range of plastic packaging that can be recycled at the kerbside through the Extended Producer Responsibility. (15077)
- 69 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to introduce digital equine identification. (15078)
- 70 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of designating thoroughbred horses as high health animals. (15079)
- 71 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to secure a Sanitary and Phytosanitary agreement with the EU to facilitate the movement of thoroughbred horses across borders. (15080)
- 72 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to provide additional support to local authorities to prepare for flooding in winter 2024-25. (15085)
- 73 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to increase the cleanliness of rivers. (15086)
- 74 **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 support food producers from Lincolnshire to increase exports. (14906)
- 75 **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the defences against flooding in rural areas. (15147)
- 76 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of adopting the guidelines entitled WHO global air quality guidelines: particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10) , ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide, published on 22 September 2021. (15027)

- 77 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many farms he has visited since 5 July 2024. (15138)
- 78 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle the illegal use of rat poison to kill birds of prey. (14955)
- 79 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the guidance entitled Bluetongue movement licences and designated slaughterhouses, last updated on 15 November 2023, what further steps he plans to take to tackle bluetongue. (14922)
- 80 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland on tackling fly tipping. (14936)
- 81 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a right to buy for tenant farmers. (14983)
- 82 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a statutory duty for firefighters in England to respond to flooding. (15069)
- 83 **Katie White** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to strengthen firework regulations to (a) ensure responsible use and (b) limit their impact on (i) pets and (ii) wildlife. (15088)
- 84 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to increase the target for peatland restoration to help meet net zero targets. (15057)
- 85 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 25 October 2024 to Question 9826 on Department for Science, Innovation and Technology: Buildings, how many individual desks were occupied in her Department's HQ office in the most recent four weeks for which figures are available; and how many staff assigned to that workplace attended the HQ office in person on average in the same period. (15037)
- 86 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans he has to tackle digital exclusion in Gloucester. (15161)
- 87 **Alex McIntyre** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help increase levels of innovation in Gloucester. (15162)

- 88 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to consult the research sector on the Government's plans for 10 year budgets for R&D activities. (14937)
- 89 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding from Project Gigabit has been allocated to Romford constituency. (14929)
- 90 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much of Romford constituency receives 5G coverage; and when his Department expects that coverage to reach 100% of that constituency. (14930)
- 91 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the £50 million in settlement funding for bus travel is in addition to funding announced as part of the Network North package. (14984)
- 92 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to continue the previous Government's commitment to provide a £230 million funding package for bus services in the Midlands. (14985)
- 93 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the change in the bus fare cap on bus usage in North Solihull. (14986)
- 94 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to her oral statement on Bus Funding of 18 November 2024, Official Report, column 50, whether the £50 million funding settlement for the West Midlands is in addition to previously announced funding. (14987)
- 95 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes in the level of the bus fare cap on bus usage in Meriden and Solihull East constituency. (14988)
- 96 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to the level of the bus fare cap on bus usage. (14989)
- 97 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to take steps to help improve the (a) reliability and (b) frequency of rail services serving Chichester constituency. (15116)
- 98 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has plans to help deliver railway infrastructure upgrades in Chichester constituency. (15117)

- 99 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to ticket office opening hours at Southeastern railway stations on commuters; and what steps her Department is taking to increase accessibility to ticket offices for disabled passengers across the rail network. (14978)
- 100 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions on the logistics sector. (14907)
- 101 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will have discussions with representatives from Manchester Airport on the potential impact of the level of parking charges at Manchester Airport on passengers from (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and (b) North Staffordshire. (15026)
- 102 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how the funds allocated to Cornwall through the Bus Service Improvement Plan will be accessed by the local authority. (15156)
- 103 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of reports of incidents involving (a) e-bike batteries and (b) conversion kits on consumer trust in e-bike technology. (14944)
- 104 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what funding her Department is allocating to Havering Council to tackle potholes in the next financial year. (14928)
- 105 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what financial support is available to carers who incur additional living costs supporting people whose Personal Independence Payments are stopped upon entering hospital as long-term in-patients. (15024)
- 106 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reduce unemployment among people aged 50 to 65 in Newbury constituency. (15087)
- 107 **Cat Eccles** (Stourbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the causes of backlogs in Teachers' Pensions; and what steps she is taking to reduce such backlogs. (15142)
- 108 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2024 to Question 9286 on Department for Work and Pensions: Civil Servants, how many individual desks were occupied in her Department's HQ office in the most recent four weeks for which figures are available; and how many staff assigned to that HQ workplace attended the office in person on average in the same period. (15035)

- 109 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of Maternity Allowance claimants were not UK citizens in the last three years. (14904)
- 110 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of additional funding for homelessness services. (14990)
- 111 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of not increasing Local Housing Allowance rates in 2025-26 on the number of households requiring temporary accommodation. (14991)
- 112 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much her Department spent on staff (a) travel, (b) subsistence and (c) stays in hotels in each of the last five years. (15042)
- 113 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what overpayments of benefits due to Departmental error there were in each of the last five financial years. (15043)
- 114 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff of what grade her Department employed in non-customer engaging roles in each of the last five financial years. (15044)
- 115 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff her Department employs at (a) SEO, (b) Grade 7 and (c) Grade 6. (15045)
- 116 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people from the EU without settled status have been paid benefits since the end of the transition period. (15046)
- 117 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much her Department has paid in benefits to people from the EU without settled status since the end of the transition period. (15047)
- 118 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Child Poverty Taskforce plans to (a) assess the (i) extent and (ii) potential impact on children of and (b) make recommendations on tackling hygiene poverty. (15068)
- 119 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve mental health facilities in rural areas. (14980)

- 120 **Lee Barron** (Corby and East Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with stakeholders on regulating advertisements of products that are high in (a) fat, (b) salt and (c) sugar (i) on TV and (ii) online. (15133)
- 121 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the practice of GP surgeries charging fees to patients for (a) signed certificates, (b) reports and (c) medical letters. (15115)
- 122 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the Pharmacy First campaign. (15083)
- 123 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the provision of adequate (a) palliative and (b) end-of-life care in Newbury. (15090)
- 124 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been reported missing from (a) hospitals and (b) other health care settings in each of the last four years for which data is available. (15121)
- 125 **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce the waiting list for people seeking treatment to relieve the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. (14903)
- 126 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to take steps to create shared patient records to allow (a) NHS clinical teams and (b) social care providers to access patient health and social care records. (14957)
- 127 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help increase the proportion of patients that receive treatment within 18 weeks of referral for a respiratory condition in The Wrekin constituency. (14958)
- 128 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to encourage the introduction of the Prostate-Specific Antigen blood test on the NHS for men (a) a strong family history of prostate cancer and (b) under fifty. (14923)
- 129 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to introduce further Government advertising to encourage men to (a) speak to their GP about their risk of prostate cancer, and (b) seek further testing if they are categorised as high risk. (14924)
- 130 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much was spent on encouraging students to take on the career path of midwifery in the last five years. (14925)

- 131 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much (a) United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust and (b) Lincolnshire Community Health Services spent on (i) translation and (ii) interpretation services in each of the last five years. (15072)
- 132 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many meetings Alan Milburn attended with (a) ministers and (b) officials in his Department between 5 July 2024 and 9 November 2024; and how his Department communicated with Mr Milburn in that period. (15048)
- 133 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to publish real world evidence on the effectiveness of the respiratory syncytial virus vaccine in the 75-80 cohort; how much such evidence has been collected; and whether such evidence from other countries has been taken into account in consideration of extending eligibility for that vaccine. (15055)
- 134 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the recommendation from the French health authority that the RSV vaccine should be provided to (a) 75-80 and (b) over 80 year olds. (15061)
- 135 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to publish A&E waiting times by department rather than by Trust. (15075)
- 136 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any in-country programming will be (a) curtailed, (b) cancelled and (c) postponed as a result of changes to budget allocations since 5 July 2024. (14914)
- 137 **Dr Al Pinkerton** (Surrey Heath): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help ensure international climate finance reaches the (a) children and (b) communities most vulnerable to climate change. (15127)
- 138 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps to support the release of Ukrainian civilians taken hostage by the Russian military who are not subject to the military prisoner exchange programme. (14918)
- 139 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with Apple on its reported removal of apps linked to Russian opposition supporters from its Russian app store. (14919)
- 140 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with YouTube on its policy on (a) advertising and (b) monetisation by Russian opposition supporters on its platform. (14954)

- 141 **Mr Richard Quigley** (Isle of Wight West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking with international partners to help tackle irregular migration to the UK. (15148)
- 142 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the recommendations of the China Strategic Risks Institute's report entitled Mapping out the UK's response to grey zone escalations against Taiwan, published in May 2024. (15096)
- 143 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the UK-Singapore cyber dialogue held in London on 13 June 2023; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of his Department holding similar discussions with counterparts in Taiwan. (15097)
- 144 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support persecuted Christians in Laos. (14920)
- 145 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish details of meetings (a) held by the Government's independent adviser on political violence and disruption since he was appointed to that role and (b) that he plans to hold in the next 12 months. (15141)
- 146 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a cross-Departmental body with responsibility for missing person investigations, in the context of the multi-agency responsibilities for those investigations. (15122)
- 147 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Department is taking to support (a) parents and (b) carers facing domestic (i) abuse and (ii) violence from (A) children and (B) wards. (15126)
- 148 **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy for funding for domestic violence services in the next financial year. (15149)
- 149 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing daily numbers of irregular migrants housed in (a) hotels and (b) other accommodation. (15076)
- 150 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question 13879 on Sexual Offences: Languages, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing registered sex offender nationality data stored on the ViSOR database. (15139)

- 151 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had representatives of the National Rural Crime Network. (15157)
- 152 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to (a) produce and (b) implement a strategy on tackling rural crime. (15158)
- 153 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of police officers are dedicated to rural crime teams in each police force in (a) England and (b) Wales. (15159)
- 154 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the technical resilience of the e-visa system; whether she has made a recent assessment of the implications for her policies of the experience of (a) identification requirements for members of the Windrush generation and (b) other recent data-related incidents. (15160)
- 155 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many non-crime hate incidents were recorded in Lincolnshire in each of the last three years. (15070)
- 156 **Richard Tice** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much Lincolnshire Police spent on (a) translation and (b) interpretation services in each of the last three years. (15071)
- 157 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of lifting the proposed £50 million cap on reparations for LGBT+ veterans. (15113)
- 158 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2024 to Question 11294 on Armed Forces: Cadets, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the ending of the additional SSI grant on the long term sustainability of school cadet forces. (15010)
- 159 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the highest individual settlement paid to an aircrew member has been for the impact of helicopter exhaust fume exposure in each of the last five years. (15109)
- 160 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what access to compensation from his Department family members of UK service personnel stationed at Camp Lejeune have for illness resulting from contamination. (14931)
- 161 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure the independence of the nuclear deterrent; and if he will take steps to reduce reliance on the US for the (a) testing, (b) maintenance, and (c) replacement of missiles. (15093)

- 162 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support the cadet forces in (a) the London Borough of Havering, (b) Romford constituency and (c) England. (14921)
- 163 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department allocated to spending on defence research and development in the last 12 months. (15111)
- 164 **Mr Lee Dillon** (Newbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to allow social landlords to access the (a) Building Safety Fund and (b) Cladding Safety Scheme. (15089)
- 165 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the availability of co-housing for older people. (15123)
- 166 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish a list of (a) people and (b) organisations who made representations to her Department on the call-in of the planning application for the Chinese Embassy in London. (14996)
- 167 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, on what criteria she called in the planning application for the Chinese Embassy in London. (14997)
- 168 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 8 November 2024 to Question 11925 on Council tax: Greater London, if she will publish a breakdown of the core spending power for 2024-25. (14998)
- 169 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 8 November 2024 to Question 11925 on Council tax: Greater London, what estimate her Department has made of the (a) value and (b) proportionate increase of the (i) Transport for London and (ii) Greater London Authority precept in the 2025-26 financial year. (14999)
- 170 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate her Department made of the revenue that would be raised by the (a) small business multiplier and (b) standard multiplier in the 2024-25 financial year; and how much was raised from hereditaments with a rateable value over £500,000. (15000)
- 171 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much and proportion of local government core spending power was compromised of locally-retained business rate receipts in the 2024-25 financial year; and what estimate her Department has made of the revenue from locally-retained business rate receipts in the 2025-26 financial year. (15001)

- 172 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to paragraph 4.63 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, published on 30 October 2024, what methodology her Department plans to use to allocate the £1.3 billion of grant funding for local government; and what steps her Department plans to take to assess the needs of rural areas. (15002)
- 173 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to set a council tax referendum threshold for combined authority mayoral precepts in the 2025-26 financial year. (15003)
- 174 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she next plans to reset business rate retention system. (15004)
- 175 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what reasons her Department plans to close its offices in (a) Birmingham, (b) Exeter, (c) Truro, (d) Sheffield, (e) Warrington and (f) Newcastle; what estimate her Department has made of the cost of closing each office; and what plans her Department has for the existing staff in each location. (15005)
- 176 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to provide additional funding via the Local Government Finance settlement to help local authorities with the cost of increases to employer national insurance contributions. (15006)
- 177 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what datasets her Department used to calculate the Local Government Finance Settlement for financial year 2024-25. (15007)
- 178 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if the Government plans to appoint a Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief. (15028)
- 179 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will have discussions with the Competition and Markets Authority on the potential impact of large estate management companies on (a) role of SMEs, (b) the ability of SMEs to expand in the estate management sector and (c) consumer choice for residents. (15038)
- 180 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of competition in the (a) leasehold and (b) freehold estate management markets; and if she will take legislative steps to help increase competition in those sectors. (15039)
- 181 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what reason she called in the Highsted Park outline planning applications. (15021)

- 182 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has had discussions with the developers of the Highsted Park outline planning applications. (15022)
- 183 **Helen Whately** (Faversham and Mid Kent): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to decide on the proposed (a) M2 motorway junction and (b) Highsted Park outline planning applications. (15023)
- 184N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the correspondence of 12 and 26 September 2024 from the Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending to the hon Member for Tooting on HMP Wandsworth, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of installing protective netting in HMP Wandsworth to prevent drone incursions. (14968)
- 185 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the capacity of the High Court (Family Division) to undertake reviews of all required cases under the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. (14961)
- 186 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to protect parties during family court proceedings. (15034)
- 187 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, what weight is given to his views through his Principal Private Secretary on the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals. (14966)
- 188 **Mike Wood** (Kingswinford and South Staffordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2024 to Question 6077 on Public Appointments, if he will list each individual Direct Ministerial Appointment which was signed off by 10 Downing Street according to records held by the No. 10 public appointments team since 5 July 2024. (14969)
- 189 **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Pension megafunds could unlock £80 billion of investment as Chancellor takes radical action to drive economic growth, published on 13 November 2024, whether the assets and liabilities of amalgamated local authority pension funds will remain with councils or become part of the Government's accounts. (14912)
- 190 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of retaining existing rates of agricultural property relief. (15114)
- 191 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of proposed changes to (a) retail, (b) hospitality and (c) leisure business rates on high street businesses. (15118)

- 192 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent steps she has taken to help ensure people in (a) Mid Cheshire constituency, (b) Cheshire and (c) England have access to banking services. (15091)
- 193 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to tackle VAT fraud; and if she will bring forward legislative proposals to extend Deemed Reseller rules to UK-established businesses. (14902)
- 194 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to reverse the proposed tax changes to (a) agricultural property relief and (b) business property relief on family-owned (i) farms and (ii) businesses. (15065)
- 195 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of Office for Budget Responsibility forecasts of long-term alcohol consumption trends; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of those trends on estimated future receipts from Alcohol Duty. (15128)
- 196 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Alcohol Duty uprating, published on 30 October 2024, if she will publish an estimate of the future administrative and operational costs to businesses associated with the withdrawal of the temporary easement on 1 February 2025. (15129)
- 197 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2024 to Question 8950 on Office for Value for Money, whether the Chair is a regulated public appointment; and whether he was selected via open and fair competition. (14945)
- 198 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2024 to Question 8813 on Government Departments: Communications and Consultants, what the baseline figures on expenditure on (a) communications and (b) consultants are in each Department in 2024-25 or the closest year for which data is available. (14946)
- 199 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to publish the declaration of interests of (a) public appointments, (b) special advisers and (c) direct ministerial appointments. (14947)
- 200 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the revenue generated by proposed changes to the non-domiciled tax regime in the next five financial years. (14948)
- 201 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what type of regression model is used in the Automated Valuation Model of the Valuation Office Agency. (14949)

- 202 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.81 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, what assumption her Department has made of the level of council tax receipts to be raised in England in 2025-26. (14950)
- 203 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 14 October 2024, to Question 8196 on Business Rates and Council Tax: Valuation, whether the Automated Valuation Model for Wales is adaptable to be used in England. (14951)
- 204 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she attends meetings of the Mission Boards. (14952)
- 205 **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 1.7 of her Department's publication entitled Transforming Business Rates, published on 30 October 2024, what estimate she has made of the amount of tax relief in (a) monetary terms and (b) as a reduced multiplier. (14995)
- 206 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to item 29 of Table 5.1 of the Autumn Budget 2024, HC 295, what the evidential basis is for her Department's estimate that changes to inheritance tax will raise £520 million from 2028/29. (15136)
- 207 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many farmers her Department consulted on changes to agricultural property relief before the Autumn Budget 2024. (15137)
- 208 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2024 to Question 13562 on National Income, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of immigration numbers on recent trends in the rate of (a) economy growth and (b) GDP per capita. (15140)
- 209 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of zero-rating Value Added Tax on admission fees for indoor play facilities. (15063)
- 210N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what definition of farm her Department used to estimate the number of farms affected by changes to agricultural property relief. [Transferred] (14824)
- 211N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Cycle to Work Scheme in improving cycle ownership among people on low incomes. [Transferred] (14753)
- 212 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to encourage equal (a) pay and (b) opportunity in STEM jobs. (14935)

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- 1N **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of proposed changes in the regulation of zero hours contracts on average (a) staffing and (b) other costs for SMEs.(15031)
- 2N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of grassroots sports programmes in strengthening mental health (a) literacy and (b) resilience of men and boys. (15110)
- 3N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what support her Department provides to care leaver university students outside of term time. (15062)
- 4N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to allow firms to use up to 50% of the Growth And Skills Levy to fund non-apprenticeship training. (14971)
- 5N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate his Department has made of the number of people starting apprenticeships in each year of this Parliament. (15013)
- 6N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much and what proportion of apprenticeship levy funds were spent on Level 7 Apprenticeships in each year since the creation of the levy. (15014)
- 7N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to section 7.2.12 of her Department's publication entitled School workforce census guide 2024: Guide for schools including academies within a Multi Academy Trust, published on 11 October 2024, how many and what proportion of school support staff posts in publicly-funded schools in England were paid on (a) National Joint Council (Local Government Services) pay ranges, (b) other pay ranges, and (c) pay ranges for which data was not returned in the most recent workforce census period. [R] (15056)
- 8N **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with agricultural machinery manufacturers on the potential impact of enhanced security measures on agricultural vehicles on the level of rural crime. (15143)
- 9N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to help protect young people from (a) misogynistic behaviour and (b) unrealistic expectations of young women on social media platforms. (15033)

- 10N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his department is taking to help increase diversity in the research workforce. (14938)
- 11N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2024 to Question 13206 on Government Departments: Finance, which Departments are included in the first tranche; what the new system is; and how the new system is being procured. (14939)
- 12N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2024 to Question 13205 on Project Gigabit and Shared Rural Network, what minimum service levels his Department expects 4G coverage delivered as part of the Shared Rural Network programme to meet. (14940)
- 13N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with the Minister for Infrastructure in Northern Ireland on the graduated driving licence pilot scheme. (14917)
- 14N **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to her Department's press release of 17 November 2024 entitled £1 billion government funding boost for bus services across England to help end postcode lottery, what proportion of the additional funding will be allocated to improving the experience of disabled passengers. (15125)
- 15N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has to ensure step-free access to Whitchurch Railway Station. (15073)
- 16N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 14142 on Roads: Suicide, and with reference to the Answer of 12 July 2016 to Question 42206 on Roads: Suicide, for what reason data on incidents logged as suicides or attempted suicides is no longer available. (15053)
- 17N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of enabling people over 65 who are not eligible for the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance to access mobility vehicle support. [R] (14967)
- 18N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in Birmingham Northfield constituency have (a) applied for and (b) been awarded Pension Credit since 29 July 2024. (15084)
- 19N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to maintain levels of mental health spending in line with planned increases in other NHS spending in (a) the next financial year and (b) the future. (14932)

- 20N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help to reduce the average diagnosis time for endometriosis. (15011)
- 21N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to take steps to help support people with Coeliac disease with the cost of food; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of widening access to gluten free products on prescription. (15066)
- 22N **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of testing newborn babies for spinal muscular atrophy. (15067)
- 23N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his international counterparts on taking steps to help prevent a polio outbreak in Gaza. (14965)
- 24N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his international counterparts on (a) the conduct of the Israeli military in Gaza and (b) Israel's compliance with Article 1 of the Genocide Convention. (14977)
- 25N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2024 to Question 8320 on Gaza: Israel, what role his Department's International Humanitarian Law Compliance Assessment Process Cell plays in the overall assessment of Israel's compliance with International Humanitarian Law; and if he will list the dates of each of the Cell's assessments since 4 July 2024. (14913)
- 26N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help tackle (a) violation of personal freedoms of female students and (b) other forms of mistreatment of women and girls in Iran. (15054)
- 27N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of her Department's agreements with Northern Ireland Government departments in place of the strategic migration partnership. (14916)
- 28N **James MacCleary** (Lewes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help prevent joint mortgages being used as a method of financial abuse. (15124)
- 29N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason final approval of the redevelopment of Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre was provided by the Cabinet Office rather than her Department. (15050)

- 30N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the decision was taken to award the contract to redevelop Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre. (15051)
- 31N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what financial criteria her Department awarded Galliford Try the contract to redevelop Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre. (15052)
- 32N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish her Department's financial assessment of the contract to redevelop Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre. (15154)
- 33N **Calum Miller** (Bicester and Woodstock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which Minister was responsible for the decision to award the contract to redevelop Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre. (15155)
- 34N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of partner visas were granted where the applicant used cash savings to count towards the minimum income threshold in each year since 2012. (14981)
- 35N **Chris Philp** (Croydon South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2024 to Question 13777 on Police: Mental Health Services, if she will publish the updates received by her Department from police forces on implementation of the Right Care, Right Person model. (14982)
- 36N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October to Question 9811 on Members: Correspondence, when she plans to respond to the letter of 1 September 2024 from the hon. Member for West Suffolk. (15092)
- 37N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with his (a) German and (b) Dutch counterpart on longer exhausts in (a) CH-47 Chinook, (b) Puma, (c) Sea King and (d) Westland Wessex helicopters. (15106)
- 38N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to protect aircrew members from exposure to helicopter (a) fuel and (b) exhaust fumes. (15107)
- 39N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of (a) Sea King (b) Westland Wessex (c) Puma and (d) CH-47 Chinook helicopters on air quality in areas with high helicopter air traffic. (15108)

- 40N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of (a) the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 and (b) subsequent amendments to that Act; and how many prosecutions there have been under the Act in each year since it came into force. (14953)
- 41N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the amalgamation of local government pension funds will be compulsory; whether pension funds will be able to choose which new fund to join; and whether she has had recent discussions with (a) the Local Government Association and (b) pension funds on her proposed changes. [R] (14909)
- 42N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Pension megafunds could unlock £80 billion of investment as Chancellor takes radical action to drive economic growth, published on 13 November 2024, whether she plans to appoint a body that will be legally accountable for (a) investment decisions, (b) paying pensions and (c) acquiring contributions from councils for proposed amalgamated local authority pension funds. (14910)
- 43N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Pension megafunds could unlock £80 billion of investment as Chancellor takes radical action to drive economic growth, published on 13 November 2024, who will be responsible for appointing trustees for new amalgamated pension funds. (14911)
- 44N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the number and proportion of farms that will be affected by changes to agricultural property relief in Northern Ireland. (15098)
- 45N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what criteria HMRC awards a contract to provide it with banking services; and whether those criteria include (a) the ownership of the bank and (b) whether the Government owns shares in the bank. (14970)
- 46N **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had recent discussions with representatives of the indoor play sector on her planned review of business rates. (15064)
- 47N **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how the money raised from the Immigration Skills Charge has been spent over the last five years. (15153)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for the Home Department

- 1 **Paul Waugh** (Rochdale): What steps her Department is taking to tackle serious and organised crime. (901391)

- 2 **Becky Gittins** (Clwyd East): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle antisocial behaviour on high streets and in town centres. (901392)
- 3 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): What steps her Department is taking to improve intelligence sharing following the terrorist incident in Forbury Gardens in Reading in 2020. (901393)
- 4 **Chris McDonald** (Stockton North): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle shoplifting and violence against shop workers. (901394)
- 5 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): What recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme. (901395)
- 6 **Kevin McKenna** (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle antisocial behaviour on high streets and in town centres. [R] (901396)
- 7 **Cat Eccles** (Stourbridge): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle domestic abuse. (901397)
- 8 **Alice Macdonald** (Norwich North): What steps her Department is taking to help prevent young people from becoming involved in violent crime. (901398)
- 9 **Dr Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle car theft in rural areas. (901399)
- 10 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): What steps her Department is taking to increase public trust and confidence in policing. (901400)
- 11 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): What steps her Department is taking to help keep children safe online. (901401)
- 12 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): What steps her Department is taking to tackle violence against women and girls. (901402)
- 13 **Mr Alex Barros-Curtis** (Cardiff West): What recent progress the Defending Democracy Taskforce has made. (901403)
- 14 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): What steps she is taking to tackle illegal migration. (901404)
- 15 **Kirith Entwistle** (Bolton North East): What steps her Department is taking to tackle extremism. (901405)
- 16 **Marie Goldman** (Chelmsford): What steps she is taking to tackle the asylum case backlog. (901406)
- 17 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle hare coursing. (901407)
- 18 **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): What steps she is taking to help tackle crime in rural areas. (901408)

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- 19 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): What steps she is taking to help ensure that police time is used efficiently. (901409)
- 20 **Monica Harding** (Esher and Walton): What steps her Department is taking with police forces to tackle violence against women and girls. (901410)
- 21 **Tom Rutland** (East Worthing and Shoreham): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle shoplifting and violence against shop workers. (901411)
- 22 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): What support she is providing to local organisations to help tackle violence against women and girls. (901412)
- 23 **Joani Reid** (East Kilbride and Strathaven): What steps she is taking to support victims of sex trafficking. (901413)
- 24 **Chris Ward** (Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven): What steps she is taking to help tackle retail crime. (901414)
- 25 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): What steps she is taking to improve safety in town centres. (901415)
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Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for the Home Department

- T1 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (901416)
- T2 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): (901417)
- T3 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): (901418)
- T4 **Tony Vaughan** (Folkestone and Hythe): (901419)
- T5 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): (901420)
- T6 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): (901421)
- T7 **Dan Tomlinson** (Chipping Barnet): (901422)
- T8 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): (901423)
- T9 **Jessica Toale** (Bournemouth West): (901424)
- T10 **Dave Robertson** (Lichfield): (901425)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 26 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on making localised funding available to support businesses working together to help local economies. (15131)
- 2N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to extend the Rural England Prosperity Fund. (15134)
- 3N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much of the Rural England Prosperity Fund has been spent. (15135)
- 4N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel were living in (a) single living accommodation and (b) grade four rated single living accommodation per local authority on (i) 1 May 2010 and (ii) 3 July 2024. (15112)
- 5N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to publish risk assessments of proposed changes to (a) Agricultural Property Relief and (b) Business Property Relief. (14908)
- 6N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to make localised funding available to support businesses to help local economies. (15132)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 27 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the condition of roads in (a) Stafford and (b) the surrounding area. (15150)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

- 1 **Chris Murray** (Edinburgh East and Musselburgh): What steps he is taking to help support innovation in Northern Ireland. (901426)
- 2 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): If he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to publish the findings of the Shawcross report on compensation for victims of Libyan-sponsored IRA terrorism. (901427)

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- 3 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): What discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on levels of representation of people from Black and minority ethnic communities in the Northern Ireland Assembly. (901428)
 - 4 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): What steps he is taking to help support innovation in Northern Ireland. (901429)
 - 5 **Bambos Charalambous** (Southgate and Wood Green): What assessment he has made of the impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on Northern Ireland. (901430)
 - 6 **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): What discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on the future of City and Growth deals in Northern Ireland. (901431)
 - 7 **Mark Ferguson** (Gateshead Central and Whickham): What assessment he has made of the impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on Northern Ireland. (901432)
 - 8 **Peter Lamb** (Crawley): What discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on tackling violence against women and girls. (901433)
 - 9 **David Smith** (North Northumberland): What discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on tackling violence against women and girls. (901434)
 - 10 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What steps he is taking to help improve transport links between Northern Ireland and Scotland. (901435)
 - 11 **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): What discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on tackling violence against women and girls. (901436)
 - 12 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): What assessment he has made of the impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on Northern Ireland. (901437)
 - 13 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): What discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on tackling violence against women and girls. (901438)
 - 14 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): What steps he is taking to strengthen the Union. (901439)
 - 15 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): What steps he is taking to help support innovation in Northern Ireland. (901440)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 28 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Leigh Ingham** (Stafford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of funding for domestic violence services in the next financial year. (15152)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 2 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Margaret Mullane** (Dagenham and Rainham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress her Department has made on increasing the number of social housing available in Dagenham and Rainham constituency. (15151)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 4 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Paul Holmes** (Hamble Valley): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has had discussions with the Chinese government on the planning application for the Chinese Embassy in London. (14994)