Questions for Oral or Written Answer
beginning on Friday 20 November 2015
(the ‘Questions Book’)
Part 2: Oral or Written Questions from
Monday 23 November 2015

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MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Questions for Oral Answer

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

★ 1 Nick Smith (Blaenau Gwent): What steps he is taking to ensure that the UK defence industry benefits from his Department's procurement decisions.
   (902257)

★ 2 Douglas Chapman (Dunfermline and West Fife): What his policy is on the role of the UK in the security of the Arctic and High North.
   (902258)

★ 3 Richard Benyon (Newbury): What contribution the UK is making to international efforts to degrade and defeat ISIL.
   (902259)

★ 4 Grahame Morris (Easington): What his policy is on ensuring the use of UK-produced steel in items procured by his Department.
   (902260)

★ 5 Jim Shannon (Strangford): What steps his Department is taking to monitor the effects of the Lariam form of mefloquine on service personnel who have taken that drug.
   (902261)
6 **Graham Jones** (Hyndburn): What resources the Government has supplied to the Free Syrian Army in the last 12 months.

7 **Stephen Phillips** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): What plans he has for consolidation of Royal Air Force stations.

8 **Craig Tracey** (North Warwickshire): What steps he is taking to support military veterans.

9 **Pauline Latham** (Mid Derbyshire): What steps he is taking to increase the proportion of his Department's procurement expenditure which goes to SMEs.

10 **Kelvin Hopkins** (Luton North): What his policy is on ensuring the use of UK-produced steel in items procured by his Department.

11 **Seema Kennedy** (South Ribble): What steps he is taking to increase the proportion of his Department's procurement expenditure which goes to SMEs.

12 **Paul Scully** (Sutton and Cheam): What plans he has to strengthen the Armed Forces Covenant.

13 **Ian C. Lucas** (Wrexham): What assessment he has made of the potential effect of UK withdrawal from the EU on defence and national security.

14 **Gareth Johnson** (Dartford): What assessment he has made of the threat that ISIL poses to the UK.

15 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): What assessment he has made of the threat that ISIL poses to the UK.

16 **William Wragg** (Hazel Grove): What steps he is taking to support military veterans.

17 **Stephen Metcalfe** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): What contribution the UK is making to international efforts to degrade and defeat ISIL.

18 **Michael Tomlinson** (Mid Dorset and North Poole): What plans he has to strengthen the Armed Forces Covenant.
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continued

★ 19 Chloe Smith (Norwich North): What assessment he has made of the threat that ISIL poses to the UK. (902275)

★ 20 Mr David Hanson (Delyn): What assessment he has made of progress in defeating ISIL. (902276)

★ 21 Liz McInnes (Heywood and Middleton): What discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the likely effect of changes to Government policy on levels of household income of armed forces personnel. (902277)

★ 22 Owen Thompson (Midlothian): What recent assessment he has made of the cost effectiveness of the Trident programme over the last five years. (902278)

★ 24 Joan Ryan (Enfield North): What assessment he has made of progress in defeating ISIL. (902280)

★ 25 Sir Edward Leigh (Gainsborough): What plans he has to invest in new equipment for the armed forces. (902281)

At 3.15pm

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence
The Members listed below have been selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.

★ 1 Chris Green (Bolton West): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902282)

★ 2 John Glen (Salisbury): (902283)

★ 3 Alberto Costa (South Leicestershire): (902284)

★ 4 Carol Monaghan (Glasgow North West): (902285)

★ 5 Graham Jones (Hyndburn): (902286)

★ 6 Simon Hoare (North Dorset): (902287)

★ 7 Dr Julian Lewis (New Forest East): (902288)

★ 8 Stephen Hammond (Wimbledon): (902289)

★ 9 Margaret Ferrier (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): (902290)

★ 10 Kirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): (902291)
Notices given on Tuesday 10 November

1 Guto Bebb (Aberconwy): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been (a) murdered, (b) assaulted and (c) subject to a violent crime committed by people released from prison on licence in (i) England and (ii) Wales in each of the last five years. (15823)

Notices given on Monday 16 November

1 Bridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what steps his Department is taking to improve the retention of students who have the potential to succeed in higher education but face financial difficulties. (16490)

2 Drew Hendry (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether (a) his Department and (b) its agencies plan to review their estates as a result of spending reductions agreed with HM Treasury. (16331)

Notices given on Tuesday 17 November

1 Bridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, whether his Department plans to measure the (a) educational, (b) labour market and (c) societal outcomes of student opportunity allocation funding using individual-based data on a national level. (16612)

Notices given on Wednesday 18 November

1 Catherine McKinnell (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Attorney General, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the use of hearsay evidence in court proceedings in reducing the number of unsuccessful cases due to victim or witness issues; and what estimate he has made of the number of cases where hearsay evidence has been used by prosecutors in each year since 2010-11. (16836)

2 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, how many cases of suspected non-compliance with minimum wage legislation were referred to the CPS in each of the last five years; and how many such referrals led to a prosecution in each of those years. (16852)
3 Kevin Brennan (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership agreement on (a) the UK economy as a whole, (b) each region and nation of the UK's economy, (c) each business sector in the UK economy, (d) large UK businesses and (e) UK SMEs.

(16915)

4 Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, pursuant to the Answer to Question 13261, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of conducting an area-based review of post-16 education and training institutions in (a) Tees Valley, (b) Birmingham and Solihull, (c) Greater Manchester, (d) Sheffield City Region, (e) Sussex Coast, (f) Solent and (g) West Yorkshire.

(16786)

5 Mrs Cheryl Gillan (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, how many officials in his Department are working on matters relating to High Speed 2; and what the grades of those officials are.

(16905)

6 Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, with reference to paragraph 13.17 of HM Treasury's publication entitled, Fixing the Foundations: Creating a more prosperous nation, Cm 9098, published in July 2015, what progress his Department has made on plans to introduce a degree apprenticeship in Leadership and Management to boost the capabilities of future business leaders.

(16937)

7 Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, with reference to the document Fixing the Foundations: Creating a more prosperous nation, Cm 9098, published in July 2015, what the evidential basis is for funding to UK Collaboration for Research in Infrastructure and Cities increasing productivity.

(16751)

8 Gordon Marsden (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what discussions he has had with the higher education sector on extending the new postgraduate loans scheme to part-time taught masters students aged over 30.

(16890)

9 Gordon Marsden (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, how he plans for part-time taught masters students who study at a minimum of 50 per cent intensity, but not by means of distance learning, to access the proposed new postgraduate loans scheme.

(16891)

10 Gordon Marsden (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what steps he is taking to promote the availability of loans to part-time students.

(16892)
11 **Gordon Marsden** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what discussions he has had with the higher education sector on extending the loan book to part-time students who wish to undertake a second degree. (16893)

12 **Gordon Marsden** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, which of the proposals in Higher education: teaching excellence, social mobility and student choice, published by his Department on 6 November 2015 are intended to enhance part-time higher education. (16894)

13 **Mr Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of product safety guidance for manufacturers of children's fancy dress costumes; and what assessment he has made of the effect on safety of retailers classifying such costumes as toys rather than clothing. (16854)

14 **Mr Iain Wright** (Hartlepool): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, how many times the working groups on (a) public procurement, (b) international comparisons and (c) competitiveness and productivity have met since the Steel Summit on 16 October 2015; and what the actions and outcomes of each of those groups has been since their formation. (16849)

15 **Mr Stewart Jackson** (Peterborough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether reclassification by the Office of National Statistics of housing associations as public entities will entail their carrying the legislative obligations contained in the Freedom of Information Act 2000; and if he will make a statement. (16827)

16 **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the rate is of (a) unemployment and (b) employment among people living in the UK who (i) were born in Lithuania and (ii) are Lithuanian nationals. (16773)

17 **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many projects, of what value, have received investment through the Pensions Infrastructure Platform in (a) 2015 and (b) since the platform's launch. (16934)

18 **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to ensure that section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 is taken into account in decisions about the future of HM Revenue and Customs offices in Northern Ireland. (16896)
19 **Mr Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2015 to Question 15239, how much of the £3.6 billion of tax credits overpayments his Department has recovered in 2015 to date. (16924)

20 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many HM Revenue and Customs jobs in (a) Bradford and (b) West Yorkshire will be lost as a result of the proposed restructuring plan. (16841)

21 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the document Fixing the Foundations: Creating a more prosperous nation Cm 9098, what the evidential basis is for proposed reforms to tax credits increasing productivity. (16750)

22 **Mrs Madeleine Moon** (Bridgend): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what training is provided to HM Revenue and Customs staff to prepare them for handling applications for allowable expenses for ministers of religion; and if he will make a statement. (16899)

23 **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will ringfence spending on the Homelessness Prevention Grant until 2020 in the Spending Review. (16785)

24 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many employees were identified as being paid less than the national minimum wage following HM Revenue and Customs enforcement activity in each of the last five years; and how many of those employees were compensated in full. (16850)

25 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many employers were identified as being paid less than the national minimum wage in each of the last five years; how many and what proportion of such employers were issued with a formal notice of underpayment; how many and what proportion of those employers issued with such a formal notice (a) paid arrears in full on receipt of that notice and (b) were pursued by HM Revenue and Customs in the civil courts. (16851)

26 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much funding has been provided to HM Revenue and Customs to enforce compliance with minimum wage legislation in each of the last 10 years. (16853)

27 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed by HM Revenue and Customs to enforce compliance with minimum wage legislation in each of the last 10 years. (16938)
28 Stephen Timms (East Ham): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the effect of reductions in rents charged by housing associations on the number of new homes they propose to build.

(16847)

29 Conor McGinn (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of his proposed changes to business rates on (a) Merseyside and (b) the UK.

(16907)

30 Debbie Abrahams (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with Ofcom on introducing requirements on communications providers to improve access to relay video services since Ofcom's review of relay services on 2011-12.

(16828)

31 Mr Jim Cunningham (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what his Department's budget is for the 2021 UK City of Culture competition; and if he will make a statement.

(16856)

32 Conor McGinn (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 2 June 2015 to Question 428, what progress has been made in ensuring funding from the Armed Forces Covenant (Libor) Fund is distributed across the UK; and which organisations in each region of the UK have benefited from that fund to date.

(16834)

33 Conor McGinn (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress has been made with the implementation of the recommendations made in Lord Ashcroft's Veterans' Transition Review, published in February 2014.

(16906)

34 Toby Perkins (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the total expenditure was on the Single Source Regulation Office in each quarter since its formation.

(16858)

35 Toby Perkins (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what role he expects the Single Source Regulation Office to have in the procurement of the Successor class submarine.

(16859)

36 Mr Laurence Robertson (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to encourage the teaching of emergency first aid skills in schools.

(16898)

37 Peter Kyle (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, what progress her Department has made towards its renewable energy target for 2020; and if she will make a statement.

(16833)
38 **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, what progress her Department has made on plans to improve energy efficiency across schools through introducing solar hubs. (16932)

39 **Mrs Cheryl Gillan** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many officials in her Department are working on matters related to High Speed 2; and what the grades of those officials are. (16904)

40 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what discussions the Government has had with the Indian Prime Minister on Kashmir during his recent visit to the UK. (16855)

41 **Mr Jim Cunningham** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what (a) military and (b) financial support his Department has provided to the Kurdish region in northern Iraq and Syria in the last year; and if he will make a statement. (16857)

42 **Mr Jim Cunningham** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his (a) Iranian and (b) Russian counterparts to discuss the threat posed by ISIS; and if he will make a statement. (16933)

43 **Mr Jim Cunningham** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts from Arab League states on the threat posed by ISIS; and if he will make a statement. (16935)

44 **Luciana Berger** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, if he will respond to the Cabinet Office funded report relating to early deaths among people with mental health problems. (16927)

45 **Luciana Berger** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, if he will take steps to ensure that CCGs do not reduce expenditure on mental health budgets to cover deficits in the acute hospital sector. (16928)

46 **Luciana Berger** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps he is taking to address the higher incidence of mental illness among young LGBT people. (16931)

47 **Tom Blenkinsop** (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps he plans to take to (a) reduce waiting times for children to receive an assessment for a mental health condition and (b) address the disparity between those waiting times across different NHS mental health trusts. (16909)
48 Mr Gregory Campbell (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps his Department is taking to change attitudes to personal health issues among men. (16895)

49 Mr Douglas Carswell (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many doctors trained in the UK emigrated in (a) 2010, (b) 2011, (c) 2013 and (d) 2014; and what assessment he has made of the effect such emigration has had on the provision of emergency medicine. (16771)

50 Mr Douglas Carswell (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many and what proportion of doctors working in hospitals are from non-UK countries. (16772)

51 Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on support for people with mental health conditions who claim jobseeker's allowance. (16842)

52 Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on ensuring that mental health is removed as an obstacle to entering the workplace. (16843)

53 Andrew Percy (Brigg and Goole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps he plans to take to reduce loneliness and isolation for elderly people through increased contact during transitional care. (16752)

54 Mr Laurence Robertson (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what assessment he has made of the incidence of his Department giving grants to organisations which subsequently use the money to try to influence (a) his and (b) other Government departments. (16835)

55 Mr Laurence Robertson (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what recent assessment his Department has made of the appropriate frequency with which people with pernicious anaemia should receive vitamin B12 replacement injections; what the guidelines are for GPs on granting requests by individual patients for injections to be administered more frequently than prescribed; and if he will make a statement. (16897)

56 Mr Laurence Robertson (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what assessment his Department has made of the benefits of allowing easier access to vitamin B12. (16902)

57 Mr Laurence Robertson (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what recent assessment his Department has made of the reliability of diagnostic tests for pernicious anaemia. (16903)
58 **Hannah Bardell** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her policy is on accepting asylum claims from (a) Syrian refugees who have reached the UK travelling through other EU member states without claiming asylum in one of those states and (b) such refugees who reside with family members who have a right to reside in the UK.

(16916)

59 **Luciana Berger** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to address stress-related sickness absence in the police force.

(16930)

60 **Mr Douglas Carswell** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the effect of increased cybersecurity funding on the numbers of (a) frontline police and (b) police community support officers.

(16769)

61 **Mr Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 29 October 2015 to Question 12956, how many of the suspicious activity reports received under the provisions of the Terrorism Act 2000 have been investigated; and how many prosecutions have resulted from those investigations.

(16923)

62 **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the cost of reimbursing communication service providers under the provisions of the draft Investigatory Powers Bill in the first 10 years in which an Act arising from that draft bill is in force.

(16912)

63 **Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 17 November 2015 to Question 15325, how any of those asylum claims resulted in a positive asylum decision.

(16913)

64 **Mr Douglas Carswell** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, if she will make an assessment of the effect of the recruitment of doctors to the NHS from developing countries on the health services in those countries.

(16770)

65 **Mr Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners are serving sentences beyond the limit of the tariff for the crimes for which they were sentenced.

(16922)

66 **Nic Dakin** (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department has taken to embed the family test into its policy making.

(16838)
67 Nic Dakin (Scunthorpe): To ask the Leader of the House, what steps his Office has taken to embed the family test into its policy making. (16839)

68 Nic Dakin (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps her Department has taken to embed the family test into its policy making. (16837)

69 Mrs Cheryl Gillan (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people work on High Speed 2 in (a) his Department and (b) HS2 Ltd; and what the (i) grade, (ii) salary and (iii) location is of each such person. (16830)

70 Mrs Cheryl Gillan (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which companies have expressed an interest in bidding for the seven engineering contracts announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on his recent visit to China. (16831)

71 Mrs Cheryl Gillan (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which legal advisers and barristers have been used by (a) HS2 Ltd and (b) his Department on matters relating to High Speed 2 since the start of the project; and how much each such adviser or barrister (i) has been paid and (ii) is owed. (16832)

72 Patrick Grady (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with Transport for London on the ability of its ticket machines to accept banknotes issued by Scottish banks. (16911)

73 Dr Tania Mathias (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effect of aircraft on nitrous dioxide levels in Greater London. (16860)

74 Dr Tania Mathias (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his policy is on the concentration of flight paths over residential areas near Heathrow Airport. (16861)

75 Dr Tania Mathias (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the number of night flights to and from Heathrow Airport. (16936)

76 Nia Griffith (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how much his Department spent on (a) temporary agency staff, (b) consultants, (c) non-payroll staff, (d) administration and (e) marketing and advertising (i) in 2014-15 prices and (ii) as a proportion of his Department's expenditure in each year since 2010-11. (16787)
77 Nia Griffith (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what estimate he has made of his Department's expected underspend against Departmental Expenditure Limits in 2015-16; what his Department's forecast is of total Annually Managed Expenditure in 2015-16; and what that forecast was at the time of the (a) Summer Budget 2015 and (b) March Budget 2015.

78 Mr Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much his Department spent on winter fuel payments for UK citizens living in (a) Cyprus, (b) France, (c) Gibraltar, (d) Greece, (e) Malta, (f) Portugal and (g) Spain in 2014-15.

79 Mr Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when his Department's review of guidance relating to the eligibility of children with Type 1 diabetes for Disability Living Allowance was initiated; and what conclusion that review reached.

80 Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of claimants on jobseeker's allowance have registered as having a mental health condition.

81 Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what monitoring his Department carries out on changes in the number of people on jobseeker's allowance registered as having a mental health condition; and what change there has been in such numbers since 2010.

82 Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what support his Department makes available for people with mental health conditions who claim jobseeker's allowance in getting them back into the workplace.

83 Nick Thomas-Symonds (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to his oral contribution of 20 June 2011, Official Report, column 52, on state pensions for women, what meetings he has had on the transitional arrangements referred to (a) between 20 June 2011 and 7 May 2015 and (b) since 8 May 2015.

84 Nick Thomas-Symonds (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to his oral contribution of 20 June 2011, Official Report, column 52, on state pensions for women, whether he plans to make an announcement of transitional provisions prior to the introduction of the single-tier state pension.

85 Stephen Timms (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether it is his policy that the day of the week on which claimants are asked to sign on for jobseekers allowance should be varied.
86 **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the reasons were for the recent changes in the proportion of resolvable Freedom of Information requests whose answers were fully withheld.

(16829)

**Notices given on Thursday 19 November**

1 **Mrs Louise Ellman** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Attorney General, whether he plans to change the arrangements or level of funding for specialist rape and sexual offence prosecutors; and if he will make a statement.

[Transferred] (16908)

2 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what progress has been made by the Emerging Industry Action Group.

[Transferred] (16862)

3 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what progress the Government has made on its proposed plans to introduce a degree apprenticeship in Leadership and Management as announced in Fixing the Foundations: Creating a more Prosperous Nation, Cm 9098, published in July 2015.

[Transferred] (16910)

4 **Luciana Berger** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many mental health in-patient units and beds there have been in English prisons in each year since 2010.

[Transferred] (16929)

5 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) independent domestic violence advisers and (b) independent sexual violence advisers operating in the criminal justice system in each year since 2010-11.

[Transferred] (16840)

6 **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of people resident in the UK of working age who were born in Lithuania are (a) in the G8 Claimant Count, (b) in receipt of employment and support allowance and other incapacity benefits and (c) lone parents in receipt of income support.

[Transferred] (16848)

7 **Richard Burden** (Birmingham, Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2015 to Question 15540, what assistance his Department gave to (a) Kent County Council, (b) other operational organisations and (c) businesses to cover costs and losses during the implementation of Operation Stack in 2015.

(16986)
8 **Gloria De Piero** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what equality impact assessment the Government has undertaken on the implications of the planned abolition of maintenance grants.

9 **Gloria De Piero** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what assessment he has made of the effect of the proposed abolition of maintenance grants on the Government's target of doubling the proportion of people from disadvantaged backgrounds entering higher education between 2009 and 2020.

10 **Gloria De Piero** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, how many small businesses have taken up the Apprenticeship Grant for Employers in each year that it has operated; and how many young apprentices have been taken on as a result.

11 **Gloria De Piero** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what assessment he has made of the effect on the RAB charge of the planned replacement of maintenance grants with means-tested loans.

12 **Gloria De Piero** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what assessment he has made of the career progression of people aged 16 to 24 who have completed an apprenticeship since 2010.

13 **Ben Howlett** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what recent assessment the Government has made of the benefit to businesses of a healthy workforce.

14 **Ben Howlett** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what steps his Department is taking to eliminate the gender pay gap.

15 **Ben Howlett** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the number of women completing PhDs in STEM subjects.

16 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, if he will make an assessment of the potential effect of proposed closures to Open University regional centres on the numbers of (a) BAME and (b) disabled students in higher education.
17 Nick Thomas-Symonds (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what assessment the Government has made of the potential merits of additional regulation of the sale of fireworks.

(16999)

18 Richard Burden (Birmingham, Northfield): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, when legislative provision will be made for the (a) establishment of the role of metro mayor for the West Midlands Combined Authority, (b) cancellation of the Police and Crime Commissioner election in the West Midlands and (c) establishment of the West Midlands Combined Authority.

(17082)

19 Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what consultation HM Revenue and Customs conducted with its staff based in Yorkshire prior to its decision to locate its regional hub in Leeds.

(17066)

20 Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what comparative economic assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of HM Revenue and Customs locating its regional hub in (a) Leeds and (b) Bradford; and if he will place a copy of that assessment in the Library.

(17067)

21 Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what comparative assessment he has made of the costs of HM Revenue and Customs locating its regional hub in (a) Leeds and (b) Bradford.

(17068)

22 Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, which potential sites HM Revenue and Customs identified in Leeds for its regional hub.

(17069)

23 Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many meetings HM Revenue and Customs held with (a) Leeds and (b) Bradford Council on deciding the location for its regional hub.

(17070)

24 Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what factors were considered by HM Revenue and Customs when making its decision to locate its regional hub in Leeds rather than Bradford.

(17085)

25 Frank Field (Birkenhead): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many tax credit claimants have reported difficulties in renewing their claim online in the last 12 months.

(16963)

26 Frank Field (Birkenhead): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many tax credit claimants have received help with the digital skills required to renew their tax credit claim in the last 12 months.

(16964)
27 **John Pugh** (Southport): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the cost to the Exchequer is of the City Deals in each city region to date. (16995)

28 **John Pugh** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, what revenue contribution the Government has made to Sefton Council for the support of services in each of the last five years. (16944)

29 **Sir Eric Pickles** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if he will support the inclusion of a specific exemption for Holocaust research in the forthcoming European General Data Protection Regulation. (16952)

30 **Ian Blackford** (Ross, Skye and Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the contribution of the Minister of State for Defence Procurement of 23 June 2015, columns 861-62, for what reasons full and proper consultation with local fishing communities in advance of consultation on byelaw revision has not taken place; and if he will suspend the byelaw consultation relating to waters between the Scottish mainland and Raasay. (16970)

31 **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to provide better support for ex-servicemen and women and their families. (17083)

32 **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues about providing more comprehensive support for ex-servicemen and women and their families. (17084)

33 **Ian Austin** (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that schools actively work to facilitate highly-able pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds accessing the best universities. (16987)

34 **Ian Austin** (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of how effectively pupil premium funding is used by schools to support disadvantaged highly-able pupils. (16988)

35 **Ian Austin** (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will amend how the pupil premium is paid in order to reward schools that consistently improve results for all pupils while narrowing the attainment gap. (16989)
36 Paul Flynn (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, what her Department's involvement was in the launch of E-Track on 18 November 2015 on the new European Commission programme on the Energy Transparency Centre of Knowledge (E-TRACK); and what the benefits are to the development of UK energy policy of E-TRACK. (17053)

37 Toby Perkins (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, whether the Government plans to create a new national scheme to improve home energy efficiency to replace the Green Deal scheme. (17055)

38 Toby Perkins (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, what progress the Government has made on the UK commitment to ensure 20 per cent of its energy will come from renewables by 2020. (17056)

39 Ms Margaret Ritchie (South Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, what the outcomes were of her visit to China in November 2015; and if she will make a statement. (16984)

40 Ms Margaret Ritchie (South Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, who she met during her visit to China in November 2015; and what was (a) discussed and (b) agreed at those meetings. (16985)

41 Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what representations she has received from rural community councils on their role in sustaining rural villages and communities. (16960)

42 Rebecca Harris (Castle Point): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans her Department has to encourage the take-up of liquid petroleum gas conversions by taxis and vans. (17080)

43 Dr Paul Monaghan (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to meet the requirements of the Equine Identification Regulations in anticipation of requirements arising from EU regulation to monitor the importation and exportation of horses by 1 January 2016. (16945)
44 **Dr Paul Monaghan** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to ensure that the tri-partite agreement between the UK, the Republic of Ireland and France on the importation and exportation of horses is achieving its aims; and if she will establish a comprehensive audit trail of movements to protect (a) consumers from exposure to illegal horse meat and (b) animals from cruelty.

45 **Dr Paul Monaghan** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which government agency has overall responsibility for the control and monitoring of the movement of horses and their importation and exportation.

46 **Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to raise the welfare standards of animals in battery cages.

47 **Richard Burden** (Birmingham, Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what representations he has made to the Israeli government on the eviction of the Ghaith-Sub Laban family from their home in East Jerusalem.

48 **Richard Burden** (Birmingham, Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect of continuing evictions of Palestinians from East Jerusalem on prospects for a two-state solution in that region.

49 **Paul Flynn** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what representations his Department has received to the government of Saudi Arabia on the reaffirmation in UN Security Council Resolution 2199 (2015) of 12 February 2015 of its Resolution 1373 (2001) on matters including the prevention and suppression of financing of terrorist acts.

50 **Mr Mark Williams** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, if he will discuss with the Moroccan ambassador to the UK Morocco's ban on the UN Secretary General's Personal Envoy to the Western Sahara visiting Western Sahara during his visit to that region to facilitate negotiations called for by the UN Security Council.

51 **Ben Howlett** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps he is taking to ensure that the regulation of nurses and midwives remains appropriate for the health and social care environment as it evolves.
52 Ben Howlett (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps he is taking to work with businesses to improve the health of the workforce.  
(16967)

53 Ben Howlett (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what timetable he proposes for legislative reform of the regulation of health care professionals.  
(16969)

54 Mike Kane (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the provision of services targeted at young people with dementia.  
(16992)

55 Norman Lamb (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps he is taking to ensure parity between the regulation of nurses and midwives and other regulated health professions.  
(17058)

56 Norman Lamb (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the report, Disabled people's experiences of social care, published by the disability charity Scope in November 2015.  
(17059)

57 Norman Lamb (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that disabled people receive the care they need to live independently.  
(17060)

58 Dr Poulter (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps he has taken to ensure that the access and waiting time standards for mental health set out in the NHS Five Year Forward plan are implemented in full.  
[R] (16972)

59 Christina Rees (Neath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what discussions his Department has had with the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry on the Off-patent Drugs Bill.  
(17000)

60 Mr Andrew Smith (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what measures he plans to include in the forthcoming Order under section 60 of the Health Act 1999 to amend the legislation governing the Nursing and Midwifery Council.  
(16973)

61 Mr Andrew Smith (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, if he will introduce a bill to reform the regulation of healthcare professionals; and if he will make a statement.  
(16974)

62 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what assessment he has made of the effect on the NHS of missed outpatient appointments due to (a) public transport and (b) other reasons.  
(16993)
63 Richard Burden (Birmingham, Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the process will be for the cancellation of the Police and Crime Commissioner elections due to take place in May 2016 for areas now to form part of the West Midlands Combined Authority. (17081)

64 Richard Burden (Birmingham, Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what conditions are placed on her Department's funding for the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition; and whether such funding is (a) regularly reviewed and (b) preceded by local consultation in those countries that receive such funding. (17015)

65 Richard Burden (Birmingham, Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what assessment she has made of the potential effect of agroecology on food production in the developing world; and if she will make a statement. (17073)

66 Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, if she will introduce multi-year funding for child protection programmes in the Central African Republic. (16959)

67 Mark Durkan (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what steps her Department has taken to improve nutrition for women and children in lower middle income countries. (16943)

68 Ben Howlett (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to support the conversion of cars to run on liquefied petroleum gas. (16965)

69 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to comments made by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport at a meeting about rail services between London and the Sussex coast on 27 May 2015, whether his Department's target of six months to stability for commuters between London and the Sussex coast has been met; whether rail services between Brighton and London are still flashing red at his Department; and if he will make a statement. (17074)

70 Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many open access contracts operate on the railway; and how many such contracts are currently under consideration. (17071)

71 Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many sexual assaults on trains there have been in the last 12 months. (17072)
Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress he has made on achieving the target of 55 per cent of primary school children walking to school by 2025.

73 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will review the Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations to make audio-visual announcement systems a requirement on all new buses.

74 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many buses in England outside London are fitted with audio-visual announcement systems (AV); and what assessment he has made of the effect of the introduction of AV on bus patronage.

75 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many local authorities permit taxi drivers to charge for carriage of a wheelchair; and how many local authorities specify in their licensing rules that such charges may not be levied.

76 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 10 November 2015 to Question 14816, how much funding was allocated to local authorities for road resurfacing in 2014-15.

77 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of road crossings in England are (a) puffin crossings and (b) pedex crossings.

78 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 17 November 2015 to Question 15352, on Cycling and Walking, which stakeholder groups his Department has engaged with since July 2015.

79 Ben Howlett (Bath): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent assessment she has made on progress towards the target of 25 per cent female representation on FTSE 100 corporate boards by 2015.

80 Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 10 November 2015 to Question 14680, on state retirement pensions, how many non-live cases there have been in each of the last three years.

81 Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 10 November 2015 to Question 14680, on state retirement pensions, how many of those cases have been suspended in each of the last three years.
82 Norman Lamb (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of new claimants of employment and support allowances who will be placed in the work-related activity group from April 2017 to May 2020; and whether he has made an estimate of the number of those claimants who will be people with cancer. (17057)

83 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of new claimants of employment and support allowances who will be placed in the work-related activity group from April 2017 to May 2020; and whether he has made an estimate of the number of those claimants who will be people with cancer. (16953)

84 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Government plans to set targets for measuring progress towards the goal of halving the disability employment gap. (16954)

85 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans the Government has to improve employment support for people with disabilities who are in receipt of the support component of employment and support allowance. (16955)

86 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of new claims for housing benefit in the private rented sector in each of the last 10 years were made by people who were in work at the time they made their claim. (16956)

87 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people currently in receipt of housing benefit in the private rented sector are also in receipt of (a) jobseeker's allowance, (b) employment and support allowance, (c) income support, (d) disability living allowance, (e) personal independence payment, (f) the state pension and (g) pension credit. (16957)

88 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many working households in receipt of (a) working tax credit and (b) universal credit have marginal deduction rates of (i) less than 70, (ii) between 70 and 80, (iii) between 80 and 90 and (iv) more than 90 per cent on earned income above the level of the applicable disregard. (16958)

89 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many working households in receipt of (a) universal credit who receive support for housing costs are also subject to all work-related requirements. (16962)
90 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans he has to improve employment support for people who are classed as economically inactive due to long term sickness or disability.

(16994)

91 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 5 November 2015 to Question 15090, what total amount was spent by his Department on costs associated with the roll-out of universal credit between October 2014 and October 2015.

(16998)

92 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, (a) how many and (b) what proportion of tenants in the private rented sector were in receipt of housing benefit in each of the last 10 years.

(17032)
Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

1 Fabian Hamilton (Leeds North East): What discussions he had with the President of the People's Republic of China on human rights in Tibet. (902302)

2 Jeremy Quin (Horsham): What steps his Department is taking to support political stability in Tunisia, Libya and the surrounding region. (902303)

3 Dr Paul Monaghan (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What recent discussions he has had with the governments of British Overseas Territories with financial centres on central registers of beneficial ownership. (902304)

4 Simon Hoare (North Dorset): What support the Government is providing to countries neighbouring Syria to help displaced people. (902305)

5 Luke Hall (Thornbury and Yate): What discussions he has had with his Russian counterpart on the situation in Syria. (902306)

6 Steven Paterson (Stirling): What steps the Government is taking to encourage voter participation in the EU referendum. (902307)

7 Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): What support the Government is providing to countries neighbouring Syria to help displaced people. (902308)

8 Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): What recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in the EU Foreign Affairs Council on the refugee crisis. (902309)

9 Holly Lynch (Halifax): What discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on the proposals for EU reform in the Prime Minister's letter of 10 November 2015 to the President of the European Council. (902310)

10 Wayne David (Caerphilly): What discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on the proposals for EU reform in the Prime Minister's letter of 10 November 2015 to the President of the European Council. (902311)

11 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): What steps he plans to take to ensure that potential breaches of international humanitarian law by the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen are investigated. (902312)
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12 Stuart Andrew (Pudsey): What assessment he has made of the prospects of defeating ISIL in Iraq.

13 Oliver Dowden (Hertsmere): What steps the Government is taking to put in place a new political process in Syria.

14 Sir Nicholas Soames (Mid Sussex): What recent discussions he has had with (a) the Gulf Co-operation Council and (b) other governments on plans to improve security in the Middle East.

15 Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow): What steps his Department is taking to prevent persecution of the Rohingya people in Burma.

16 Natalie McGarry (Glasgow East): What steps the Government is taking to build on the outcomes of the Syria peace talks in Vienna in autumn 2015.

17 Mary Robinson (Cheadle): What support the Government is providing to countries neighbouring Syria to help displaced people.

19 Rebecca Harris (Castle Point): What assessment he has made of the progress of negotiations to reform the EU and the UK's relationship with the EU.

20 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): What discussions he has had with his counterparts in the EU, Africa and the Middle East on diplomatic steps to tackle the refugee crisis in the Mediterranean.

21 Mrs Louise Ellman (Liverpool, Riverside): What discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on recent terrorist stabbings and shootings of Israeli civilians.

22 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): What discussions he has had with his French counterpart on the ISIL attacks in Paris and the implications of those attacks for the Government's foreign policy.

23 Chris Heaton-Harris (Daventry): What recent diplomatic steps he has taken to promote peace in Somalia.

24 Callum McCaig (Aberdeen South): What steps he plans to take to ensure that potential breaches of international humanitarian law by the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen are investigated.
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★ 25 Jack Lopresti (Filton and Bradley Stoke): What representations he has received from his counterparts in other EU member states in response to the Prime Minister's letter of 10 November 2015 to the President of the European Council. (902326)

At 12.15pm

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

The Members listed below have been selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.

★ 1 Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902292)
★ 2 Neil Carmichael (Stroud): (902293)
★ 3 Lucy Allan (Telford): (902294)
★ 4 Dr Phillip Lee (Bracknell): (902295)
★ 5 Karl McCartney (Lincoln): (902296)
★ 6 Ian Austin (Dudley North): (902297)
★ 7 Mr Charles Walker (Broxbourne): (902298)
★ 8 Jeremy Lefroy (Stafford): (902299)
★ 9 Chris Skidmore (Kingswood): (902300)
★ 10 Ms Margaret Ritchie (South Down): (902301)

Questions for Written Answer

Notices given on Thursday 19 November

1 Nic Dakin (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the governments of British Overseas Territories with financial centres on central registers of beneficial ownership. [Question Unstarred] (902319)
2 Mr Douglas Carswell (Clacton): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the number of households with dependents under the age of 18 that will be affected by the draft Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

3 Mr Douglas Carswell (Clacton): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what account his Department took when preparing the Charter for Budget Responsibility, of the effect of (a) the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union and (b) future EU treaty change in respect of that Treaty.

4 Gloria De Piero (Ashfield): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many young people earn below the living wage.

5 Gloria De Piero (Ashfield): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many young people in full-time employment earn below the living wage.

6 Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the provisions of the Finance Act 2015 relating to penalties for late registration for the Alcohol Wholesaler Registration scheme will apply now implementation of that scheme has been delayed.

7 Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information has been provided to businesses to ensure that they are aware of their obligations under the Alcohol Wholesaler Registration scheme.

8 Greg Mulholland (Leeds North West): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many jobs will be created at each of the 13 new HM Revenue and Customs regional centres by 2021.

9 Greg Mulholland (Leeds North West): To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many jobs will be lost at each of the 137 HM Revenue and Customs local offices to be closed by 2027.

10 Gloria De Piero (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, how many (a) 16 to 24 year old and (b) 25 to 30 year old homeless people have been temporarily housed in bed and breakfast accommodation by their local authority in each of the last five years.

11 Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of the Voyager fleet has been fitted with the enhanced defence aids suite; and what estimate he has made of the cost of fitting that suite to the remainder of that fleet.
12 Dr Phillip Lee (Bracknell): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 10 November 2015 to Question 14393, what proportion of the £4.2 billion funding to schools, local authorities, academy trusts and voluntary-aided partners has been allocated to Bracknell Forest Council. (17051)

13 Mr Jim Cunningham (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of permaculture techniques; and if she will make a statement. (17035)

14 Mr Jim Cunningham (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to reduce instances of antibiotic resistance developing in farmed animals; and if she will make a statement. (17036)

15 Kevin Brennan (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what recent discussions his Department has had with the Chinese government on the reported disappearance of Gui Haiming and other employees of Sage Communications in Hong Kong. (17090)

16 Barry Gardiner (Brent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, how many full-time equivalent staff in his Department are engaged on work related to climate change in (a) posts around the world and (b) London. (16949)

17 Imran Hussain (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what his policy is on the establishment of a UN Commission of Inquiry into human rights violations against Rohingya people in Burma. (17077)

18 Andy Slaughter (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what recent representations his Department has made to the Israeli government on the Children in Military Custody report, funded by his Department, which was published in June 2012. (17001)

19 Mr Douglas Carswell (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what plans he has to increase the number of GPs; and what steps he is taking to ensure that employment terms and conditions for GPs encourage employment in areas with (a) an elderly demographic and (b) a high workload. (17026)

20 Mr Jim Cunningham (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of NHS treatment measures to deal with antibiotic resistant infections; and if he will make a statement. (17021)
21 Mr Jim Cunningham (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many cases of infection in NHS hospitals have been attributed to antibiotic resistant infections in each of the last five years; and if he will make a statement.

Mr Jim Cunningham (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what financial support his Department has provided for research into antibiotic resistance in each of the last five years; and if he will make a statement.

Dr Tania Mathias (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, when all NHS patients will be able to access their medical records online; and when the NHS will implement a secure unified email system.

Dr Tania Mathias (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, whether his Department has taken steps to recover costs to the NHS resulting from the actions of Hungarian journalist Ani Horvath as part of an investigation of fraud in the European Health Insurance Cards scheme.

Dr Tania Mathias (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, if he will make an assessment of the effects on the cardiovascular health of local residents of continuous noise from aircraft taking off and landing.

Melanie Onn (Great Grimsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many permanent gastroenterologist consultants were employed in the NHS in the last six years.

Ms Margaret Ritchie (South Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2015 to Question 11834 to the hon. Member for Salford and Eccles, on what date he plans to announce the consultation on reform of the scheme for support for people affected by contaminated blood products.

Nick Thomas-Symonds (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, for which drugs he is the marketing authorisation holder; and under what circumstances he became the marketing authorisation holder for each such drug.

Nick Thomas-Symonds (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what discussions he has had with NICE on conducting health technology appraisals for off-patent drugs that have been proven to be effective in new indications.
30 Nick Thomas-Symonds (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what guidance his Department has provided for clinical commissioning groups on the commissioning of off-patent drugs for use in new indications. (17022)

31 Nick Thomas-Symonds (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what discussions he has had with clinical commissioning groups on commissioning of off-patent drugs for use in new indications. (17023)

32 Patrick Grady (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will issue a response to Early Day Motion (a) 162, Closures of abortion clinics and (b) 172, Buffer zones around abortion centres. (17014)

33 Andy Slaughter (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to amend the Act which results from the Investigative Powers Bill in the event of repeal of the Human Rights Act 1998. (16948)

34 Sir William Cash (Stone): To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, whether (a) she or (b) another Minister from her Department plans to attend the Nutrition for Growth Summit schedules to take place during the Rio Summer Olympics. (17002)

35 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many early conciliation cases processed by Acas in each quarter since October 2013 related to disputes regarding (a) non-payment of wages and (b) non-compliance with minimum wage legislation; and how many such cases (i) resulted in early conciliation and (ii) progressed to an employment tribunal. (17042)

36 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many claims were taken to an employment tribunal for (a) non-payment of wages and (b) non-compliance with minimum wage legislation in each of the last five years; and how many such claims were upheld in each year. (17043)

37 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people who made an employment tribunal claim for (a) non-payment of wages and (b) non-compliance with minimum wage legislation in each quarter since October 2013 applied for (i) an issue fee remission and (ii) a hearing fee remission; and how many such applications were successful in each such quarter. (17044)
38 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the total amount award by employment tribunals to claimants for (a) non-payment of wages and (b) non-compliance with minimum wage legislation was in each of the last five years.

(17045)

39 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many employment tribunal claims for (a) non-payment of wages and (b) non-compliance with minimum wage legislation were made by women in each of the last five years.

(17046)

40 Mrs Cheryl Gillan (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) salary and (b) contract length is of each member of the HS2 Independent Design Panel.

(16961)

41 Liz McInnes (Heywood and Middleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reasons the reduction in car tax for people in receipt of personal independence payments is awarded from the date of application to DVLA rather than the date of award of such payments; and if he will make a statement.

(17062)

42 Dr Tania Mathias (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the accuracy of the estimate of surface access costs associated with an expansion of Heathrow Airport produced by (a) the Airports Commission and (b) the Mayor of London in his response to the Airports Commission consultation, published in February 2015.

(17075)

43 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the requirements are for the funding and delivery of wifi on existing rail franchises.

(16950)

44 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what requirements for wifi delivery his Department plans to put in future rail franchises; and how his Department plans to assess the quality of wifi service provided pursuant to those franchises.

(16951)

45 Sir Nicholas Soames (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many train services on the (a) Brighton and (b) East Grinstead line have been cancelled due to train reliability issues in each of the last six months.

(17039)

46 Sir Nicholas Soames (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assurances he has received from Govia Thameslink Railway on the recruitment, training and in-service dates of train drivers.

(17040)
47 **Sir Nicholas Soames** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many trains on the (a) Brighton and (b) East Grinstead line have been cancelled due to a lack of driver in each of the last six months.

(17041)

48 **Frank Field** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of jobseeker's allowance claimants have used Universal Jobmatch in the last 12 months.

(16977)

49 **Frank Field** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people making a new benefit claim in the last 12 months were offered training on IT literacy.

(16978)

50 **Frank Field** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Jobcentre Plus offices host work clubs and service academies.

(16979)

51 **Frank Field** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Jobcentre Plus offices have space in their building that is available for use by voluntary groups, social enterprises and mutuals to help equip claimants with the skills they need to use the internet.

(16980)

52 **Frank Field** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when his Department last audited the amount of unused space within each Jobcentre Plus.

(16981)

53 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many disability discrimination tribunals have been brought against his Department as an employer in each of the last five years.

(17061)

54 **Mr Jamie Reed** (Copeland): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make transitional arrangements for women affected by changes to the state pension age introduced during the 2010 Parliament.

(16983)

55 **Marie Rimmer** (St Helens South and Whiston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of the habitual residence test on UK citizens returning to the UK from working overseas.

(17078)

56 **Owen Smith** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many voluntary redundancies there have been in his Department in 2015.

(17063)
57 Owen Smith (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the reasons for the increase in the number of in-work recipients of housing benefits in the last five years.

(17064)

58 Owen Smith (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reasons expenditure on personal tax credits has increased since 2009.

(17065)

59 Owen Smith (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress his Department has made on establishing pilot schemes to support carers to stay in work in North Tyneside, Northamptonshire, Cheshire West, Gateshead, Bury, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Staffordshire and Stoke and Sefton.

(17088)

60 Owen Smith (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the age-standardised mortality rate of people declared fit for work by his Department since December 2011.

(17089)

61 Stephen Timms (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether it is his Department's policy that a jobseeker who is telephoned by a Jobcentre Plus adviser and does not answer the telephone on more than one occasion should be considered for a sanction.

(17005)
Questions for Oral Answer

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

★ 1 Mary Glindon (North Tyneside): What steps she is taking to ensure that the Northern Ireland Executive's financial position is sustainable.  
★ 2 Mr Alan Mak (Havant): What recent discussions she has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on economic development.  
★ 3 Gavin Robinson (Belfast East): What discussions she has had with her Cabinet colleagues on ensuring that Northern Ireland benefits from national procurement contracts.  
★ 4 Bob Blackman (Harrow East): What progress has been made on implementing the Stormont House Agreement.  
★ 5 Maria Caulfield (Lewes): What steps the Government is taking to deal with the legacy of Northern Ireland's past.  
★ 6 Seema Kennedy (South Ribble): What recent assessment she has made of the security situation in Northern Ireland.  
★ 7 Philip Davies (Shipley): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on ensuring that Northern Ireland benefits from the Government's planned expansion of the intelligence agencies.  
★ 8 Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): What representations she has received on support for charities which provide sexual health advice and services in Northern Ireland.  
★ 9 Chris Evans (Islwyn): What steps she is taking to ensure that the Northern Ireland Executive's financial position is sustainable.  
★ 10 Nick Smith (Blaenau Gwent): What recent discussions she has had on the security situation in Northern Ireland; and if she will make a statement.  
★ 11 Mr Graham Allen (Nottingham North): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on income tax assignment to Northern Ireland; and if she will make a statement.  
★ 12 Jenny Chapman (Darlington): What recent assessment she has made of the political situation in Northern Ireland.
Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

13 Mr Henry Bellingham (North West Norfolk): What recent assessment she has made of the security situation in Northern Ireland. (902254)

14 Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): What recent assessment she has made of the political situation in Northern Ireland. (902255)

15 Nic Dakin (Scunthorpe): What steps the Government is taking to tackle low pay in Northern Ireland. (902256)

At 12 noon

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

Unless otherwise indicated the Members listed below will ask a question without notice

1 Fiona Bruce (Congleton): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 25 November. (902327)

2 Margaret Ferrier (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): (902328)

3 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): (902329)

4 Maria Caulfield (Lewes): (902330)

5 Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): (902331)

6 Richard Drax (South Dorset): (902332)

7 Caroline Flint (Don Valley): (902333)

8 Robert Jenrick (Newark): (902334)

9 Imran Hussain (Bradford East): (902335)

10 Steve Double (St Austell and Newquay): (902336)

11 Mr Jim Cunningham (Coventry South): (902337)

12 Stewart McDonald (Glasgow South): (902338)

13 Graham Stuart (Beverley and Holderness): (902339)

14 Mark Garnier (Wyre Forest): (902340)

15 Ms Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh (Ochil and South Perthshire): (902341)
Questions for Written Answer

Notices given on Tuesday 17 November

1 Richard Arkless (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what progress has been made towards a resolution of the Scottish Power cashback mis-selling dispute since his meeting in July 2015 with the CEO of the Insolvency Service. (16713)
THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Questions for Written Answer

Notices given on Thursday 19 November

1 Sir Greg Knight (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he plans to take to ensure that local highway agencies always give motorists sufficient and early notification of traffic delays, congestion and road accidents so that motorists approaching a black spot can use an alternative route; and if he will make a statement. (17010)

2 Sir Greg Knight (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to encourage local authorities to make greater use of flexible speed limits with electronic signs. (17011)

3 Sir Greg Knight (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the criteria are for authorising an average speed limit stretch of highway; what measures are in place to prevent an artificially low average speed limit being implemented; and if he will make a statement. (17012)
Questions for Written Answer

Notices given on Monday 16 November

1 Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what recent steps the Government has taken to advance peace talks in Israel and the Palestinian territories. (16491)
Notices given on Tuesday 17 November

1 Anne Marie Morris (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what recent assessment he has made of progress in the urgent and emergency care vanguard run by South Devon and Torbay System Resilience Group. (16731)

2 Anne Marie Morris (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps his Department is taking to develop a strategy for rural healthcare. (16732)

3 Anne Marie Morris (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, whether there are any vanguards in rural areas. (16733)

Notices given on Wednesday 18 November

1 Anne Marie Morris (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, if he will change the criteria for primary and acute care provision better benefit rural communities. (16754)

2 Anne Marie Morris (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, if he will change the criteria for multi-specialty community providers better to benefit rural areas. (16755)
WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER

Questions for Written Answer

Notices given on Wednesday 18 November

1 **Anne Marie Morris** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if he will estimate the number of businesses in Newton Abbot constituency which have download speeds of 10Mb/s.  (16788)

2 **Anne Marie Morris** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if he will estimate the number of businesses in Newton Abbot constituency which have superfast broadband of 24Mb/s.

(16789)
THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER

Questions for Written Answer

Notices given on Thursday 19 November

1 Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the franchise agreements for Northern Rail and TransPennine Express will be published. (17020)

2 Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which current rail franchises include break clauses; and what is the purpose of each of those break clauses. (17079)

3 Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which passenger rail contracts let by (a) his Department, (b) the Scottish Government, (c) the Welsh Government, (d) Transport for London and (e) Merseyrail are (i) franchises, (ii) concessions, (iii) management contracts and (iv) other types of passenger rail contract. (17091)