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Notes:

Questions marked thus **[R]** indicate that a relevant interest has been declared.
Questions with identification numbers of **900000 or greater** indicate that the question was originally tabled as an oral question and has since been unstarred.

ANSWERS

BUSINESS, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

■ Biofuels: Subsidies

Nigel Adams: [\[46161\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what guidance his Department has given to Ofgem on whether the new subsidy structure relating to low electrical output combined heat and power solid biomass generators should apply to those generators that are (a) funded, (b) built and (c) in-build and already in receipt of pre-accreditation certificates.

Jesse Norman:

The Government has made changes to the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Scheme Regulations 2011. These amendments came into force on 1 August 2016. The regulations require Ofgem to apply the new rules to all new biomass-Combined Heat and Power plant with an accreditation date on or after 1 August 2016.

■ Energy

Callum McCaig: [\[45054\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent progress his Department has made on developing an Energy Innovation Strategy.

Mr Nick Hurd:

Following the recent Machinery of Government changes, the detail of the Department's energy innovation programme is being considered by Ministers. The 2016-2021 programme, over £500m, announced as part of the last Spending Review was developed as a cross-Government initiative by the former Department of Energy and Climate Change. The Department is also collaborating internationally with other countries, including through 'Mission Innovation' – a global partnership of 21 members announced at COP21 in Paris, pledging to double support for clean energy innovation over the next five years and strengthening transparency and collaboration.

■ Renewable Energy

Callum McCaig: [\[45055\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many tonnes of carbon dioxide were displaced by renewable (a) electricity and (b) heat generation in (i) the UK, (ii) England, (iii) Scotland and (iv) Wales in 2015.

Mr Nick Hurd:

The table below shows how many tonnes of carbon dioxide were displaced by renewable electricity in each of the UK, England, Scotland and Wales in 2015.

	UK	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	WALES
Carbon dioxide displaced by renewable electricity generation (million tonnes)	51.6	33.6	13.4	3.2

Carbon emissions displaced by renewable electricity generation have been calculated as renewable electricity generation multiplied by the average emissions factor for electricity supplied by fossil fuel stations in 2015.

Information on the carbon savings from the total renewable heat produced in the UK is not available.

COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**■ Planning Permission: Standards****Steve McCabe:**[\[45586\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the change in the time taken to process minor planning applications between 2010 and 2015; and if he will make a statement on the reasons for the change.

Gavin Barwell:

The Technical consultation on the implementation of planning changes, published in February 2016, set out our proposals for expanding the approach to improving planning performance in the processing of planning applications. We are considering responses received.

We want to raise performance, so we are extending the designation regime - which has improved processing time on major planning applications - to minor planning applications.

The attached table shows the performance in time taken to process major and minor planning applications.

Attachments:

1. Planning applications [Written Question 45586 table.docx]

HOME OFFICE

■ Prisoners' Release: Foreign Nationals

Philip Davies: [\[46186\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign national offenders were released without being considered for deportation by (a) sex, (b) ethnicity and (c) country of origin in 2006.

Mr Robert Goodwill:

The breakdown by sex of the 1013 foreign national offenders who were identified in 2006 as having been released without consideration for deportation is shown in the following table:

GENDER	NUMBER OF FOREIGN NATIONAL OFFENDERS
Male	933
Female	80
Total	1,013

The Home Office publishes quarterly statistics on the number of foreign national offenders that have been released without consideration, including the breakdown of the current status of the 2006 cohort, within the Immigration Statistics release on the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/historical-interest-transparency-data-august-2016>

The Home Office is not able to provide the information requested regarding ethnicity and country of origin as this information is not held centrally and cannot be disaggregated from data held electronically. To provide this information would require a manual check of electronic and paper records, which would be at disproportionate cost.

TRANSPORT

■ Heathrow Airport

Gareth Thomas: [\[906354\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effect of the result of the EU referendum on the timetable for a decision on Heathrow expansion.

Mr John Hayes:

As we move into the new world beyond our membership of the European Union, it is important that we are an outward-facing nation with strong business ties around the world. It is important that we get the decision on runway capacity right. We will take that decision and move ahead with our plans, ensuring that we have the right links for the future.

MINISTERIAL CORRECTIONS

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

■ Indonesia: Capital Punishment

Nia Griffith:

[\[43959\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage the abolition of the death penalty in Indonesia.

An error has been identified in the written answer given on 5 September 2016. The correct answer should have been:

Alok Sharma:

The British Government is opposed to the death penalty in all circumstances as a matter of principle. We raise our concerns at the highest level and will continue to do so. **My Rt Hon. Friend** the former Prime Minister, **my Rt Hon. Friend** the Member for Witney (Mr **David** Cameron), reiterated our position to Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo in April **and I expressed my concerns** following the executions which took place in July.

JUSTICE

■ Birmingham Prison

Louise Haigh:

[\[39844\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much was levied in respect of financial remedies in each key performance indicator designated in respect of the contractual agreement between his Department and G4S Care and Justice Services (UK) Limited at HM Prison Birmingham in each year since 2011.

An error has been identified in the written answer given on 30 September 2016. The correct answer should have been:

Mr Sam Gyimah:

Well-run prisons are fundamental to the proper functioning of our justice system, and a vital part of our reform plans. Private providers play an important role in the prison estate. Performance of all providers is closely monitored and we will not hesitate to take action where standards fall short.

All private prisons are managed by a full-time, on-site controller. Where a provider fails to meet the expected level of performance, financial remedies can be applied. This ensures that providers are incentivised to properly support the rehabilitation of offenders through a safe, decent and secure regime.

The attached table provides a breakdown of financial remedies applied for both HMP Birmingham and HMP Oakwood (HMP Featherstone II was the working name during construction of HMP Oakwood).

No financial remedies were applied at either prison in 2011/12. Operation of HMP Birmingham transferred from HM Prison Service to G4S Justice Services in October 2011. HMP Oakwood opened in April 2012.

Attachments:

1. **39844 & 39594 Birmingham & Oakwood Financial Remedies.xlsx**

■ **Featherstone Prison**

Louise Haigh: [\[39594\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much has been levied in financial remedies relating to each key performance indicator in the contractual agreement between his Department and HM Prison Featherstone II in each year since 2011.

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