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Questions for Answer on Monday 7 September

Ouestions for Written Answer

- 1N **Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will list the occasions on which the Devolution and You Steering Board has met during 2020.

 [Transferred] (84177)
- 2N Tracy Brabin (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what progress has been made under the Creative Industries Sector Deal rights holder and online marketplaces roundtables in achieving their objective of reducing online infringement; whether the Government made an assessment of the potential merits of legislation after a code of practice was not agreed by December 2018; and what the timetable is for the conclusion of those roundtables.

 [Transferred] (84318)
- Anne Marie Morris (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department has published updated guidance for local authorities on their ability to pay out business support grant funds to businesses whose rateable value was amended after the 11 March 2020.

 [Transferred] (8426)
- 4 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the cost to the public purse has been of the advance purchase of covid-19 vaccines. [Transferred] (84242)
- Zarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans his Department has to (a) recognise and (b) reward delivery drivers who transported essential items across the UK during the covid-19 lockdown.

 [Transferred] (84744)

- 6N Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effect of (a) covid-19 disinformation and (b) other online harms on newspaper comment forums on public safety; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (83921)
- 7N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many and which incidents were examined as part of the re-assessment of exports of riot control equipment to the US conducted by his Department in June 2020 in order to determine whether they have potentially (a) constituted breaches of Criterion 2a of the Consolidated Criteria for Arms Export Licensing and (b) amounted to a pattern of activity likely to create a risk of such breaches. [Transferred] (84166)
- 8N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the evidential basis was for the conclusion in the re-assessment of exports of riot control equipment to the US conducted by his Department in June 2020 that there was no clear risk that UK-exported equipment had been used, or might be used in future, to inflict or enforce (a) cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, (b) arbitrary detentions and (c) serious violence against women and children. [Transferred] (84167)
- 9N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the evidential basis was for the conclusion in the re-assessment of exports of riot control equipment to the US conducted by his Department in June 2020 that there was no clear risk that UK-exported equipment had been used, or might be used in future, to violate the (a) right to life, liberty and the security of person and (b) right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association. [Transferred] (84168)
- 10N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will place in the Library a copy of the evidence, analysis and conclusions reached by his Department as part of its June 2020 re-assessment of exports of riot control equipment to the US.

 [Transferred] (84169)
- 11 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which unit in his Department was responsible for conducting the June 2020 reassessment of exports of riot control equipment to the US; how long that reassessment took to conduct; and what process was put in place to gather and analyse the evidence relevant to that reassessment.

 [Transferred] (84172)
- 12N Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 20 July 2020 to Question 73946 on Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme: Travel, what businesses and representatives groups from the leisure coach industry Ministers from his Department have met with since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (84335)

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13N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government has taken to help regulate the advertising of spreadbetting sites across television channels; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (84164)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 8 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 Christian Matheson (City of Chester): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans he has to introduce a framework of compensation for the (a) victims and (b) families of the contaminated blood scandal. (85068)
- 2 Christian Matheson (City of Chester): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, when a framework of compensation for the (a) victims and (b) families of the contaminated blood scandal is planned to be introduced. (85069)
- Paul Blomfield (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many UK firms (a) exported to, (b) imported from and (c) exported to and imported from the EU in the 2019-20 financial year.

 (85032)
- 4 Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the UK's hydrogen strategy; and what steps he is taking to formalise cross-departmental working on that strategy. (85133)
- 5 Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to promote the UK's hydrogen sector at COP26. (85134)
- Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will publish future meeting dates of the Hydrogen Advisory Council. (85135)
- 7 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the UK's hydrogen strategy; and what steps he is taking to formalise cross-departmental working on the Government's hydrogen strategy. (85085)
- 8 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will publish the dates on which the Hydrogen Advisory Council is planned to meet. (85086)

9 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to increase the number of trials that are testing the safety of using hydrogen for domestic heat.

(85087)

- 10 Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to promote the UK's hydrogen sector at COP26. (85088)
- 11 Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate he has made of the number of WHSmith stores with in-store post offices; and what assessment he has made of the potential implications for the long-term resilience of the postal service of forthcoming restructuring and job losses at WHSmith. (85117)
- 12 Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate he has made of the (a) number of companies in receipt of a coronavirus large business interruption loan that paid out dividends to shareholders before restrictions were put in place and (b) average amount that was paid out in dividends to shareholders. (85118)
- 13 Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of providing support to businesses that have received state aid during the covid-19 outbreak to help them address (a) long-term debt and (b) the risk of insolvency. (85119)
- 14 Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions his Department has had with (a) ARM Holdings Ltd and (b) Nvidia on the proposed purchase of ARM Holdings Ltd; and if he will publish details of those discussions. (85120)
- 15 Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what communications his Department has had with BT on potential takeover bids; and what assessment has been made of the potential effect of such a takeover on the UK's high-fibre broadband infrastructure and 5G network.
- 16 Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, for what reason the coach industry was ineligible for support from the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund; and what assessment he has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the coach industry. (85122)
- 17 Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with the devolved administrations on the Internal Market White Paper since its publication. (85123)
- 18 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 1 September 2020 to Question 76792 on Oneweb: Investment, what assessment his Department has made of

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the ability of Oneweb to provide broadband to vast areas currently without connectivity, for example over entire oceans despite that system not having existing inter-satellite links.

(85077)

- 19 **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will publish the terms of reference for the review of policy on the future UK offshore oil and gas licensing regime. (84958)
- 20 **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the Oil and Gas Authority's mandate to Maximise Economic Recovery of oil and gas will be within scope of the review of policy on the future UK offshore oil and gas licensing regime. (84959)
- 21 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of whether newspapers with online subscription fees are passing the savings from the removal of VAT onto their consumers. (84962)
- 22N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what staffing and resource is provided to the unit in his Department tackling covid-19 misinformation. [Transferred] (84695)
- 23 **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make it his policy under his Department's restructuring regime to enable (a) Buckinghamshire New University and (b) other financially strong higher education institutions to assist nearby institutions in financial difficulty; and if he will make a statement. (85039)
- 24 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish guidance instructing schools not to include specific brands or types of face covering in their uniform policies for non-medical reasons. (84990)
- 25 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions he has had with the International Baccalaureate Organisation on using predicted grades for International Baccalaureate qualifications. (85129)
- 26 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answers of 26 June 2020 to Question 60861 and of 9 June 2020 to Question 54850 on Wine: Imports, which Government Department or agency will be responsible for keeping the list of (a) competent authorities, (b) authorised laboratories, and (c) the registration numbers of wine producers, and processors and single points of contact in each EU member state; and what steps that Department or agency has taken to collect the necessary information from its counterparts in EU member states.
- 27 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what plans her Department has to support the maritime sector as part of the economic recovery from covid-19. (85071)

- **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps her Department is taking to support exports from the maritime sector. (85072)
- **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what recent discussions her Department has had with UK businesses that are seeking to export hydrogen technology internationally. (85097)
- **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Government's financial support for the aviation sector. (85062)
- **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the competitiveness of passenger airlines within the aviation sector.

 (85064)
- **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions his Department has had with representatives of the maritime sector on the level of funding required to decarbonise maritime. (85073)
- **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what support his Department is providing to the maritime sector as part of the economic recovery from covid-19. (85074)
- **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to decarbonise the maritime sector as part of meeting the net zero target by 2050. (85075)
- **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to bring forward plans for a hydrogen hub. (85098)
- **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to bring forward plans for hydrogen trains. (85099)
- **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to bring forward plans for a nationwide hydrogen refuelling network. (85100)
- Robin Millar (Aberconwy): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to require a minimum proportion of UK crew and officers onboard ships operating in British waters. (85112)
- **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans the Government has to introduce covid-19 testing for departures and arrivals at airports. (85093)
- **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to make her Department's dedicated phone line for prison leavers a permanent programme after the covid-19 outbreak. (85136)

- 41 Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the cost of running the Child Maintenance Service was in (a) 2017 and (b) 2019. (84988)
- 42 Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many complaints were received about the website of the Child Maintenance Service in (a) 2017 and (b) 2019. (84989)
- 43 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to encourage higher donor registration among (a) all people and (b) mixed ethnicity donors to the UK stem cell and bone marrow register. (85022)
- Sir Graham Brady (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of evidence suggesting a potential link between vitamin D deficiency and susceptibility to covid-19. (84963)
- 45 **Sir Graham Brady** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to encourage the maintenance of adequate vitamin D levels to support immune response during the covid-19 outbreak.

 (84964)
- 46 **Sir Graham Brady** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has undertaken of the validity of evidence linking time spent out of doors with improving vitamin D levels. (84965)
- 47 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of covid-19 on the cancer treatment backlog; and what estimate he has made of the number of people waiting for (a) cancer treatment, (b) cancer screening, (c) diagnosis and (d) out patients cancer appointments in the latest period for which figures are available.
- 48N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of people who have been asked to travel more than (a) five, (b) 10 and (c) 20 miles to access covid-19 testing facilities. (85082)
- 49 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of whether people with dementia have been disproportionately affected by the covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make a statement.

 (85001)
- 50 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of the lack of visits for people in care homes due to covid-19 restrictions on the speed of deterioration of dementia symptoms of care home residents; if he will set out a strategy to enable people affected by dementia to recover from the effects from the covid-

- 19 pandemic to include (a)rehabilitation to counteract effects on cognitive or physical functioning, (b) support for mental and physical health and (c) speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement. (85002)
- 51 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what representations he has received on allocating key worker or equivalent status for family carers, enabling them access to (a) regular covid-19 testing, (b) PPE and (c) training on infection control so that they are able to visit their loved ones in care homes safely; what discussions he has had with (i) infection control experts and (ii) charities representing people living in care homes about those representations; and if he will make a statement. (85003)
- 52 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he make it his policy to raise pharmacy staff wages in line with pay rises for other public sector workers. (85116)
- 53 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his plans are for developing sexual health policies and strategies following the merger of Public Health England with NHS Test and Trace and the Joint Biosecurity Centre. (85009)
- Alec Shelbrooke (Elmet and Rothwell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether all trials using new medical devices are logged centrally; and what steps he is taking to ensure that there is oversight of all non-drug trials.

 (85021)
- Henry Smith (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 22 June 2020 to Question 60724, what steps his Department is taking to ensure at-home treatment of severe asthma patients is available and offered to all patients; and what assessment has been made of the clinical capacity released within respiratory units as a result of such home management.
- Henry Smith (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 22 June 2020 to Question 58769, what assessment he has made of the decline to the number of patients accessing biologics therapies for severe asthma in January to March 2020, and what he has to reverse that decline.
- 57 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 June 2020 to Question 58767, what plans he has to centrally collate data on the total number of severe asthma patients (a) in England and (b) within each of the NHS E+I regions. (85020)
- Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the testing of Care Quality Commission inspectors who do not show symptoms of covid-19 and who visit care homes. (85058)

- 59 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the testing of GPs who do not show symptoms of covid-19 and who regularly visit care homes. (85059)
- Oaniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if the Government will make an assessment of the occupancy levels in CQC-regulated care homes. (85060)
- Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the humanitarian situation in Gaza in relation to recent locally-transmitted cases of covid-19.
- Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the capacity of the health system in Gaza to cope with the recent increase in locally-transmitted covid-19 cases. (85043)
- Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department
 has made of the humanitarian needs of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. (85044)
- Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the rate of (a) demolitions and (b) confiscations of (i) Palestinian homes and (ii) other structures by Israel in 2020 compared to the last five years. (85045)
- Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support his Department plans to provide to vulnerable Palestinians through the £2.7m UK aid package that he announced on 25 August 2020.
- Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to support the covid-19 response in the occupied Palestinian territories. (85047)
- Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the report to the UN Human Rights Council of the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, dated 15 July 2020, what representations he has made to the Government of Israel on ending all measures amounting to collective punishment of Palestinians including the closure of Gaza.

(85048)

68 **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral contribution of 6 July 2020, Official Report, column 673, when he plans to co-host a conference on freedom of religion or belief; and if he will make a statement. (85038)

- **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department plans to take to stop illegal entry to the UK across its border with the Republic of Ireland. (85102)
- **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department will take to improve levels of confidence in safety among police officers. (85103)
- **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department made in 2016 of the procurement of light surveillance aircraft for the UK border force; and if she will make a statement. (84968)
- **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will list all contracts for the procurement of aircraft that were cancelled by her Department from 2010 to 2018. (84969)
- Jonathan Edwards (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when did the Advisory Military Sub Committee last meet. (85012)
- **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much the Home Office has reimbursed his Department for the use of RAF aircraft over the English Channel. (84966)
- **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has held discussions with his counterparts in other governments on the potential merits of accelerating transnational defence programmes, as a result of the covid-19 pandemic. (84967)
- **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the flying hours' cost of the Atlas aircraft operating in the English Channel has been for the last two months. (84970)
- **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the flying hours' cost was of the P-8 aircraft operating in the English Channel in the last two months. (84971)
- **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department took to ensure that any action taken by RAF aircraft in the English Channel did not contravene the United Nations Convention for the Law of the Sea.
- **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many days each Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel spent at sea in the each of the last 10 years. (84976)
- **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of covid-19 sick pay policies implemented by G4S at (a) Altcourse Prison and (b) other private prisons managed by G4S, with regard to (i) fair treatment of staff across the prison estate in England and Wales, (ii)

the public health necessity of self-isolation and household isolation for covid-19 symptoms and (iii) the effect on staff health and wellbeing if staff members who have suffered from covid-19 symptoms return to work before they are fit to do so.

(84991)

Ms Lyn Brown (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the effect on (a) fair treatment of staff, (b) rates of absence, (c) staff morale and (d) staff retention of the absence of Payment Plus Bonus Scheme payments during the covid-19 outbreak, in private prisons in England and Wales.

(84992)

- 82 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what lessons he has learnt from the implementation of his Department's accommodation support scheme for prison leavers. (84993)
- 83 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many individuals were qualified as customs intermediaries in the UK in (a) July and (b) August 2020. (85033)
- Paul Blomfield (Sheffield Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many UK firms applied for a duty deferment account in (a) July 2020 and (b)
 August 2020. (85034)
- 85 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many UK firms have applied for a duty deferment account for VAT on imported goods.

 (85035)
- 86 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what representations his Department has received from (a) British Airways and (b) International Airlines Group on the Government's support for the aviation sector.

 (85065)
- 87 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether companies that have (a) made compulsory redundancies and (b)re-hired workers on new terms and conditions will be eligible to receive payments under the job retention bonus. (85066)
- 88 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Government's financial support for the aviation industry during the covid-19 outbreak. (85067)
- 89 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending the Kickstart scheme to allow smaller businesses to take on fewer than 30 new workers under the scheme.

 (85070)

- 90 Martin Docherty-Hughes (West Dunbartonshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he will plans to announce a final consequential funding figure for hospices in Scotland in respect of the £200 million allocated to hospices in April, May, June as part of the UK Government's £750 million coronavirus funding for charities, and the further funding provided in July 2020. (85057)
- 91N Dame Margaret Hodge (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government plans take to ensure that its free ports policy mitigates the risk of money laundering.

 [Transferred] (84631)
- 92 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much taxpayers' money each trade union has (a) registered with the Certification Officer and (b) claimed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, according to information held by HM Revenue and Customs. (85130)
- Garla Lockhart (Upper Bann): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many companies have been investigated for (a) employees continuing to work while placed on furlough and (b) other instances of misuse of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

 (85127)
- 94 **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what quantity of diesel has been subsidised through his heavy mineral oil excise duty reclamation scheme H049. (84960)
- 95 **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the compatibility of the heavy mineral oil excise duty reclamation scheme H049 with the Government's climate change policies. (84961)
- 96 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what assessment he has made of the potential role of Wales in the UK's hydrogen strategy; and what discussions he had with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on the UK's hydrogen strategy. (85095)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 9 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what metrics his Department is using to help ensure business preparedness by the end of the transition period. (85027)
- 2N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what existing Government IT systems that have not previously been used by UK firms exporting to the EU will be needed to ensure that businesses are ready by the end of the transition period. (85028)

- 3N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what new Government infrastructure will be needed to ensure that businesses are ready by the end of the transition period. (85029)
- 4N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of which ports plan to operate a paper-based office of transit. (85030)
- 5N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) firms and (b) intermediaries hold a customs handling of import and export freight (CHIEF) systems badge; and what the increase was in the number of firms with access to CHIEF in (i) July and (ii) August 2020. (85031)
- 6N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate his Department has made of the number of over 75s in the Foyle constituency who will be required to pay for TV licences. (85124)
- 7N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what support will be offered to self-employed people in the arts after the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme closes. (84999)
- 8N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he has taken to ensure that funding from the Culture Recovery Fund reaches self-employed workers in the arts sector. (85000)
- 9N **Tracy Brabin** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what procedure is in place to allow privately- educated students who had their Centre Assessed Grades rejected by exam boards to seek recourse. (85090)
- 10N **Kate Green** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many of the 230,000 laptops distributed to students during the covid-19 outbreak have been returned to his Department. (85041)
- 11N Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what his Department's policy is on appeals by students of their centre assessed grades; and if he will make a statement. (85052)
- 12N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what his Department's policy is on fees charged to school pupils to re-sit (a) GCSE and (b) A-level examinations in autumn 2020. (85053)
- 13N Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what additional support will be offered to pupils in year 13 during the 2020-21 academic year. (85110)
- 14N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many Intra-Trade Animal Health Certificates were issued for dogs entering the UK in each month from June 2020 to August 2020; and how many dogs were imported under PETS in the same period. (85115)

- 15N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the timescale is for phasing out badger culling. (85091)
- 16N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the development of a vaccine for cattle to prevent the spread of bovine TB. (85092)
- 17N Colum Eastwood (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what (a) discussions and (b) meetings her Department has held with the Northern Ireland Executive in delivering a Free Port in the Foyle constituency. (85126)
- 18N Bill Esterson (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the UK's potential membership of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, what representations she has received from her international counterparts on the import of palm oil into the UK after the transition period. (85036)
- 19N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what discussions she or her officials have had with representatives of the Malaysian and Indonesian Governments on the production of palm oil and the UK's potential accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. (85037)
- 20N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what meetings, including those held virtually, he has had with British Airways since April 2020; and on what dates those meetings occurred. (85061)
- 21N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what representations his Department has received from (a) British Airways and (b) International Airlines Group on the Governments support for the aviation sector. (85063)
- 22N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps he has taken to help prevent landslips occurring on the UK's railways.

 (85104)
- 23N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps he has taken to prevent incidents similar to the Stonehaven derailment. (85105)
- 24N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the use of coastal rail services. (85106)
- 25N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps his Department has taken to prevent collisions with motor vehicles on rail crossings. (85107)
- 26N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions has he had with rail operators on the introduction of flexible season tickets. (85108)

- 27N **Dame Cheryl Gillan** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many British workers were engaged on the manufacture of the tunnelling machines for HS2. (84956)
- 28N **Dame Cheryl Gillan** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans HS2 Ltd and its contractors have to recruit workers from overseas.

 (84957)
- 29N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans the Government has to allocate financial support for the travel industry during the covid-19 outbreak. (85094)
- 30N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether it is the Government's policy to extend the £20 monthly uplift to universal credit beyond Spring 2021. (85056)
- 31N Simon Hoare (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether compensation payments for Historical Institutional Abuse in Northern Ireland are taken into account in establishing eligibility to claim (a) housing benefit, (b) universal credit and (c) pension credit in (i) Northern Ireland and (ii) England.
- 32N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how people have taken part in (a) the sector-based work academy programme and (b) JobCentre Plus work trials in the last 18 months. (85076)
- 33N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when she plans to publish the findings of her Department's review on how well the benefits system supports people who are terminally ill. (84987)
- 34N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the evidential basis is for his oral contribution of 1 September 2020, Official Report, column 29, that the backlog of cancer cases built up during the covid-19 outbreak has been reduced by half. (85051)
- 35N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to allocate funding for the replacement of radiotherapy machines in use in NHS trusts that are past the recommended 10-year lifespan in 2021-22; and if he will make a statement. (84994)
- 36N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding he plans to allocate to replacement of linear accelerator radiotherapy machines in use by NHS trusts that are past the recommended 10-year lifespan; and if he will make a statement. (84995)
- 37N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on the research study into the long-term health effects of covid-19 on hospitalised patients announced on 5 July 2020.

(84980)

- 38N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has for research into the longterm effects of covid-19 on people who contracted the virus but were never hospitalised. (84981)
- 39N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which companies have been subcontracted by Sitel to deliver contact tracing services; what the (a) value and (b) staffing levels is of each of those contracts; and how many people have been referred under each of those contracts to date.
- 40N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the average distance people are required to travel when asked to undertake a covid-19 test. (85081)
- 41N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure covid-19 test facilities are accessible locally in Lambeth and Southwark. (85083)
- 42N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate has he made of his Department's average daily capacity to provide covid-19 home testing kits; and what steps is he taking to increase that provision. (85084)
- 43N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of GPs allowing more face-to-face appointments following the outbreak of covid-19. (85049)
- 44N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effect of (a) remote and (b) telephone GP appointments on patient well-being. (85050)
- 45N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for public health addictions policies and strategies following the merger of Public Health England with NHS Test and Trace and the Joint Biosecurity Centre. (85004)
- 46N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his plans are for public health tobacco smoking policies and strategies following the merger of Public Health England with NHS Test and Trace and the Joint Biosecurity Centre. (85005)
- 47N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his plans are for public health alcohol policies and strategies following the merger of Public Health England with NHS Test and Trace and the Joint Biosecurity Centre. (85006)

- 48N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for public health drugs policies and strategies following the merger of Public Health England with NHS Test and Trace and the Joint Biosecurity Centre. (85007)
- 49N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his plans are for public health gambling policies and strategies following the merger of Public Health England with NHS Test and Trace and the Joint Biosecurity Centre. (85008)
- 50N Theresa Villiers (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to enable care workers providing services in supported living facilities for disabled people to get themselves regularly tested for covid-19. (84977)
- 51N Theresa Villiers (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to enable residents in supported living facilities for disabled people to be tested for covid-19. (84978)
- 52N Theresa Villiers (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to facilitate visits to supported living facilities for disabled people in a covid-19-secure way. (84979)
- 53N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of the obesity strategy on people with eating disorders. (85131)
- 54N Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the policy paper entitled Tackling obesity: government strategy published on 27 July 2020, what assessment his Department has made of the potential link between poverty and obesity. (85132)
- 55N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the political and security situation in the eastern Mediterranean as a result of increased tensions between Turkey, Greece and Cyprus. (85010)
- 56N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the EU on increased tensions in the eastern Mediterranean between Turkey, Greece and Cyprus. (85011)
- 57N Simon Hoare (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had
 with (a) the Libyan Investment Authority and (b) his counterparts at the UN on the
 potential variation of the terms under which Qadhafi-era assets are frozen in the
 UK.

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- 58N Stephen Kinnock (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations
 to (a) his counterpart in Iran and (b) the Iranian embassy on (i) allegations that
 (A) a number of Afghan refugees were killed in a recent car fire started by Iranian
 officers shooting at the vehicle and (B) others were drowned after being forced
 into a river at gunpoint and (ii) other reports of mistreatment of Afghan refugees
 by the Iranian authorities.

 (85054)
- 59N Stephen Kinnock (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations at the next UN Security Council meeting on (a) allegations that (i) a number of Afghan refugees were killed in a recent car fire started by Iranian officers shooting at the vehicle and (ii) others were drowned after being forced into a river at gunpoint and (b) other reports of mistreatment of those refugees by the Iranian authorities.
- 60N Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he has taken to ensure his
 Department's management board is diverse in terms of (a) gender, (b) ethnicity
 and (c) experience.

 (84997)
- 61N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 June 2020 to Question 60839, what steps he is taking to ensure that the UK's Good Governance Fund in Georgia is focused on (a) anti-corruption and (b) improving the business environment; and whether he holds information on recent decisions taken by the Georgian Government against foreign investors ni relation to the Anaklia Port project and the takeover of Caucasus Online.
- 62N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many reports have been made by members of the public to Action Fraud since its creation; how many of those reports have been referred to a police force; and how many of those referred reports have led to a substantive criminal investigation by the police.
- 63N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what remedies are available to a member of the public who has reported a crime using the Action Fraud website, been advised that the matter is not suitable for investigation, and is dissatisfied with that outcome. (85114)
- 64N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department made an assessment of the potential merits of the use of Giraffe radar prior to the deployment of RAF aircraft in the English Channel in the last two months. (84972)
- 65N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, on what date his Department received a request from the Home Office to assist UK Border Force in the English Channel. (84974)

- 66N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many non-disclosure agreements are being required by his Department from the industry for procurement competitions; and for what reasons those such agreements are necessary. (84975)
- 67N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of how Congleton (a) has benefited to date and (b) will benefit from the Towns Fund. (85013)
- 68N Fiona Bruce (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of how Congleton constituency has (a) benefited from to date and (b) will benefit from the Reopening High Streets Safely Fund.

 (85014)
- 69N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of how Congleton constituency (a) has benefited to date and (b) will benefit from the Future High Streets Fund.

 (85015)
- 70N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of how the High Streets

 Task Force will benefit towns in (a) Congleton constituency and (b) England. (85016)
- 71N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of how the Kickstarting Tourism Package has (a) benefited to date) and (b) will benefit Congleton consituency. (85017)
- 72N Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the effect of the subjugation of alleged rape victims to give up private information to the police on case outcomes. (85109)
- 73N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many firms of solicitors hold a criminal legal aid contract as at 1 September 2020.

 [R] (85023)
- 74N Karl Turner (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many firms of solicitors hold a civil legal aid contract as of 1 September 2020.

 [R] (85024)
- 75N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of hearings in the criminal courts have taken place (a) virtually and (b) physically since April 2020. [R] (85025)
- 76N Karl Turner (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the Bar Council's July 2020 survey which found that 38 per cent of criminal barristers are uncertain whether they will still be practising law in 2021.

 [R] (85026)

- 77N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what meetings he has held with human rights organisations based in Northern Ireland to discuss the UK's exit from the EU and the Northern Ireland protocol. (85125)
- 78N Stella Creasy (Walthamstow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has issued guidance on the implications for the calculation of statutory redundancy pay of being placed on reduced pay in a furlough agreement under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and then made redundant; and if he will make a statement.
- 79N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on supporting private investment in UK hydrogen projects. (85096)
- 80N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what VAT rating is given to non-surgical face coverings. (85101)
- 81N Carla Lockhart (Upper Bann): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many reports have been made of fraudulent abuse of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme through HMRC's online reporting form. (85128)
- 82N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he plans to take to support self-employed people whose industries have not re-started during the covid-19 outbreak after the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme closes on 19 October 2020. (84998)

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- 1N Patricia Gibson (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of the UK Government's single market proposals on the movement of agricultural goods.
 [Transferred] (905809)
- 2N Gavin Newlands (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of the UK Government's single market proposals on the movement of agricultural goods.

 [Transferred] (905806)
- 3N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, which (a) representatives of the Institute of Economic Affairs and (b) other individuals from external organisations were present at her meetings with the Institute of Economic Affairs on (a) 10 February 2020 and (b) 17 March 2020.

- 4N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether her meetings with the Institute of Economic Affairs on (a) 10 February 2020 and (b) 17th March 2020 were arranged through her (i) ministerial office or (ii) special advisers. (84983)
- 5N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether Government business was discussed at (a) her dinner with the Institute of Economic Affairs on 14 January 2020 and (b) meetings with the Institute of Economic Affairs on (i) 10 February 2020 and (i) 17 March 2020. (84984)
- 6N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether one of her private secretaries or other Departmental officials was present at (a) her dinner with the Institute of Economic Affairs on 14 January 2020 and (b) meetings with the Institute of Economic Affairs on (b) 10 February 2020 and (c) 17 March 2020.
- 7N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what meetings she had with her Officials in her Department on the content of her discussions at (a) her dinner with the Institute of Economic Affairs on 14 January 2020 and (b) meetings with the Institute of Economic Affairs on (i) 10 February 2020 and (ii) 17 March 2020. (84986)