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Questions tabled on Thursday 17 September 2020

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Questions for Answer on Monday 21 September

Questions for Written Answer

- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps the Government is taking to improve mental health support for veterans in (a) Newport West, (b) Wales and c) the UK.
- 2 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Government plans to fill the position of the Prime Minister's Special Envoy on Freedom of Religion or Belief. (91578)
- Marion Fellows (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how much of the public subsidy to Post Office Ltd was spent on operations in (a) Scotland, (b) England, (c) Wales, and (d) Northern Ireland in each of the last five years. (91668)
- 4 Robert Halfon (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target. (91617)
- 5 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to account for carbon emissions in the UK's overseas infrastructure projects. (91714)

- 6N Gavin Robinson (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy of 21 July 2020, Official Report column 193, how the figure of £8.5bn financial support for the aviation and aerospace sector was calculated. [Transferred] (91054)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to build green infrastructure; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing municipal green bonds issued by local councils as a means of generating finance for green projects. (91741)
- 8 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make an assessment of the merits of introducing a green gilt to encourage private investment in regions outside London. (91742)
- 9 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on funding for (a) projects for deploying hydrogen in shipping and (b) a roll-out of electric charging points in ports. (91743)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will take steps to encourage young people to study courses relating to mining and the procurement of energy at higher education. (91744)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make it his policy to create a new ministerial responsibility within his Department to support the mining sector. (91745)
- Jon Trickett (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate the Insolvency Service has made of the number of employees notified in HR1 forms as being at risk of redundancy in (a) West Yorkshire and (b) Yorkshire and the Humber since March 2020. [Transferred] (90939)
- 13N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department is taking to further support the events industry during the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (91007)
- 14 **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target. (91624)
- 15N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will make (a) instrumental musical tuition, and (b) choir practices exempt from the limit of six persons meeting together during the covid-19 outbreak.

 [Transferred] (90027)

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- Robert Halfon (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target. (91620)
- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate his Department has made of the number of children who have become eligible for free school meals since March 2020. (91685)
- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he makes of the change in demand for (a) children's social care and (b) children and adolescent mental health services since schools returned for the autumn term.

 (91686)
- 19 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, who many children with SEND were excluded from school in each week since schools returned for the autumn term. (91687)
- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress has been made on the SEND review since the start of the covid-19 outbreak.
 (91688)
- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of (a) children's centres and (b) Sure Start centres are open during the covid-19 outbreak. (91689)
- Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the resilience of the food supply chain after the transition period. (91672)
- 23 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential effect on the food supply to the public and private care sectors of a free trade agreement not being reached with the EU before the end of the transition period.

 (91673)
- 24 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to ensure food supply is maintained in the event of a free trade agreement not being reached with the EU before the end of the transition period. (91674)
- 25 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will provide financial support to wholesalers to ensure the security of the food supply after the transition period.

 (91675)
- Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment the Government has made of the potential effect of (a) the end of the transition period, (b) the covid-19 outbreak and (c) winter-related absenteeism on the food supply in the UK in winter 2020-21.

- 27 **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to protect wildlife from death or injury caused by discarded face masks. (91655)
- Robert Halfon (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target.

 (91621)
- 29 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of giving Designated Bathing Water Status to a stretch of the River Thames in Oxford. (91709)
- 30 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he will make an assessment of the UK's historic carbon emissions. (91716)
- 31 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to tackle Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease in the UK. (91644)
- Robert Halfon (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what progress her Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when her Department will meet that target. (91618)
- 33 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September to Question 86598, in respect of the 33 allegations entered into the MOD tracker and awaiting assessment, (a) whether that assessment is now complete, (b) whether the incidents were evaluated under the revised methodology to consider whether they constituted possible violations of international humanitarian law, and (c) if she will publish the results of that evaluation.
- Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September to Question 86598,
 (a) on what dates her Department began and ended its evaluation of the 316 credible incidents entered into the MOD tracker, (b) approximately how many hours were allocated to the evaluation of those 316 incidents within that period.
- 35 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September to Question 86598, why her Department did not begin its evaluation of alleged violations of International Humanitarian Law in Yemen until after 30th April 2020. (91597)
- Jack Dromey (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to consult organisations representing disabled people as part of the evaluation of the pilot e-scooter rental schemes. (91600)

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- **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target. (91623)
- **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to promote the potential merits of decarbonising the UK maritime sector at COP26. [Transferred] (90957)
- **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department holds information on a vessel named HMS Alfred the Great being registered and based in Plymouth. (91721)
- **Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will commission Midlands Connect to conduct a review on adequacy of (a) the A49 and (b) strategic links to Wales. (91577)
- **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress her Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when her Department will meet that target. (91619)
- **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the economic effect of self-isolation on people who are (a) reliant on and (b) ineligible for statutory sick pay. [Transferred] (91154)
- 43 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy that pension fund trustees should undertake value at risk financial modelling for a 1.5 degree scenario as part of the UK's role in delivering the Paris Agreement . (91603)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many benefit sanctions have been issued to claimants in each month since 30 June 2020. (91567)
- **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support he is giving to children in the high-risk vulnerable category, who were advised to shield during the beginning of the covid-19 outbreak, with any mental health issues they may have upon returning to school.
- **Scott Benton** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what procedures are in place to monitor deaths linked to abortions; and whether such deaths can be included in annual abortion statistics. (91732)
- **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 mixed ethnicity donors to the UK stem cell and bone marrow register. (91625)

- Sarah Champion (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to investigate reports of mobile and home-based practitioners providing non-surgical cosmetic treatments in unsuitable premises with poor hygiene. (91650)
- 49N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether in deciding to use the urgency procedure to lay The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No.4) Regulations 2020 she made an assessment of the serious and imminent threat to public health caused by the inability of the public to access other NHS services providing diagnosis and treatment; and if she will make a statement. [Transferred] (90938)
- Tracey Crouch (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to accelerate the access to medicinal cannabis on the NHS for severely epileptic children. (91608)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of increased congestion since the easing of covid-19 lockdown restrictions on the health of pregnant women and future newborns.

 (91566)
- 52 **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have died (a) with covid-19 symptoms and (b) from covid-19 to date. (91663)
- Robert Halfon (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target. (91616)
- Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) protect the safety of consumers seeking (i) special treatments and (ii) other non-surgical cosmetic procedures and (b) ensure that all practitioners offering those treatments are appropriately qualified.
- Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to introduce mandatory requirements for formal training and qualifications for all practitioners providing (a) special treatments and (b) other non-surgical cosmetic treatments. (91661)
- Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that non-surgical cosmetic treatments available to consumers are carried out (a) by qualified practitioners (b) in safe and hygienic premises. (91662)
- 57 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of (a) the charity TB Alert on the national TB response, (b) the charity's impending closure on the future delivery of the multi-stakeholder TB Action Plan 2020-25; what consideration he

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has given to providing statutory funding to the charity in light of the increasing proportion of TB patients with risk factors such as (i) homelessness, (ii) drug/alcohol misuse, (iii) current or past imprisonment, and (iv) other risk factors; and if he will make a statement. (91604)

- Sir Mike Penning (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made for the implications of his policies of reports that Northern Ireland health authorities have provided funding for a patient requiring medical cannabis. (91579)
- 59 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of continuing observational trials for medical cannabis for families with severely epileptic children; and if he will he make a statement. (91580)
- 60 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he (a) has taken and (b) plans to take to consult with experts on eating disorders in (i) adapting and (ii) implementing a strategy on obesity to ensure that any such strategy acknowledges obesity as a complex interaction between multiple factors. (91719)
- 61 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding has been allocated for addiction services in (a) England and (b) each local authority in each financial year since 2009-10. (91605)
- Jonathan Reynolds (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate he has made of the GP-to-patient ratio for female patients between 15 and 45 with epilepsy in Stalybridge and Hyde constituency. (91638)
- Jonathan Reynolds (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of providing social care for children diagnosed with fetal valproate spectrum disorder as a result of their mother being prescribed valproate in pregnancy in the last year for which data is available.

 (91639)
- Jonathan Reynolds (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of patients of child and adult mental health services administered by the NHS have (a) fetal valproate spectrum disorder, (b) fetal valproate syndrome, (c) fetal anti-convulsant syndrome and (d) autistic spectrum disorder primarily caused by valproate in pregnancy. (91640)
- Jonathan Reynolds (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the time taken for his Department to investigate the effects of valproate in pregnancy; and whether he plans to launch an independent review of that matter. (91641)

- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been diagnosed with pseudomyxoma in the UK, in each of the last five years.
 (91645)
- 67 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been diagnosed with infantile fibrosarcoma in the UK in each of the last five years. (91646)
- 68 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase covid-19 testing capacity. (91647)
- 69 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many covid-19 tests have been available daily, on average, in each region, for the latest period for which figures are available. (91630)
- Julian Sturdy (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many requests for covid-19 tests have been made on average per day, by region, for the latest period for which figures are available. (91631)
- 71 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many covid-19 testing sites are operating at maximum capacity. (91632)
- 72 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many covid-19 testing sites are operating with spare capacity. (91633)
- 73 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he can provide of the size of the stockpiles of co-careldopa that were available for prescription or purchase in the UK prior to 31 October 2019.
- 74 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the size of the stockpiles of co-careldopa that are available for prescription or purchase in the UK as of 15 September 2020. (91582)
- 75 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Government last made an assessment of the stockpiling of co-careldopa that will be required in preparation for (a) a second wave of covid-19; and (b) the end of the transition period; and if he will publish that assessment.
- 76 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he can provide of the size of the stockpiles of norimin that were available for prescription or purchase in the UK prior to 31 October 2019.
- 77 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the size of the stockpiles of norimin that are available for prescription or purchase in the UK as of 15 September 2020. (91585)

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- 78 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Government last made an assessment of the level of stockpiling of norimin that will be required in preparation for (a) a second wave of the covid-19 outbreak and (b) the end of the transition period; and if he will publish that assessment.
- 79 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he can provide of the size of the stockpiles of brevinor that were available for prescription or purchase in the UK prior to 31 October 2019.
- 80 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the size of the stockpiles of brevinor that are available for prescription or purchase in the UK as of 15 September 2020. (91588)
- 81 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Government last made an assessment of the stockpiling of brevinor that will be required in preparation for (a) a second wave of covid-19 and (b) the end of the transition period; and if he will publish that assessment.
- 82 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he can provide of the size of the stockpiles of phenelzine that were available for prescription or purchase in the UK prior to 31 October 2019.
- 83 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the size of the stockpiles of phenelzine that are available for prescription or purchase in the UK as of 15 September 2020. (91591)
- 84 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Government last made an assessment of the level of stockpiling of phenelzine that will be required in preparation for (a) a second wave of the covid-19 outbreak and (b) the end of the transition period; and if he will publish that assessment.
- Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with (a) care providers and (b) local authorities on home carers receiving pay for the time that they spend (i) travelling between clients and (ii) changing into personal protective equipment between visits.
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the oral contribution of the Prime Minister to the Liaison Committee on 16 September 2020, HC 744, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to amend the Development Act 2002.

- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the oral contribution of the Prime Minister to the Liaison Committee on 16 September 2020, HC 744, whether it is his policy to to spend UK aid on tackling poverty. (91694)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the oral contribution of the Prime Minister at the Liaison Committee on 16 September 2020, HC 744, whether he discussed the provision of Official Development Assistance funding for the Investing In Adolescent Girls in Rwanda project with the Prime Minister. (91695)
- 89 **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the death sentence passed on Asif Pervaiz for blasphemy on 8 September 2020.
- 90 **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he will make representations to his Pakistani counterpart on the use of blasphemy laws to sentence Asif Pervaiz to death. (91701)
- 91 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government's aid and development strategy will distribute funding to offset the energy support monies spent on fossil fuels abroad between 2010 and 2018 to countries affected by the consumption of those fuels.
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- 93 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans he has to help improve (a) water and (b) hygiene infrastructure in developing states. (91718)
- 94 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to raise the profile of women's rights internationally; and whether he plans to organise international events and conferences on that matter after the covid-19 outbreak.

(91569)

95N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government has responded to the 9 September 2020 report of the UN Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen; and if he will make a statement.

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- Jacob Young (Redcar): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the expiry of the UN conventional arms embargo on Iran in October 2020. (91734)
- 97 Jacob Young (Redcar): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government plans to take at the United Nations on the expiry of the UN conventional arms embargo on Iran in October 2020.
 (91735)
- 98N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to reply to the letter from the hon Member for East Londonderry dated 8 June 2020 regarding British National (Overseas) passport holders.

 [Transferred] (90061)
- 99 Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers have been put into hotel accommodation in (a) Shipley constituency, (b) Bradford district, (c) West Yorkshire and (d) England in each of the last 12 months.
 (91598)
- 100Nlan Paisley (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the activities
 of the Muslim Brotherhood.

 [Transferred] (906289)
- 101 **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target. (91615)
- 102 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what restrictions are in place on the use of the term HMS when naming a boat. (91720)
- 103 Mark Eastwood (Dewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the
 potential effect of the proposals in the Planning for the future consultation,
 published 6 August 2020, on access by communities to green space which is (a)
 undesignated and (b) part of a growth zone.

 (91733)
- 104 **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target. (91622)
- 105N**Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when the Law Commission will publish its response to the consultation on reforming the offence of misconduct in public office, which opened in September 2016.

[Transferred] (90136)

- 106NSteve Reed (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions he has had with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) the Law Commission on the Law Commission's consultation reforming the offence of misconduct in public office, which opened in September 2016.

 [Transferred] (90137)
- 107 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps is he taking to help ensure that women who have experienced sexual assault feel able to report it. (91570)
- 108 Martin Docherty-Hughes (West Dunbartonshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what analysis he has made of the possible different methods of taper that could be used for the Small Brewers Relief scheme. (91654)
- 109 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has in place to prevent organisations that benefit from research and development tax breaks from duplicating (a) their own and (b) other organisations' research. [Transferred] (91084)
- 110N Patrick Grady (Glasgow North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what (a) obligations and (b) timescales are in place to require organisations in receipt of Research and Development tax breaks to publish the outcome of their research in public.

 [Transferred] (91082)
- 111N Patrick Grady (Glasgow North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merit of requiring organisations in receipt of Research and Development tax breaks to publish the outcome of their research in public after a set period of time.

 [Transferred] (91083)
- 112N John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of compensating people who were unable to claim child benefit due to delays in receiving their child's birth certificate as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (91128)
- 113 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 7 September 2020 to Question 77560 on companies: coronavirus, if he will publish either a copy of the text of the conditions imposed with commercially sensitive or identifying details redacted or an overview of the conditions required. (91601)
- 114 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 7 September 2020 to Question 77560 on companies: coronavirus, whether steps have been taken to (a) ensure compliance and (b) penalise non-compliance. (91602)
- Henry Smith (Crawley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department conducted an impact assessment of the potential effect of changes to tax-free sales in airports of goods for passengers travelling to non-EU countries announced on 11 September 2020 on the aviation sector. (91609)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 22 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Colum Eastwood (Foyle): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he plans to take to ensure that the contaminated blood inquiry takes evidence at a session in Northern Ireland. (91737)
- 2N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target. (91613)
- 3N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the data collected by the Government relating to children's wellbeing.

 (91692)
- 4N **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much his Department spent in each of the last twelve months on polling the general public on their attitudes to the union.

 (91669)
- 5N **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many contracts worth under £25,000 his Department commissioned in each of the last twelve months on polling the general public on their attitudes towards the union. (91670)
- 6N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to ensure travel agents provide full refunds within 14 days to customers who have booked package holidays which have been cancelled as a result of the covid-19 pandemic. (91731)
- 7N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of the UK remaining on British Summer Time to (a) encourage travel, (b) extend the tourist season and (c) reduce energy usage as part of the recovery plan from the covid-19 outbreak; and with reference to the European Union's policy on Daylight Saving Time, if he will conduct a review of the time zone most appropriate for the UK to adopt in future years; and if he will make a statement. (91574)
- 8N Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what additional financial support he plans make available for hair and beauty salons during the covid-19 outbreak. (91648)
- 9N Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential for (a) job losses and (b) loss of union recognition as a result of the sale of Co-op Insurance to Markerstudy. (91746)

- 10N **Mr John Baron** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of 6 July 2020 from the hon. Member for Basildon and Billericay and follow up correspondence of 6 August and 28 August on the learning disabilities extra support campaign. (91576)
- 11N Florence Eshalomi (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals in (a) Vauxhall constituency, (b) Greater London and (c) the UK are BAME. (91750)
- 12N Margaret Greenwood (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of (a) schools and (b) colleges in Wirral that are facing difficulties in keeping fully open to students as a result of delays in teachers or their family members getting covid-19 test results.
- 13N Margaret Greenwood (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate his Department has made of the number of schools in England that are facing difficulties in keeping fully open to pupils because of delays in teachers or their family members getting covid-19 test results. (91665)
- Siobhain McDonagh (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 8 September 2020 to Question 81506, if he will make it his policy to extend the eligibility for technology support for 16 to 19 year olds to under-16-year olds who are not eligible for a student bursary. (91568)
- 15N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many covid-19 home testing kits have been supplied to early years settings; and when his Department plans to order more testing kits for those settings. (91680)
- 16N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many covid-19 outbreaks have been reported in early years settings in each week since 1 June 2020. (91681)
- 17N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many covid-19 outbreaks have been reported in children's residential social care settings in each of the last six months. (91682)
- 18N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he plans to provide free school meals to eligible children over the (a) autumn half-term and (b) Christmas holiday period. (91683)
- 19N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when he plans to bring to an end the temporary extension of free school meals eligibility to certain no recourse to public funds groups. (91684)
- 20N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to protect endangered UK wildlife from extinction. (91657)

- 21N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has set a date for the South Yorkshire flood summit. (91696)
- 22N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that animal tests on products which have already been tested to EU REACH requirements will not need repeat testing to meet domestic registration. (91749)
- 23N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what plans she has to meet with the TUC to discuss the membership of the Trade Advisory Groups. (91627)
- 24N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps she is taking to promote the export of organic produce from the UK. (91628)
- 25N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps she is taking to secure equivalence agreements for organic products with her international counterparts. (91629)
- 26N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 17 September 2020 to Question 89802, whether the next board of trade meeting will be advertised prior to it taking place. (91697)
- 27N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether members appointed to the Trade and Agriculture Commission on 10 July 2020 declared any potential conflicts of interest relating to the Government's tender process for the Trader Support Service to facilitate trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (91594)
- 28N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what covidsecure contingency plans he has for the railway network in the event of (a) signal failure and (b) other disruption. (91724)
- 29N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to improve the resilience of rail infrastructure to bad weather conditions to prevent delays and cancellations to rail services. (91658)
- 30N Lilian Greenwood (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he plans to take to evaluate the effectiveness of the Transport Acceleration Unit. (91626)
- 31N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans his Department has for the future of the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway project. (91710)
- 32N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to ensure that employees can not be lawfully dismissed from their job as a result of long term covid-19 symptoms. (91711)

- 33N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many projects have been initiated by the Rapid Response Service in each month since January 2020; how many companies have been included in those projects; and how many redundancies have occurred in those projects.
- 34N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people who have been made redundant by companies involved with Rapid Response Service (RSS) projects since the beginning of 2020 have taken up services offered under RRS; and what proportion of those people received (a) information, advice and guidance, (b) skills and training analysis and (c) training.
- 35N **Sir David Amess** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many tests the Southend covid-19 testing centres at (a) Short Street and (b) Southend Airport (i) have the capacity to carry out and (ii) are carrying out.
- 36N Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of trends in waiting times for surgery during the covid-19 outbreak. (91707)
- 37N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he is making on ensuring that people whose surgery has been delayed as a result of the covid-19 outbreak receive the treatment they need. (91708)
- 38N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, by what date he is planning for the full implementation by maternity services of the guidance on visitor restrictions issued on 8 September 2020. (91635)
- 39N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to encourage NHS Trusts to implement as soon as possible the 8 September 2020 guidance on visitor restrictions. (91636)
- 40N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the proportion of visiting restrictions that can be lifted in maternity services without services becoming covid-19-insecure. (91637)
- 41N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the research published in September 2018 by Queen Mary University of London showing that inhaled pollution particles reach the placenta. (91564)
- 42N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to protect the health of pregnant women from air pollution. (91565)

- 43N **Ms Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the availability of covid-19 tests in (a) the North West, (b) Liverpool city region, (c) Merseyside, (d) Wirral and (e) Wallasey constituency; and if he will make a statement. (91571)
- 44N **Ms Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many covid-19 tests have been available and what proportion of those tests have been used in (a) the North West, (b) Merseyside, (c) Wirral and (d) Wallasey constituency in each of the last five weeks for which data is available. (91572)
- 45N **Ms Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the capacity is for (a) pillar I and (b) pillar II covid-19 tests in (i) the North West, (ii) Merseyside, (iii) Wirral and (iv) Wallasey constituency. (91573)
- 46N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of funding allocated to research on endometriosis. (91656)
- 47N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to fill vacancies for medical staff in the NHS.

 (91659)
- 48N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, why care home providers are not required to participate in the weekly covid-19 testing regime; and what plans he has to review this situation.

 (91677)
- 49N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which care home providers have refused to participate in the programme of weekly testing for care home workers. (91678)
- 50N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions have taken place between his Department and the Care Quality Commission on the need to require care homes to participate in the programme of weekly Covid-19 testing for care home workers.
- 51N Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce the time taken for close contacts' details to be obtained by email from people who have tested positive for covid-19 through the test and trace system. (91599)
- 52N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to allocate resources to the Government's rapid, comprehensive study of long covid. (91712)
- 53N **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress is being made on the development of a covid-19 vaccine.

- 54N Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of flu vaccine doses for winter 2020-21. (91702)
- 55N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the administering capacity of flu vaccine doses for winter 2020-21. (91703)
- 56N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce the effect of covid-19 on flu vaccination programmes ahead of winter 2020-21. (91704)
- 57N Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of improvement in diagnosis and management of endometriosis in women since the publication of the 2018 NICE quality standards. (91705)
- 58N Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the capacity of NHS endometriosis specialist centres. (91706)
- 59N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) discussions and (b) meetings his Department has held with NHS Trusts regarding the implementation of the framework to assist NHS trusts to reintroduce access for partners, visitors and other supporters of pregnant women in English maternity services, published on 8 September 2020 by NHS England. (91728)
- 60N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to his oral contribution of 15 September 2020, Official Report, column 185, if he will publish the source of the data which shows 484 people receiving covid-19 tests in Luton on 14 September 2020. (91730)
- 61N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many tasks have been undertaken by volunteers through the NHS Volunteer Responders programme in each month since it was set up, up to and including September 2020. (91652)
- 62N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of (a) access to medical cannabis for children and adults with rare and severe forms of epilepsy and (b) of Government financial support for vulnerable children with intractable epilepsy who are reliant on privately-paid for medical cannabis. (91690)
- 63N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet people with long covid to discuss their experiences. (91726)
- 64N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide mental health support to people with long covid. (91727)

- 65N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has
 made to the UN on its potential recognition of Taiwan as a sovereign state. (91649)
- 66N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support the Government is

 providing to vulnerable, unaccompanied children on the Greek islands following
 the fire at Moira refugee camp.

 (91723)
- 67N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target.

 (91611)
- 68N Anna McMorrin (Cardiff North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with
 (a) his relevant international counterparts and (b) the United Nations regarding
 ongoing negotiations to obtain approved authorisation for UN investigators to
 inspect the physical condition of the FSO Safer oil tanker off the coast of Yemeni
 port, al-Hudaydah.

 (91699)
- 69N Lisa Nandy (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 September 2020 to Question 88867 on Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, if he will publish the method by which the Government is assessing its position on ratification of Protocol V; and what his timescale is for completing that assessment. (91634)
- 70N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department plans to restart the UK Resettlement Scheme. (91653)
- 71N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress her Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when her Department will meet that target. (91612)
- 72N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effect of delays in renewing biometric residency permits due to the covid-1-9 outbreak on people's ability to prove their right to work. (91747)
- 73N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason there is a requirement to provide biometric data in applications for further leave to remain from applicants for whom biometric data is already held.

 (91748)
- 74N Virginia Crosbie (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on maintaining jobs (a) at and (b) close to RAF Valley on Anglesey. (91738)

- 75N Colum Eastwood (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether (a) people from Northern Ireland and (b) other people with dual citizenship are barred from taking up positions within the UK with (a) BAE Systema Submarines and (b) the Atomic Weapons Establishment and (c) other defence contractors carrying out contracts for his Department.
- 76N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) progress by other countries in developing marine autonomous unmanned surface vehicles and (b) ability of Royal Navy submarines to avoid detection by those vehicles. (91606)
- 77N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the number of countries that (a) have developed and (b) are developing marine autonomous unmanned surface vehicles to detect submarines. (91607)
- 78N **Mr John Baron** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of 15 June, 14 July and 7 August 2020 from the hon. Member for Basildon and Billericay, on his constituent Mr Redford. (91575)
- 79N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 September 2020 to Question 88934 on Mortgages, what steps he is taking to raise awareness of alternatives to the EWS1 form with the mortgage sector; what suitable equivalent evidence he has encouraged mortgage lenders to accept; and if he will publish those lenders that have given assurances to the Minister for Building Safety that leaseholders should face no barriers to renewing their mortgage with their existing lender. (91725)
- 80N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, when he plans to publish the proposed recovery and devolution White Paper will be published. (91651)
- 81N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target; and when his Department will meet that target. (91614)
- 82N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Prime Minister, what plans he has to appoint a new Special Envoy on Freedom of Religion or Belief. (91666)
- 83N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to his oral contribution of 22 July 2020, Official Report, column 2152, whether he has read the recommendations submitted to him by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Coronavirus; and whether he plans to respond in detail to them. (91713)
- 84N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to his oral contribution on 16 September 2020, Official Report, column 305, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues regarding the implementation by NHS Trusts

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 - of the Framework to assist NHS trusts to reintroduce access for partners, visitors and other supporters of pregnant women in English maternity services, published on 8 September 2020 by NHS England. (91729)
- 85N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Prime Minister, what steps he is taking to ensure that children's well-being is prioritised in the Government's covid recovery strategy. (91691)
- 86N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress his Department is making on meeting the 2.3 per cent public sector apprenticeship target. (91610)
- 87N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate his Department has made of the amount of monies voluntarily returned within the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. (91671)
- 88N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason the Trader Support Services tender notice published on 9 July 2020 was subsequently withdrawn; when that notice was withdrawn and for what reasons the contract value was set at £25 million. (91593)
- 89N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, if he will take steps to encourage the Welsh Government to pay victims of the contaminated blood scandal in line with the amounts given to victims in England. (91739)