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Questions tabled on Tuesday 8 December 2020

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 9 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many pubs in Wakefield constituency are classified as wet pubs and are eligible for the Government's £1,000 Christmas grant for pubs located in Tier 2 and Tier 3 areas of covid-19 restrictions as a result of that classification. [Transferred] (126167)
- 2 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to ensure that people with pre-existing health conditions living in an area under Tier (a) One and (b) Two covid-19 restrictions do not have to go to a workplace environment that is not covid-secure. [Transferred] (126143)
- 3 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential economic benefit of exempting certain business travellers from self-isolation after travel from countries outside England's travel corridors. [Transferred] (126149)
- 4 **Neil Gray** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with technology companies and platforms on free pension reviews being offered by people seeking to commit fraud via social media to circumvent the pensions cold calling ban. [Transferred] (126055)

- 5 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of whether plans to introduce (a) advertising restrictions on foods high in fat, salt or sugar and (b) promotional restrictions on foods high in fat, salt or sugar will act as a barrier to new businesses entering the market. [Transferred] (125948)
- 6 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of the online advertising ban for foods high in fat, salt or sugar on new businesses entering the market. [Transferred] (125950)
- 7 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many businesses have been fined for paying below the national minimum wage in (a) Leicester East constituency and (b) the UK in each of the last three years. [Transferred] (126178)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 10 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **John Stevenson** (Carlisle): To ask the Attorney General, what input she has had in the policy-making process for the public consultation on the online advertising ban on foods high in fat, salt or sugar; and whether she has made an assessment of the legal implications of introducing proposals to restrict the commercial and marketing activities of large and small companies. (126832)
- 2 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to secure continued tariff-free market access for the Falkland Islands fisheries exports. (126791)
- 3 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment the Government has made of the effect of the ban on burning coal in domestic settings on the (a) availability and (b) price of sized and washed lump coal for use in steam locomotives. (127004)
- 4 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will take steps to ensure customers who choose green electricity tariffs can (a) locate and (b) verify the renewable power plant from which the electricity company purchase its power. (127005)
- 5 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number and proportion of energy suppliers selling green tariffs that buy 100 per cent renewable power from renewable generators, rather than purchasing second-hand certificates certifying a renewable energy purchase. (127006)

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- 6 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he has taken to ensure UK snowsport instructors can continue to teach in the EU after the transition period. (126792)
- 7 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with the UK snowsports industry on the rights of UK instructors to teach in the EU after the transition period. (126793)
- 8 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how much capital spending on transport took place in 2019 by population share in (a) Wales, (b) Scotland, (c) Northern Ireland and (d) England. (126938)
- 9 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how much capital spending took place on research and development in 2019 by population share in (a) Wales, (b) Scotland, (c) Northern Ireland and (d) England. (126939)
- 10 **John Stevenson** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what input his Department had in the policy-making process underpinning the public consultation on an online advertising ban on foods high in fat, salt or sugar which will introduce commercial and marketing restrictions on large and small businesses. (126827)
- 11 **John Stevenson** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential economic effect on businesses of a reduction in calories as part of the policy-making process for the public consultation on online advertising restrictions for foods high in fat, salt or sugar. (126828)
- 12 **John Stevenson** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the Competition Markets Authority has been asked for an assessment of the potential effect on business competition of plans to restrict (a) online advertising and (b) the promotion of foods high in fat, salt or sugar. (126829)
- 13 **Sam Tarry** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what consultation documents his Department has issued in the last five years for which a response by his Department is outstanding . (127015)
- 14 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many meetings his Department has had with Natural England on preparations for COP26. (127036)
- 15 **Carolyn Harris** (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether gambling using cryptocurrency is legal; and whether UK bookmakers are permitted to offer this service. (126918)

- 16 **Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the provision of vocational training in West Worcestershire. (126858)
- 17 **Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of educational provision for young people aged 16 to 24 years in West Worcestershire. (126859)
- 18 **Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of planning for T-level provision for students in West Worcestershire. (126860)
- 19 **Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate he has made of the number of young people aged 16 to 24 years who are pursuing an apprenticeship in (a) West Worcestershire and (b) England. (126861)
- 20 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure that students can return safely to university after the Christmas period safely. (126952)
- 21 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of covid-19 restrictions on the ability of university students to access their course content. (126953)
- 22 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has to prevent the spread of covid-19 in university accommodation when students return after the Christmas break. (126954)
- 23 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what scientific advice his Department has received from SAGE on the comparative level of risk and benefit to children of being in school during the covid-19 outbreak. (126835)
- 24 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of the closure of schools in spring 2020 on children's attainment. (126836)
- 25 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what safety measures are in place within schools and other educational settings to reduce the risk of covid-19 transmission and keep teachers, parents and children safe. (126837)
- 26 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress his Department has made on pilots of mass testing in schools for covid-19. (126838)
- 27 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what advice his Department has received on the risks to teachers of covid-19. (126839)

- 28 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether it is his Department's policy that examinations should take place at the end of academic year 2020-21 in schools. (126840)
- 29 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether it is his Department's policy that additional consideration should be given for pupils taking examinations at the end of academic year 2020-21. (126841)
- 30 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Environment Agency's work with other bodies to reduce flood risk in Helsby, Cheshire. (126971)
- 31 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to his answer to Q40 in the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee's oral evidence session on The work of DEFRA, HC 261, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of strengthening requirements for cats entering the UK. (126999)
- 32 **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the two letters from the hon. Member for West Lancashire of 26 October 2020 on watercourse maintenance in West Lancashire constituency. (126798)
- 33 **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire of 20 October 2020 on watercourse maintenance in West Lancashire constituency and Environment Agency funding. (126799)
- 34 **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire of 27 October 2020 on behalf of the National Farmers Union on watercourse maintenance in West Lancashire constituency. (126800)
- 35 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans the Government has for a UK-specific system of cattle identification. (126948)
- 36 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to promote an uptake in vaccination of cattle against pneumonia. (126949)
- 37 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with Edwin Poots MLA on Government assistance to Northern Ireland in its environmental policy preparation for the end of the transition period. (126986)

- 38 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with Fergus Ewing MSP on Government assistance to Scotland in its environmental policy preparation for the end of the transition period. (126987)
- 39 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of the UK seeking associate membership of the European Chemicals Agency after the end of the transition period. (126988)
- 40 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the devolved Administrations on ensuring that UK chemicals regulations after the transition period do not enable chemicals which do not meet EU regulations to be exported to the UK for sale and processing. (126989)
- 41 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the European Union on the implications for UK chemicals policy of Northern Ireland remaining part of the EU REACH regime after 31 December 2020. (126990)
- 42 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of British business on ensuring that UK chemicals regulations do not enable chemicals which do not meet EU regulations to be exported to the UK for sale and processing. (126991)
- 43 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what role (a) his Department (b) the Forestry Commission (c) Natural England (d) any other relevant bodies play in ensuring (a) deep peat and (b) other valuable wildlife habitats are not damaged by tree planting. (126815)
- 44 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what reasons Natural England has the power under the Environmental Impact Assessment regulations to require a site to be restored if environmental damage has been caused by agricultural expansion but the Forestry Commission does not have that power if environmental damage is caused by forestry expansion. (126816)
- 45 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of Forestry Commission's Forester GIS online mapping system to identify areas of non-designated but high wildlife, habitat or environmental value when assessing applications for tree planting. (126817)
- 46 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the (a) adequacy and (b) comprehensiveness of the priority habitat inventory on the Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside website. (126818)

- 47 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Government support to recruit veterinary staff to process livestock (a) nationally and (b) at the Portsmouth International Port for after the end of the transition period. (126967)
- 48 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will bring forward legislative proposals on banning the purchase and use of electronic dog collars. (126843)
- 49 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the timeframe for a response from the EU regarding its application to become a Part 1 listed third country for Pet Passports resubmitted in February 2020. (126844)
- 50 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support is available to SMEs when they are applying to the Domestic Seafood Supply Scheme. (126980)
- 51 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what consultation process took place prior to the establishment of the Domestic Seafood Supply Scheme. (126981)
- 52 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to ensure eligible businesses are aware of the Domestic Seafood Supply Scheme. (126982)
- 53 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many SMEs turning over less than £10 million in revenue have received support from the Domestic Seafood Supply Scheme. (126983)
- 54 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme underspends are in the 2021-22 financial year as used to calculate the funding for agricultural support and rural development announced on 25 November 2020 in (a) Wales, (b) Scotland, (c) Northern Ireland and (d) England. (126937)
- 55 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has for the role of Natural England in preparations for the UK hosting COP26. (127037)
- 56 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much money from the public purse has been spent on nature based solutions to climate change in each of the last five years. (127038)
- 57 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on banning the burning of peatland habitats. (127039)

- 58 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what progress she has made in securing a free trade agreement with Albania. (127024)
- 59 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what progress she has made in securing a free trade agreement with Vietnam. (127025)
- 60 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what progress she has made in securing a free trade agreement with Ghana. (127026)
- 61 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what progress she has made in securing a free trade agreement with Mexico. (127027)
- 62 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what progress she has made in securing a free trade agreement with Moldova. (127028)
- 63 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what progress she has made in securing a free trade agreement with Montenegro. (127029)
- 64 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what progress she has made in securing a free trade agreement with Singapore. (127030)
- 65 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what progress she has made in securing a free trade agreement with Turkey. (127031)
- 66 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what progress she has made in securing a free trade agreement with Cameroon. (127032)
- 67 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding Wolverhampton has been allocated for active travel options; and what projects the funds are being spent on. (126992)
- 68 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress has his Department made on deploying and promoting mobile and app technology to help rail passengers socially distance whilst travelling. (126950)
- 69N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with rail operators on the potential merits of temporarily suspending peak fares during the Christmas period. (126951)

- 70 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect on the ability of individuals accompanied by an assistance animal to travel to the EU from 1 January 2021 of the UK being listed in Part 1 of Annex II to EU Regulation (EU) No 577/2013. (126919)
- 71N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with local authorities on support for (a) taxi drivers and (b) private hire companies during the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (126003)
- 72 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to bring forward legislative proposals for the construction of high-speed railway from the West Midlands to Sheffield and Leeds. (126917)
- 73 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make it his policy to extend eligibility for the older person's bus pass to women who have not yet reached state pension age but were born before 1960. (127013)
- 74N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans she has to mark National Workplace Day of Remembrance 2020 in Parliament. [Transferred] (126042)
- 75 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent discussions her Department has had with representatives of the Women Against State Pension Inequality group on the effectiveness of her Department's communication of changes to women's state pension age. (126787)
- 76 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to help ensure workers receive paid time off for covid-19 vaccination appointments; and if he will make a statement. (126814)
- 77 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have an auto-enrolment pension in Hendon constituency. (126842)
- 78 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent discussions she has had with the Under-Secretary of Digital Infrastructure on the Health and Safety Executive's responsibility for radiation exposure to the public. (126875)
- 79 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many universal credit claims have been assessed to be ineligible in Newcastle upon Tyne since March 2020; and for what reasons those claims were found to be ineligible. (126876)

- 80 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential effect of the policy of limiting welfare benefits to two children on abortion rates since (a) that policy's implementation and (b) the beginning of the covid-19 outbreak. (127007)
- 81 **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the article in Health Service Journal entitled, Leaks reveal two-thirds of private hospital capacity went unused by NHS, published on 1 December 2020, what percentage of private sector (a) day case, (b) diagnostics, and (c) outpatient's capacity that was block-purchased by the NHS was in use in (i) June, (ii) July, (iii) August and (iv) September. (126848)
- 82 **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November to Question 112041, if he will make it his policy to publish on a weekly basis the (a) number of (i) covid-19 hospital patients, (ii) covid-19 hospital patients who are in critical status, (iii) hospital patients with other conditions who are in critical status and (iv) covid-19 hospitals patients who have recovered from critical status but remain in hospital and (b) discharge rate from hospitals compared with the historical average rate. (126849)
- 83 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to Answer Question 97001, on Coronavirus: Contact Tracing, tabled on 28 September 2020 by the hon. Member for Slough. (126960)
- 84 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to provide a substantive Answer to Question 105515, on Coronavirus: Slough, tabled on 16 October 2020 by the hon. Member for Slough. (126961)
- 85 **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has in place to expand the scope of the MedTech Funding Mandate to cover new products not previously included in the (a) Innovation and Technology Tariff and (b) Innovation and Technology Payment programmes. (126893)
- 86 **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to ensure equitable patient access to proven remote diagnostics to support home testing. (126894)
- 87 **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans Public Health England has to update its guidance on the diagnosis of urinary tract infections to reflect changes in remote diagnostic techniques. (126895)
- 88 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the effect of eating a substantial meal on covid-19 transmission rates. (126786)
- 89 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data is available on mental health outcomes for care leavers. (126896)

- 90 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans the NHS has to improve its monitoring of the mental health outcomes of care leavers. (126897)
- 91 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to work with the Department for Education on improving mental health outcomes for care leavers. (126898)
- 92 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what bespoke mental health services are available for care leavers. (126899)
- 93 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will (a) support Marie Curie's National Day of Reflection campaign and (b) meet representatives of Marie Curie to discuss their plans for that campaign. (126857)
- 94 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to help reduce the rate of suicide among people with autism. (126968)
- 95 **Holly Mumby-Croft** (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) support and (b) guidance is available for family members wishing to visit care home residents where the care homes has been repeatedly in periods of lockdown due to covid-19 outbreaks. (127035)
- 96 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) general and (b) acute London bed occupancy rate was in (i) December 2019 and (ii) November 2020. (126846)
- 97 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the three-month trend in the level of covid-19 infection among over-60s in London. (126847)
- 98N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to promote organ donor registration throughout the nations in which his Department is active. [Transferred] (126030)
- 99 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of people who have tinnitus in the UK. (126877)
- 100 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people had back pain in the UK, by (a) age and (b) gender, in each of the last three years. (126878)
- 101 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that statins are introduced and prescribed to people aged over 75 years old to prevent heart-attacks and strokes. (126879)

- 102 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with (a) the Royal College of Nursing and (b) other bodies on the potential effect of vitamins in protecting against covid-19. (126880)
- 103 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure his Department's funding for community pharmacies in Rother Valley is used to support the community's healthcare needs. (127034)
- 104 **John Stevenson** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the supporting evidence base is for each measure set out in the consultation on an online advertising ban for foods high in fat, salt or sugar. (126825)
- 105 **John Stevenson** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the potential average reduction in personal calorie intake that will result from the proposed online advertising ban on foods high in fat, salt or sugar; and how that estimate was calculated. (126826)
- 106N**Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will implement scheme for fast-track access to covid-19 vaccination for personnel who are critical to UK exports overseas. [Transferred] (125931)
- 107N**Craig Whittaker** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of proposed (a) advertising and (b) promotional restrictions on foods high in fat, salt or sugar on (i) international businesses entering the UK market and (ii) inward investment. [Transferred] (126198)
- 108 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the assassination of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. (127019)
- 109 **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will revise his Department's travel guidance before the Test to Release Scheme starts on 15 December 2020 to restrict advice against non-essential travel in relation to covid-19 to destinations with a very high risk to travellers. (126850)
- 110 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many voluntary redundancies have been sought involving staff previously employed on permanent Department for International Development (DfID) contracts in (a) London (b) East Kilbride and (c) overseas offices following the merger of his Department with DfID. (126900)
- 111 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many temporary contracts involving staff previously employed by the Department for

International Development (DfID) in (a) London, (b) East Kilbride and (c) overseas offices have not been renewed following the merger of DfID and his Department.

(126901)

- 112 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to his counterpart in Sri Lanka on the effect of the Chunnakam power plant complex on Northern Sri Lanka's water supply. (126955)
- 113 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Sri Lankan counterpart on an independent international investigation into the Chunnakam water contamination in Sri Lanka. (126956)
- 114 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish a response to EDM 1140 on the Demolition of Palestinian homes. (126911)
- 115 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the UK-Israel Agreement will continue to regard settlements as part of Palestine. (126932)
- 116 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of whether the UK missions in (a) Israel and (b) Palestine purchase goods sourced in illegal settlements. (126933)
- 117 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for International Trade on the potential merits of a requirement for imports from Israeli settlements on the West Bank to have a movement certificate stating their country and location of origin. (126934)
- 118 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in European countries on a co-ordinated approach to the recognition of the state of Palestine after the transition period. (126935)
- 119 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to UN Resolution 2334 of 2016, reconfirmed in 2019 and 2020, whether it remains his Department's policy that Israeli settlement activity in the Occupied Palestinian Territories is a flagrant violation of international law. (126936)
- 120 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what effect the reduction to the Official Development Assistance budget will have on the level of funding allocated to scientific research from that budget. (126869)

- 121 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support transparent and independent investigations into reports of extrajudicial killings and human rights violations by armed groups and security forces in the Sahel region and (b) develop a strategic response to resolve that situation. (126872)
- 122 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the (a) independence of the electoral commission in Nigeria and (b) strengthening of civil society in that country. (126873)
- 123 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) maintain the delivery of UK Aid to Syria and (b) secure a political solution to the conflict and (c) ensure the continuation of the ceasefire by all sides. (126970)
- 124 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the Government's policy is on long-term funding for the UN Relief and Works Agency. (127041)
- 125 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the Palestinian Authority's ability to deliver public services within the Palestinian Territories. (127042)
- 126 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce drug usage in (a) West Yorkshire and (b) England. (127020)
- 127 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce violent crime in (a) West Yorkshire and (b) England. (127021)
- 128 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce burglaries in (a) West Yorkshire and (b) England. (127022)
- 129 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce cyber-crime in (a) West Yorkshire and (b) England. (127023)
- 130 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to answer Question 96174, tabled on the 28th September 2020 by the hon. member for Slough. (126959)

- 131 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will amend the British Nationality Act 1981 (Remedial) Order to include British-born Windrush descendants whose families gained rights to settle in the UK via the Immigration Act 1971. (127014)
- 132 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has authorised Kent County Council not to provide accommodation to children in its area who arrived by boat. (126975)
- 133 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been moved out of children's services into Home Office National Asylum Support Service accommodation while they are in the process of having an age assessment completed. (126976)
- 134 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has undertaken an impact assessment on the decision to move the responsibility for age assessments to her Department and away from children's services. (126977)
- 135 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take to ensure that children arriving in Kent via migrant crossings are protected and cared for. (126978)
- 136 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department has taken to ensure that children who have passed through the Kent Intake Unit are appropriately supported and cared for. (126979)
- 137 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many families have no recourse to public funds in (a) the UK, (b) North East and (c) Newcastle. (126874)
- 138 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps the Government has taken to reduce levels of antisocial behaviour involving the use of spray paint. (126984)
- 139 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential correlation between the pricing of spray paint and the level of antisocial behaviour involving the use of spray paint. (126985)
- 140 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers are waiting to be interviewed. (126778)
- 141 **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effect of the Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill on future prosecutions for war crimes committed by British soldiers. (126944)

- 142 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's news story, New study to understand effect of COVID-19 on veterans, published on 13 June 2020, when he will publish the report into the effect of covid-19 on veterans. (126797)
- 143 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to encourage local authorities to collect and scan cats injured or killed in road traffic accidents for a microchip and inform their owners. (126998)
- 144 **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how the £387 million extension to the Local Growth Fund for 2021-22 announced in the Budget on 11 March 2020 will be allocated. [R] [Transferred] (126039)
- 145 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many residential properties in London over 18 metres his Department has identified as being constructed with ACM cladding; and how many of those properties remain to be cleared of that cladding. (126845)
- 146 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that homeless people have access to (a) shelter, (b) financial support and (c) mental health services during winter 2020-21. (127008)
- 147 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what additional protections for nature will result from the reforms to the planning system set out in the Planning for the Future White Paper. (126946)
- 148 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to ensure that local communities are consulted on the environmental impact of the proposed developments for (a) growth and (b) renewal zones outlined in the Planning for the Future White Paper. (126947)
- 149 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether any companies stated during the recent bidding process for the HM Courts & Tribunals Service's security guarding service contract that they would pay employees the Living Wage as certified by the Living Wage Foundation; and if he will make a statement. (127044)
- 150 **Marco Longhi** (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department has plans to bring forward proposals to set a minimum set of standards for conveyancing solicitors. (127011)

- 151 **Marco Longhi** (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of the level of complaints made about (a) conveyancing solutions and (b) other parties undertaking property conveyancing activities. (127012)
- 152 **Scott Mann** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what representations his Department has received on the potential merits of bringing forward proposals to reform the law and sentencing relating to the offence of leaving the scene of a hit and run that resulted in death; and if he will meet with the hon Member for North Cornwall to discuss (a) that matter and (b) the effect of those accidents on the families of victims. (126924)
- 153 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much (a) his Department, (b) the Union Unit, and (c) the Union Taskforce spent on communications including staffing costs in each financial year since 2010-11; and how much is budgeted for that purpose for each of those groups for 2021-22. (126902)
- 154 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much (a) his Department, (b) the Union Unit, and (c) the Union Taskforce spent on advertising in each financial year since 2010-11; and how much is budgeted for that purpose for each of those groups for 2021-22. (126903)
- 155 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much (a) his Department, (b) the Union Unit, and (c) the Union Taskforce spent on paid-for social media advertising and promotion in each financial year since 2010-11; and how much is budgeted for that purpose for each of those groups for 2021-22. (126904)
- 156 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much (a) his Department, (b) the Union Unit, and (c) the Union Taskforce spent on paid-for listing in search results in each financial year since 2010-11; and how much is budgeted for that purpose for each of those groups for 2021-22. (126905)
- 157 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many and what proportion of people employed in his Department in each financial year since 2008-09 were press and communications employees. (126906)
- 158 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many and what proportion of people employed in the Union Unit or Union Taskforce in each financial year since 2018-19 were press and communications employees. (126907)
- 159 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, if he will publish copies of audience targeting information used by his Department, for (a) advertising (b) campaign and (c) promotional purposes, in the last 12 months. (126908)

- 160 **Paul Maynard** (Blackpool North and Cleveleys): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to authorise the Financial Conduct Authority to regulate businesses in the buy now, pay later sector. (126813)
- 161 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Government financial support to recruit new customs agents (a) nationally and (b) at the Portsmouth International Port for after the end of the transition period. (126966)
- 162 **Andrew Percy** (Brigg and Goole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what additional support the Chancellor is providing to coach businesses unable to operate as a result of covid-19 restrictions in Tier 3 alert level areas. (126819)
- 163 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he plans to publish the report by Dame Elizabeth Gloster on London Capital and Finance. (126777)
- 164 **John Stevenson** (Carlisle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what input his Department had in the policy-making process for the public consultation on an online advertising ban on foods high in fat, salt or sugar. (126830)
- 165 **John Stevenson** (Carlisle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department was asked by (a) the Department for Health and Social Care and (b) Public Health England to undertake an (a) economic impact assessment and (b) cost-benefit analysis of each proposal in the consultation on an online advertising ban for foods high in fat, salt or sugar. (126831)
- 166 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has to extend the stamp duty waiver to allow people who have started but may not complete the house buying process within the existing deadline to benefit from that policy. (127040)

Questions for Answer on Monday 14 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Attorney General, how many prosecutions for causing or inciting sexual exploitation of a child there have been under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in each year since its enactment. (126888)
- 2N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Attorney General, how many prosecutions for controlling a child in relation to sexual exploitation there have been under Section 49 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in each year since its enactment. (126889)

- 3N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Attorney General, how many prosecutions for arranging or facilitating exploitation of a child there have been under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in each year since its enactment. (126890)
- 4N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many employees in (a) St Helens Borough Council, (b) St Helens CCG, (c) St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, (d) Merseytravel, (e) Merseyside Police and (f) Liverpool City Region Combined Authority are paid more than (i) £80,000, (ii) £100,000, (iii) £150,000, (iv) £200,000 and (v) £250,000 per annum. (126916)
- 5N **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department plans to take to monitor the effect of the new voter ID requirements on voting uptake by (a) different disability groups and (b) Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups. (126912)
- 6N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when he plans to provide local authorities with additional guidance on support schemes for the (a) leisure and (b) hospitality sector in tier 2 local covid alert level areas. (126994)
- 7N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when further (a) guidance and (b) funding will be provided to local authorities to enable them to pay the £1,000 grant to wet-led pubs in tier 2 and 3 local covid alert level areas. (126996)
- 8N **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if his Department will provide dispensation to people seeking insurance to travel to restricted countries on compassionate grounds during the covid-19 pandemic. (126913)
- 9N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to support research on motor neurone disease. (126801)
- 10N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the timeframe for the European Commission's response to the UK's notification of 20 October 2020 requesting approval for providing greater support to businesses under the Temporary Framework. (126833)
- 11N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of permitting indoor one-to-one golf tuition under the covid-19 public health restrictions introduced on 2 December 2020 in England. (126883)

- 12N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the National Audit Office report, Improving Broadband, published 16 October 2020, what steps his Department taking to clawback the estimated £900 million from its Openreach contracts. (126868)
- 13N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what citizens' rights over their own data will the Competition and Markets Authority's Digital Marketing Unit (a) promote and (b) enforce. (126870)
- 14N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the remedies that are available for people when so called anonymised data is sold on and they can be personally identified from it, for example through location tracking. (126871)
- 15N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made on the importance of KS2 SATs results for the 2020-21 Year 7 cohort during the transition period into secondary schools. (126863)
- 16N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made for the implications of his policies for (a) regional variations in covid-19 infection rates, and (b) the number of days of schooling lost as a result of covid-19 restrictions on school exams in 2021. (126864)
- 17N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate his Department has made of the amount schools have spent on supply teaching in the last eight months by region. (126865)
- 18N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate his Department has made of the increase in expenditure by schools on public health measures during the covid-19 outbreak, by region. (126866)
- 19N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans his Department has to update the Department for Education strategy 2015-2020: world-class education and care this calendar year. (126834)
- 20N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of online veterinary services during the covid-19 outbreak. (126915)
- 21N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many additional smart motorway emergency refuges have (a) been constructed and (b) have entered the design phase since the publication of his Department's report entitled Smart Motorway Evidence Stocktake and Action Plan, published on 12 March 2020. (126885)

- 22N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many miles of smart motorway were covered by stopped vehicle detection technology in (a) March and (b) December 2020. (126886)
- 23N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with freight rail operating companies on the end of the transition period. (126957)
- 24N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has undertaken modelling on the number of passengers planning on travelling by rail between the 23 - 27 December 2020. (126958)
- 25N **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of covid-19 restrictions on the completion of driving tests. (126914)
- 26N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the recent £1bn reduction in Network Rail railway enhancement budget for Control Period 6, what the (a) regions and (b) locations are of the specific planned schemes affected by that matter. (127045)
- 27N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the planned schemes affected by the recent £1bn reduction in Network Rail railway enhancement budget for Control Period 6, (a) when those schemes were due to start, and (b) whether contracts with contractors and suppliers had already been signed. (127046)
- 28N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the £1bn reduction in Network Rail railway enhancement budget for Control Period 6, what discussions Network Rail executives had, prior to the Spending Review settlement, with (a) his Department and (b) HM Treasury. (127047)
- 29N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effect of the £1bn reduction in Network Rail railway enhancement budget for Control Period 6 on (a) frequency and reliability of affected services, (b) jobs in Network Rail and the wider supply chain and (c) the Government's Transport Decarbonisation Plan and carbon reduction targets. (127048)
- 30N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress has been made on establishing an air bridge trial route for flights from London to New York using a pre-departure covid-19 testing regime. (126884)
- 31N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of including major transport projects progressed through the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project regime within the mandatory biodiversity gain objective provided for in the Environment Bill. (126794)

- 32N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's issuing of incorrect letters in relation to the winter fuel payment, what assessment her Department has made of the potential for delays in payments of the winter fuel allowance in 2020-21. (126862)
- 33N **Jane Stevenson** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans her Department has to increase the level of the basic state pension to the level of the new state pension; and if she will make a statement. (126993)
- 34N **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to prioritise people in care home settings with learning disabilities for covid-19 vaccination; and if he will take steps to ensure that those people are vaccinated with higher priority than priority level six in the context of the covid-19 mortality rate among adults with learning disabilities. (127009)
- 35N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether people providing home care for vulnerable people have been prioritised for covid-19 vaccination in the same tranche as care home residents and staff; and if he will make a statement. (126851)
- 36N **Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department and NHS England are taking to support the mental health and wellbeing of patients whose treatment has been suspended or cancelled following the judgment in *Bell v Tavistock*. (126774)
- 37N **Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department and NHS England is taking to ensure continuity of care for patients affected by the recent court ruling in *Bell v Tavistock*. (126775)
- 38N **Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) his Department and (b) NHS England undertook an equalities impact assessment of the amendments to NHS England's service specification for Gender Identity Development Services for children and adolescents published on 1 December 2020; and if he will make a statement. (126776)
- 39N **Kate Griffiths** (Burton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on additional funding to enable local authorities to continue to provide discretionary payments under the covid-19 self-isolation support scheme. (126997)
- 40N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is to access national obsessive compulsive disorder Tier 4 services for children and young people. (126928)

- 41N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the level of risk of suicide and self harm for children and young people waiting to access national obsessive compulsive disorder Tier 4 services. (126929)
- 42N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which institutions are contracted to provide national obsessive compulsive disorder Tier 4 services for children and young people; and what number of beds are (a) provided and (b) available at each of those institutions in the most recent period for which such information is available. (126930)
- 43N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average length of stay is in an institution contracted to provide national obsessive compulsive disorder Tier 4 services for children and young people. (126931)
- 44N **Jeremy Hunt** (South West Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many locked mental health rehabilitation facilities there are in England. (126802)
- 45N **Jeremy Hunt** (South West Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve care for people in segregation in locked mental health rehabilitation facilities. (126803)
- 46N **Jeremy Hunt** (South West Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to tackle the use of (a) seclusion and (b) restraint when applied inappropriately in locked mental health rehabilitation facilities. (126804)
- 47N **Jeremy Hunt** (South West Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to improve training for health, care and education employees in locked mental health rehabilitation facilities to ensure that those employees have the necessary training and skills to work with people in those facilities with (a) learning disabilities and (b) autism who also have complex needs and challenging behaviour. (126805)
- 48N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what comparative assessment he has made of the covid-19 transmission rates in working men's clubs and public houses. (126789)
- 49N **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that everyone on the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation priority list is able to access covid-19 vaccines promptly in Sutton Coldfield constituency. (126779)

- 50N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what contingency plans his Department has put in place to ensure the uninterrupted supply from the EU of (a) fluids for peritoneal dialysis and (b) other critical specialist medications needed to maintain life and wellbeing for kidney transplant patients after 1 January 2021. (126969)
- 51N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the take-up of winter flu vaccinations was in (a) 2018, (b) 2019 and (c) 2020 to date. (126962)
- 52N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many flu vaccinations are (a) required and (b) have been ordered in the 2020-21 flu season. (126963)
- 53N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2020 to Question 102801 on Disease Control: Newcastle upon Tyne, where the data for confirmed cases in (a) hospitality venues and (b) households is published. (126867)
- 54N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve heart failure services. (126806)
- 55N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of access to heart failure services during the covid-19 outbreak. (126807)
- 56N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the delivery of heart failure services in (a) community and (b) primary care. (126808)
- 57N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce the variation in the availability and quality of heart failure services (a) in general and (b) that have occurred as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. (126809)
- 58N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) raise awareness of heart failure as a long-term condition amongst (i) system leaders and (ii) generalist healthcare professionals and (b) support them to deliver services that support people to live well with their condition. (126810)
- 59N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) reporting arrangements and (b) publication schedule will be for monitoring the Government's progress towards (i) ending new HIV transmissions in England by 2030, (ii) reducing new HIV transmissions in England by 80 per cent by 2025 and (iii) implementing the recommendations of the independent HIV Commission as part of the Government's National HIV Action Plan. [R] (126925)

- 60N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to vaccinate nursing staff against covid-19 who are working in private hospitals under NHS contracts. (126773)
- 61N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what procedures are in place to ensure the names of the deceased are removed from NHS databases to prevent families receiving letters addressed to someone who has died months or years previously; and if he will make a statement. (126795)
- 62N **Craig Whittaker** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure elective surgery capacity and delivery is maintained through future waves of covid-19. (126820)
- 63N **Craig Whittaker** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress NHS Trusts made towards the target of delivering 90 per cent of their last year's activity for (a) overnight electives and (b) outpatient procedures by October 2020; and if he will make a statement. (126821)
- 64N **Craig Whittaker** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department provided to NHS Trusts on delivering 90 per cent of their last year's capacity for (a) overnight electives and (b) outpatient procedures by October 2020. (126822)
- 65N **Craig Whittaker** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect on (a) patients and (b) wider society of delayed or cancelled elective procedures in hospitals in England as a result of the covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make a statement. (126823)
- 66N **Craig Whittaker** (Calder Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure NHS Trusts make use of independent sector facilities to provide elective procedures (126824)
- 67N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 6 December 2020 to Question 100550 on Coronavirus: Contact Tracing, in what format his Department holds that information. (127000)
- 68N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much of the £22 billion allocated to NHS Test and Trace is being spent on local authority contact tracing teams. (127001)
- 69N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the £22 billion in funding allocated to NHS Test and Trace is being spent on management consultants. (127002)
- 70N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the £22 billion allocated to NHS Test and Trace is being spent on Serco's national contact tracing system. (127003)

- 71N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the reported attack by Israeli forces against Palestine Red Crescent Society paramedics treating an injured man in Jordan Valley on 24 November 2020, what recent representations he has made to his Israeli counterparts to encourage prompt, independent and thorough investigations into and accountability for incidents of obstruction and attacks against health workers in the occupied Palestinian territory. (126790)
- 72N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any financial assistance will be available to staff from the Department for International Development who are non-UK nationals who wish to become UK citizens or apply for new jobs in his Department. (126887)
- 73N **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 November 2020 to Question 114083 on Gulf States: Overseas Aid, how many applications were made to the Gulf Strategy Fund in 2020-21 by (a) the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, (b) the Department for International Trade, (c) the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and (d) HM Revenue and Customs; and how many of each Department's applications were for activities delivered in one country. (126780)
- 74N **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 November 2020 to Question 114083, with regards to Gulf Strategy Fund activities in the financial year 2020-21, in which countries the six country-specific projects were conducted; and how many projects were conducted in each of those countries. (126781)
- 75N **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 17 November 2020 to Question 114083, to which countries his Department made six country-specific applications for funding from the Gulf Strategy Fund in financial year 2020-21; and how many of those approved applications were for projects in each of (a) Saudi Arabia (b) Bahrain (c) Kuwait (d) United Arab Emirates (e) Oman and (f) Qatar. (126782)
- 76N **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, further to the answer of 17 November 2020 to Question 114083, how many regional applications made to the Gulf Strategy Fund in the financial year 2020-21 were approved for each of (a) the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, (b) the Department for International Trade and (c) HM Revenue and Customs. (126783)
- 77N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish a response to EDM 1139 on Israeli annexation of Palestinian land. (126910)

- 78N **John Howell** (Henley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 30 November 2020 to Question 120022 on Palestinians: Radicalism, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies in the event that the Palestinian Authority does not (a) remove material allegedly inciting violence against Israel and Jews from the school curriculum and (b) change the names of official Palestinian Authority schools reportedly named after terrorists. (126811)
- 79N **John Howell** (Henley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 30 November 2020 to Question 120023 on Palestinians: Radicalism, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) effectiveness of UK Government representations to the Palestinian Authority on that matter and (b) effect of the Palestinian Authority's practice of paying salaries to prisoners convicted of terrorist offences on the prospects for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (126812)
- 80N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much his Department spent on consultancy costs in financial year 2019-20. (126852)
- 81N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many of the UK's overseas diplomatic posts have two or fewer UK-based staff. (126853)
- 82N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many of the UK's embassies in EU states have three or fewer UK-based staff. (126854)
- 83N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has a soft power strategy. (126855)
- 84N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much the Foreign and Commonwealth Office spent on preparing for the UK leaving the EU in financial year 2019-20. (126856)
- 85N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the demands of Syrians and active Syrian civil society groups are taken into account when formulating its policies on Syria for 2021. (126941)
- 86N **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether people who have not applied for the EU Settlement Scheme and have instead applied for British Citizenship and (a) have or (b) have not received their citizenship by 30 June retain the right to remain. (127010)
- 87N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce the backlog of 46,000 asylum cases where people have been waiting more than six months for an initial decision on their asylum application. (126926)

- 88N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what options a regular soldier in the Army has available to appeal against a decision to not convert their contract from VEng (Short) to VEng (Full). (126881)
- 89N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what guidance his Department provides on the (a) length of notice and (b) means of communication required for informing a British Army soldier their contract will not be converted from VEng (Short) to VEng (Full). (126882)
- 90N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what financial commitment his Department has made to the existing Anglo-French MCMV programme. (126784)
- 91N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason the UK's unit price figure for the purchase of F-35b is lower than the figure reported by United States Marine Corps. (126785)
- 92N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) cost and (b) duration is of the P-8 Poseidon Interim Aircraft Support Service spares and repairs contract awarded in February 2020. (126788)
- 93N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department is making on repairing HMS Prince of Wales after its second flooding incident in October 2020; and if he will make a statement. (126964)
- 94N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what role the Information Warfare Unit is playing in tackling covid-19 vaccine disinformation online. (126965)
- 95N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions his Department has had with HM Treasury in the last three months on establishing a loan system for leaseholders to pay for building remediation for high rise properties at risk. (126972)
- 96N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what process he has established to update (a) local authorities and (b) leaseholders on which building owners or freeholders have applied to the Building Safety Fund. (126973)
- 97N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential economic merits of implementing equivalent schemes to the (a) Australian Victoria development levy system for developers (b) an Australian New South Wales developer remediation loan. (126974)
- 98N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of registrants with the Building Safety Fund in Birmingham are waiting to be informed of whether they need to submit a full application. [R] (126942)

- 99N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether registrants with the Building Safety Fund who are waiting to hear whether they will be invited to submit a full detailed application will be expected to meet the 31 December 2020 deadline; and what plans he has to extend that deadline. [R] (126943)
- 100N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2020 to Question 123639 on Buildings: Insulation, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of refining the definition of what constitutes cladding. (126927)
- 101N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will take steps with the Local Government Association to make an assessment of the effectiveness of enforcement activities to ensure (a) that lettings comply with the provision of an energy performance certificate, (b) compliance with minimum energy efficiency standards legislation in private rented sector housing and (c) compliance with annual Display Energy Certificate requirements in public sector occupied buildings of under 1,000 sq metres in size that are frequently visited by members of the public. (126940)
- 102N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2020 to Question 123733 on HM Courts & Tribunals Service: Finance, how much and what proportion of the £3.364 million of additional covid-19-related funding for tribunals he plans spend on (a) immigration tribunals, (b) social security tribunals, (c) employment tribunals and (d) other tribunals. (127033)
- 103N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the merits of transferring people who remain on Imprisonment for Public Protection sentences despite their abolition in 2012; and if he will make a statement. (126796)
- 104N **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, with reference to correspondence from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee relating to matters raised at the oral evidence session on Wednesday 16 September, dated 11 September 2020, which (a) victims' groups and (b) individuals he has consulted since that date as part of that period of sensitive engagement with key stakeholders, and on which dates those meetings took place. (126920)
- 105N **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to his Answer to the hon. Member for North Dorset during his oral statement on 30 November 2020, Official Report, column 59, on what date stakeholder engagement on forthcoming legacy legislation was paused by his Department; and on what date this engagement was resumed. (126921)

- 106N Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to his Answer to the hon. Member for North Dorset during his oral statement on 30 November 2020, Official Report, column 59, which civil society (a) organisations and (b) individuals (i) Ministers and (ii) officials in his Department have met as part of the legacy engagement process in each of the last nine months. (126922)
- 107N Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to his Answer to the hon. Member for Luton South during his oral statement on 30 November 2020, Official Report, column 69, when he plans to bring forward legislation based on the proposals and framework outlined in Written Ministerial Statement HCWS168 published on 18 March. (126923)
- 108N Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what additional support, further to the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme, he will make available to local authorities for (a) pubs and (b) hospitality businesses who are able to trade but have been adversely affected by the tier 2 local covid alert level restrictions. (126995)
- 109N Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with representatives of the financial sector on allowing non-banks to access direct funding for the Bounce Back Loan Scheme, as is available to high street banks. (126909)
- 110N Neil Gray** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to ensure that HMRC pursues pension scammers holding stolen funds. (126891)
- 111N Neil Gray** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many tax rule breaches resulting from pension scams have been identified by HMRC in each of the last five years. (126892)
- 112N Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for Luton South of 24 November 2020 on pay in the civil service and related bodies. (127043)
- 113N Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much money in furlough grant funding has been repaid by organisations to HMRC. (126945)

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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Aaron Bell** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many odour complaints have been received by the Environment Agency about Walley's Quarry Landfill in Newcastle-under-Lyme in each month since January 2019. (127016)
- 2N **Aaron Bell** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many odour complaints have been received by the Environment Agency about landfill sites in the West Midlands in each month since January 2019. (127017)
- 3N **Aaron Bell** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of the Environment Agency changing its methodology for estimating the prevalence and impact of odour from using a subjective 0 to 6 scale to using scientific monitoring equipment. (127018)