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Questions tabled on Tuesday 15 December 2020

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 16 December

Questions for Written Answer

Mr Kevan Jones (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the finding of interim analysis of data from Phase III trials that the Oxford covid-19 vaccine is 70 per cent effective, for what reason his Department has ordered 100 million doses of that vaccine.

[Transferred] (128884)

Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans the Government has to recognise the European Commission Memorandum of Understanding on the sale of counterfeit goods on the internet after the end of the transition period.
[Transferred] (128971)

John Spellar (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions his Department has had with Nokia on production capacity in the UK for the roll-out of 5G.

[Transferred] (128867)

- John Spellar (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions his Department has had with Ericsson on production capacity in the UK for the roll-out of 5G. [Transferred] (128868)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether it is taking longer to process Blue Badge applications due to the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (129033)

- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many recorded covid-19 transmissions have been linked to bingo halls since July 2020.

 [Transferred] (129036)
- 7 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of suspending the time limit for the repayment of the stamp duty surcharge on second properties where the property sale has been delayed due to (a) cladding and (b) EWS1 issues.

[Transferred] (129148)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 17 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Damian Collins (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps the Government has taken to prepare for trade with the EU after the end of the transition period. (910448)
- Simon Hoare (North Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to paragraph 33 of The Northern Ireland Protocol, CP346, published on 10 December 2020, which categories of trader (a) can and (b) cannot benefit from a grace period to 1 April 2021 from official certification for products of (i) animal origin, (ii) composite products, (iii) food and feed of non-animal origin and (iv) plants and plant products. (130152)
- 3N Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck (South Shields): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many times the National Security Council has met to discuss the covid-19 pandemic; and which Cabinet members were in attendance at each such meeting.

 [Transferred] (128992)
- 4 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will introduce a quarterly report on gross domestic wellbeing as proposed by the CarnegieUK Trust in its 2020 report entitled Gross Domestic Wellbeing (GDWe): an alternative measure of social progress.
- Caroline Ansell (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the supply of the Pfizer vaccine in the event that the transition period ends without a deal on the future relationship with the EU; and if he will make a statement. (130160)
- 6 Caroline Ansell (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the estimated timeline is for the covid-19 vaccination programme to work through each priority level; and if he will make a statement.

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- 7 **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate he has made of the real terms increase in household energy bills since 2010. (130108)
- 8 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the UK-wide daily target is for the administration of covid-19 vaccines. (129959)
- 9 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to increase transparency and accountability on covid-19 vaccine rollout targets. (129962)
- Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment has he made of the effect on transition to net zero carbon emissions by 2050 of the introduction of biofuels in the (a) automotive sector and (b) rail sector.
- 11 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using ethanol as a substitute for petrol in the automotive sector. (130245)
- 12N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the UK's energy supply will be interrupted in the event of no deal of UK-EU trade relations at the end of the transition period.

 [Transferred] (129102)
- 13N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to paragraph 7.26 of the Spending Review 2020, how much of the over £1 billion to make further progress towards delivering the government's commitment to invest in the energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation of schools, hospitals and homes will be allocated to the Green Homes Grant scheme.

 [Transferred] (129080)
- 14 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the Made Smarter scheme has been rolled-out across the country. (130072)
- 15 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has made an assessment of the implications of Amazon's decision to pass the Digital Services Tax onto its retail customers for the level of competition in digital retail; and whether he has had discussions with Amazon on that issue. (130074)
- 16 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the recommendations on regional innovation made in the Core Cities UK Universities Declaration. (130077)

17N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2020 to Question 123620 on Sharing Economy: Industrial Health and Safety, whether the HSE plans to bring forward proposals to extend to all workers the protections that employees are granted by sections 44 and 100 of the Employment Rights Act 1996.

[Transferred] (129027)

- 18N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2020 to Question 124215 on Sharing Economy: Industrial Health and Safety, whether she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to transpose Council Directive 89/391/EC into domestic law to protect workers from detriment if they take steps to protect their health and safety at work in the event of serious, imminent and unavoidable danger. [Transferred] (129028)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he plans to make an assessment of the merits of the UK Miners Pension Scheme provision that 50 per cent of any surplus made after 1994 will be paid to the Government. (130263)
- Pete Wishart (Perth and North Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of raising the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court Small Claims Track Cap to £25,000 in line with a Fast-Track claim. (129990)
- Pete Wishart (Perth and North Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when he plans to implement recommendation 13b in Annex G of the Digital Market's Taskforce's report entitled A new pro-competition regime for digital markets. (129991)
- Pete Wishart (Perth and North Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing an online system to submit claims to the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court Small Claims Track. (129992)
- Pete Wishart (Perth and North Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions his Department has had with the Ministry of Justice on the publication of judgments from the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court Small Claims Track. (129993)
- Mike Amesbury (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture,
 Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of his
 Department in ensuring equity in the opening up of sport (a) venues and (b)
 events following changing covid-19 restrictions. (130210)

- Caroline Ansell (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of children's exposure to commercial pornographic material and explicit user generated content on social networks during the covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make a statement.
- 26 Douglas Chapman (Dunfermline and West Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if the Government will bring forward legislative proposals to prevent the use of automated bots to bulk purchase new releases of gaming consoles and computer components and to prevent their resale at inflated prices.
 (130123)
- 27 Margaret Ferrier (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of allocating financial support to members of the Scottish Section of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain who are based in northern England and therefore ineligible for Scottish Government grants for showpeople. (130118)
- 28 Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on future funding to support the arts in (a) Coventry and (b) the UK.

 (130100)
- 29 Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what (a) funding he is making available and (b) other steps he is taking to help support the protection of businesses from future cyber threats.
 (130109)
- Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, for what reason the National Lottery age limit increase to 18 will not take effect until April 2021 for online play and October 2021 for all other lottery products.

 (130144)
- Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many times he or his officials have had discussions with (a) the Department of Health and Social Care and (b) HM Treasury on gambling policy in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019 and (iii) 2020.
- Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many times he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Justice on (a) gambling policy and (b) money laundering associated with gambling in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019 and (iii) 2020.
- Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate the Gambling Commission has made of the number of Commission-licensed operators that operate in the UK and are blacklisted as an operator in an overseas jurisdiction. (130147)

- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what support his Department is providing to spectator sports during the covid-19 outbreak. (129952)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department is taking to help protect the UK from emerging cyber security threats. (129953)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what progress his Department has made on delivering support for the culture and heritage sector through the Culture Recovery Fund. (129954)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate he has made of the number of businesses that have used the Digital Boost platform since April 2020. (130068)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many digital skills courses have been provided to UK SMEs by the Skills Toolkit since April 2020. (130069)
- **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many broadband cabinets in the constituency of Dwyfor Meirionnydd are not enabled for fibre or their locations. (130167)
- **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many broadband cabinets in Wales are not enabled for fibre or their locations. (130168)
- **Graham Stringer** (Blackley and Broughton): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2020 to Question 125212 on Gambling: Coronavirus, what plans the Government has to review restrictions on adult gaming centres in covid-19 tier three areas; and if he will make a statement. (129984)
- **Graham Stringer** (Blackley and Broughton): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2020 to Question 125212 on Gambling: Coronavirus, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing adult gaming centres to open under covid-19 tier three restrictions. (129985)
- **Pete Wishart** (Perth and North Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, when he plans to publish the Government's new Digital Strategy. (129989)
- 44 Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average monthly cost was of a childcare place in (a) Coventry, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England in each year since 2010. (130099)

- 45 **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance his Department issues on nutrition in packed lunches. (130103)
- 46 Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the Government's (a) planned and (b) actual expenditure on 16 to 19 education provision was in each of the last five years in (i) Coventry, (ii) the West Midlands and (iii) England.
 (130107)
- 47 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to support and encourage diversity of thought amongst academics in UK universities. (129963)
- 48 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to ensure UK universities protect free speech. (129964)
- 49 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he is taking steps to prohibit no platform policies in universities; and if he will make a statement. (129965)
- Taiwo Owatemi (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to help safeguard (a) staff and (b) pupils from rising cases of covid-19 infection in schools and colleges. (130234)
- Taiwo Owatemi (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the evidential basis is for keeping schools open a week before they break up for the Christmas period; and what the basis is for potential Government legal action against schools that wish to resume remote learning for the final week of term. (130235)
- Taiwo Owatemi (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department has assessed the effect of remote schooling during the covid-19 outbreak on levels of student learning. (130237)
- Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what specific steps he is taking to allocate funds to improve the affordability of childcare. (130190)
- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has to ensure that the GCSE exams are (a) fair and (b) accessible to students in 2021 in the context of the covid-19 outbreak. (129974)
- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to help support an increase in the number of early-years childcare providers in England. (129975)
- Royston Smith (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to ensure more children from disadvantaged and care backgrounds have access to private school scholarships to support their charitable status.

 (130143)

57 Caroline Ansell (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress he has made on his approval of the Sussex IFCA by-laws; what his timeframe is for that approval; and if he will make a statement.

- Dr Luke Evans (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of a follow-up independent study of the research undertaken in 2013 on the effect of sky lanterns and helium balloons on the health and welfare of livestock. (130239)
- Dr Luke Evans (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress the Government has made on (a) implementing non-regulatory measures to minimise the risks associated with and (b) increasing the safety standards of sky lanterns and helium balloons. (130240)
- Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of flood defences in (a) the West Midlands and (b) England.
- Paul Girvan (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether cats, dogs or ferrets being moved for non-commercial purposes from Northern Ireland to Great Britain will require a blood test and the results of that test before being moved, after the end of the transition period. (130197)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has of the effectiveness of the regulation of treatment costs in the veterinary industry. (130213)
- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, 63 Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to reduce the proportion of untreated sewage that flows into rivers and streams. (129966)
- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support local community organisations that aim to clean inland waters. (129967)
- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of inland waters in (a) Huddersfield, (b) Kirklees and (c) England are safe for (a) wild swimming and (b) other human leisure activities. (129968)
- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of explosions on the sea floor on the (a) health and (b) quality of marine life in British waters. (129979)

- 67 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many fossil fuel projects UK Export Finance (a) is currently considering for support or (b) has been asked to consider for support in the future; and for each project (i) where it is located and (ii) what fossil fuel it relates to. (130164)
- Kate Osamor (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2020 to Question 91998 on Fossil Fuels: Export Credit Guarantees, what status the listed projects have following the Prime Minister's announcement of 12 December 2020 on ending direct financing for fossil fuel projects overseas.
 (130165)
- 69 Caroline Ansell (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effect of the Channel Nitrogen Oxide Emissions Control Order Area on particulate matter emissions in (a) the Channel, (b) East Sussex and (c) Eastbourne; and if he will make a statement. (130163)
- 70 Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the timescales are for implementing the recommendations of the Global Travel Taskforce, published on 24 November 2020. (130138)
- 71 Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the Global Travel Taskforce next plans to convene to discuss the outstanding recommendations from its report, published on 24 November 2020.

 (130139)
- 72 Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which commercial aviation routes are being prioritised as part of the Government's plans to support the restart of the aviation sector in response to the covid-19 pandemic. (130140)
- 73 **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of buses in regular operation are powered solely by renewable fuels. (130102)
- Paul Girvan (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what engagement his Department of Transport has had with the aerospace industry to identify measures that could (a) safely open up aviation and (b) increase consumer confidence in the context of the covid-19 outbreak.

 (130191)
- 75 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the Global Travel Taskforce is next scheduled to convene to discuss the outstanding recommendations from that Taskforce's report of 24 November 2020. (130192)
- Paul Girvan (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which commercial aviation routes are being prioritised as part of the Government's plans to support the restart of the aviation sector in response to the covid-19 pandemic.

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- **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is planning to take to support the aerospace sector under his Department's Aviation Recovery Plan. (130194)
- **Matt Vickers** (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effect of changes to IR35 tax status on the shortage of HGV drivers. (130261)
- **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is planning to take to support the aerospace sector under his Department's Aviation Recovery Plan. (130115)
- **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps the Government will take to ensure a green aviation recovery. (130116)
- **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans the Government has to encourage the decommissioning of older aircraft. (130117)
- **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that expectant fathers may attend all antenatal appointments. (129970)
- **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that all parents have access to infant formula at food banks. (129971)
- **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to enable service users of supported accommodation to access employment services. (130129)
- Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2020 to Question 114936 on Kickstart Scheme: Ethnic Groups, what steps her department i taking to help ensure collection of data on the proportion of jobs created as part of the Kickstart scheme allocated to Black, Asian and minority ethnic young people; and what her timescale is for making information available on (a) ethnicity, (b) disability and (c) other disadvantaged groups amongst Kickstart participants.
- 86 Karin Smyth (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the accuracy of telephone-based personal independence payment assessments compared with face-to-face appointments.(130132)
- **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data her Department holds on the proportion of personal independence claim awards of the standard rate of care to an applicant previously in receipt of the enhanced rate of care that are increased following a mandatory reconsideration. (130133)

- 88 Karin Smyth (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data her Department holds on the proportion of personal independence claim awards of the standard rate of care to an applicant previously in receipt of the enhanced rate of care that are increased following an appeal to HM Courts and Tribunal Service.
- **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of providing additional medical indemnity costs for GPs who wish to participate in the covid-19 vaccination programme and who are (a) near to or (b) have already reached the maximum limit of sessions for their medical indemnity cover. (130211)
- Ocaroline Ansell (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the 111 clinical assessment service for users; and if he will make a statement. (130159)
- **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance is in place for primary care on the provision of routine care to respiratory patients. (130086)
- **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to reduce waiting times for smear test results. (130104)
- **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of funding for research into brain cancer. (130110)
- 94 Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of funding for research into blood cancer. (130111)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have had treatment for non-covid-related conditions delayed in the last 12 months. (129957)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the average age of covid-19 deaths compared to average UK life expectancy. (129958)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many covid-19 vaccines have been administered in (a) in South Holland and The Deepings constituency, (b) Lincolnshire, (c) East Midlands and (d) in the UK to date.
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what criteria his Department is using to assess the effectiveness of the NHS's roll out of the covid-19 vaccine. (129961)

- 99 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the data used to differentiate between leisure centre activities when setting out which could be pursued under the most recent covid-19 tiering system. (130157)
- 100NDan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of expanding the Test and Trace Support Payment to workers on all income levels. [Transferred] (128984)
- 101 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress has been made in the Cambridge University and AstraZ lighthouse Laboratory PCR testing. (130048)
- 102 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress has been made in the Cambridge University and AstraZ lighthouse Laboratory PCR testing on the proportion of (a) false positives and (b) false positives over an accompanying timeline since testing began. (130049)
- 103 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to remove inaccurate data from its decision making where a significant number of false positives are found within a covid-19 testing centre. (130050)
- 104 Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of false positives of testing PCR and LFT is deemed acceptable to still be used in Government decision making and tier setting in the context of the covid-19 outbreak. (130051)
- 105 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to release an updated version of the Impact of false-positives and false-negatives in the UK's COVID-19 RT-PCR testing programme. (130052)
- 106 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of (a) false positive and (b) false negative test results during Liverpool's mass testing programme from 6 November 2020. (130053)
- 107 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which of the eight recommendations of the Impact of false-positives and false-negatives in the UK's COVID-19 RT-PCR testing programme published on 3 June 2020 his Department has actioned. (130054)
- 108 Holly Mumby-Croft (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the availability of the pneumococcal vaccine in (a) Scunthorpe and (b) England. (130264)
- 109 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential (a) merits and (b) implications of permitting Christmas household bubbles to attend hospitality settings in areas with Tier 2 covid-19 restrictions. (130250)

- 110N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what engagement the Minister for Vaccines has had with local news publishers on vaccine communication and rollout strategy. [Transferred] (128955)
- 111 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to his oral answer on 14 December 2020, Official Report, column 46, what definition of elderly is being used for prioritisation of covid-19 vaccinations for people in care homes for the elderly; and whether learning disabilities are considered as part of an overall assessment including age in vaccine prioritisation decisions.
- 112 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to his oral answer on 14 December 2020, Official Report, column 46, whether people with learning disabilities are in the same priority category for covid-19 vaccinations as 75 year olds; and what priority is being given to vaccinations for people who are 75 or older who have learning disabilities.
- 113 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the ability and capacity of NHS Test and Trace to trace contacts in schools. (130184)
- 114 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the ability of NHS Test and Trace to monitor self-isolating pupils. (130185)
- 115 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many contacts the average NHS Test and Trace contact tracer makes per day.

 (130186)
- 116 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that people with epilepsy are able to access the treatments they require through the NHS. (129977)
- 117 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to increase the number of NHS dental appointments available in West Yorkshire. (129978)
- 118 Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether frontline homeless service workers will receive a covid-19 vaccine under phase 1 of the Joint Committee on Vaccines and Immunisation prioritisation list. (130126)
- 119 Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his definition is of frontline health and social care workers as set out in phase 1 on the Joint Committee on Vaccines prioritisation list. (130127)

- 120 Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, at what stage in his vaccination timetable critical workers will receive a covid-19 vaccine. (130128)
- 121 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to coordinate with Cabinet colleagues a cross-Government approach to reducing health inequalities as part of its response to the covid-19 outbreak. (130137)
- 122 Zarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of allocating funding for a National Diabetes Technology fund to ensure equitable patient access to diabetes technology. (130242)
- 123 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Norwegian counterpart on that Government's decision to withhold funding from the Palestinian Authority in response that Authority using material inciting hatred and violence against Israel in its curriculum. (130257)
- 124 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to his EU counterpart on the EU review into the Palestinian Authority curriculum; and what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the delays in the publication of that review. (130258)
- 125 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking in
 response to reports by Syrian education NGOs that 44 FCDO-supported schools in
 northwest Syria have been attacked by the Assad regime and its allies in the past
 two years.

 (130229)
- 126 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in Saudi Arabia on the alleged inhumane treatment of African and other migrants in Saudi Arabian detention centres. (130233)
- 127 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the merits of integrating proposals on sexual and reproductive health in the forthcoming Ending Preventable Deaths Action Plan. (130015)
- 128 Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to
 his Bangladeshi counterpart on the relocation of Rohingya refugees to the island
 of Bhasan Char.

 (130020)

- 129 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that the Government of Bangladesh works with (a) the UN and (b) international NGOs to assess the safety of the island Bhasan Char for Rohingya refugees. (130021)
- Nicola Richards (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23

 November 2020 to Question 92026 on Palestinians: Schools, whether the final EU report on the previous Palestinian Authority curriculum will be published by the end of 2020; and if he will make a statement. (130265)
- 131 Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to
 alleviate the humanitarian situation of the Syrian people as a result of the Syrian
 Civil War. (129972)
- 132 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure
 that his Department promotes the right to peaceful protest to the international
 community. (129973)
- 133 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 2 December 2020 to Question 120898 on Heathrow Airport, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the level of resource and support provided to Border Force to ensure that it is able to effectively discharge its duties at Heathrow within agreed service level agreements (a) over the Christmas period and (b) at the end of the transition period.
- 134 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the maximum queue time for non-EEA passengers at Heathrow Airport during the period of national restrictions in England from 5 November 2020 to 2 December 2020. (130136)
- 135 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the level of covid-19 related fraud; and what steps she is taking to prevent those offences. (130238)
- 136 Chris Grayling (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress she has made on resettling refugee families under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme; and how many people she plans to settle under that scheme in the next 12 months. (129988)
- 137 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the Minister of State for Immigration plans to reply to the letter from the hon. Member for Warley of 5 November 2020 on Mr Ellis. (129951)

138NZarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment her Department has made of the risk to family members of people settled in the UK under the Afghan Ex Gratia scheme who remain in Afghanistan.

[Transferred] (129121)

Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what proportion of high-rise buildings in (a)

Kirklees and (b) England have non-ACM cladding. (129976)

- **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to promote access to early legal advice for divorcing couples. (130008)
- **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of divorce on people's mental health; and what steps his Department is taking to help reduce that effect. (130009)
- **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of reductions in legal aid on access to professional or legal support for divorcing couples. (130010)
- **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of improved early access to professional advice for divorcing couples on conflict and the mental health of those involved. (130011)
- **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential benefits to the (a) public purse and (b) court system of ensuring legal aid is accessible in family law cases. (130012)
- **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of improving early legal advice for divorcing couples to help reduce pressure on family courts. (130013)
- **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to raise awareness of out-of-court alternatives for couples seeking divorce. (130014)
- **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what progress his Department has made on implementing the recommendations from its report of June 2020, Assessing Risk of Harm to Children and Parents in Private Law Children Cases. (130236)
- **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to support businesses in the events and conference sector which have been affected by the covid-19 outbreak. (130219)

- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what comparative assessment he has made of the effectiveness of Government fiscal support for (a) job retention and (b) self-employed people during the covid-19 pandemic in the UK and internationally. (129955)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps he is taking to ensure the adequacy of funding for the NHS over winter 2020-21. (129956)
- 151 Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many debt collection companies HMRC has employed since the start of the covid-19 outbreak.

 (130252)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Royal Society's report entitled, Digital Technology and the Planet, published on 3 December 2020, what plans he has to ask the Financial Conduct Authority to develop guidance on the energy proportionality of digital technologies. (130067)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of Google's reported treatment of Digital Services Tax as a regulatory cost in an email to customers of that company. (130075)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will list the directorates within HMRC. (130032)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will place in the Library the (a) total headcount and (b) full-time equivalent staffing of each directorate of HMRC. (130033)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many days have (a) posts, (b) director-level posts and (c) director-general-level posts been vacant in HMRC in each month of each of the last five years.

 (130034)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) staff, (b) director-level staff and (c) director-general-level staff have left a post in HMRC in each of the last five years. (130035)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) staff, (b) director-level staff and (c) director-general-level staff have taken up a post in HMRC in each of the last five years. (130036)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many complaints there have been of racist behaviour in the workplace in HMRC in each of the last five years, by directorate. (130037)

- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many complaints there have been of sexist behaviour in the workplace in HMRC in each of the last five years, by directorate. (130038)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many businesses have been investigated by HMRC for potential infractions of the National Minimum Wage, in each of the last 10 years. (130039)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many businesses have been taken to court by HMRC for potential infractions of the National Minimum Wage, in each of the last 10 years. (130040)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many businesses have fined following court proceedings brought by HMRC in relation to non-payment of the national minimum wage in each of the last ten years; and what the sum total was of those fines in each of the last ten years.

 (130041)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will place in the Library copies of the data protection impact assessment on the webchat facilities available on HMRC's website. (130042)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many calls to the telephone lines operated for taxation advice by HMRC were abandoned by the caller before reaching an advisor, in each quarter of the last five years. (130043)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of calls to the HMRC taxation advice line were terminated by the caller before reaching an adviser in each quarter of the last five years; and what the average wait in seconds was before the call was terminated in each quarter of the last five years. (130044)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what dates the HMRC Resources and Performance Committee has met since April 2020; and whether at those meetings the Committee (a) considered the adequacy of HMRC's level of staffing, (b) recommended an increase in staffing and (c) recommended a reduction in staffing. (130045)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what dates the HMRC Audit and Risk Committee has met since April 2020 24 July 2019; and whether at those meetings the Committee (a) considered the organisational risks of HMRC's level of staffing, (b) recommended an increase in staffing and (c) recommended a reduction in staffing. (130046)
- 169 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has to tackle funding deficit between the hourly costs of delivering a funded childcare place for a two-year-old and the rate paid to providers compared to places for three and four-year-olds. (130187)

- 170 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what (a) assessment he has made the financial losses sustained by childcare providers and (b) plans he has to prevent mass closures in the childcare sector. (130188)
- 171 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the effect of the minimum wage increase on the childcare sector; and whether he will make it his policy to increase the per child funding rate for the (a) 16 and (b) 30 hours childcare entitlement. (130189)
- 172 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has to provide further financial support to business in Greater London required to close under covid-19 tier 3 restrictions. (129994)
- 173 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps he is taking to support the recovery of steel supply chains affected by the covid-19 outbreak. (129969)
- 174 Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to provide the English Language Teaching sector with (a) tourism sector status or (b) business rates relief during the covid-19 pandemic. (130209)

Questions for Answer on Monday 21 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, which of her Department's dedicated (a) telephone helpline and (b) email service individuals and companies should use in the event that they have problems and questions arising from the end of the transition period which cannot be answered from the resources available on www.gov.uk/transition; and what hours those services will be fully staffed and operational from 28 December 2020 to 4 January 2021 inclusive. (130004)
- 2N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to support investment in science research at universities in (a) Coventry, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England. (130097)
- 3N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his policy on the EU Withdrawal Agreement is that it obliges the establishment of a central patent court seat in London under the Unified Patent Court Agreement. (130178)

- 4N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will take steps to measure the effect of Green Homes Grant scheme funding on the energy performance certificate rating of each home that receives that funding. (130179)
- 5N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect (a) on small businesses of large technology firms directly passing on the Digital Services Tax to online retailers using their platforms and (b) of those actions on the competitiveness of the marketplace. (130066)
- 6N **Graham Stringer** (Blackley and Broughton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to his Department's BEIS Electricity Generation Costs (2020) published on 24 August 2020, what estimated value for the annual decline in performance of offshore wind was used in that report.
- 7N Graham Stringer (Blackley and Broughton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to his Department's BEIS Electricity Generation Costs (2020) published on 24 August 2020, if he will publish the empirical evidence, other than bid prices, underlying the estimate of (a) falling capital and (b) operational costs in the wind sector, (i) offshore and (ii) onshore in that report.
- 8N Graham Stringer (Blackley and Broughton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to his Department's BEIS Electricity Generation Costs (2020) published on 24 August 2020, if he will publish the empirical, numerical evidence underlying its estimate of (a) stagnant capital and (b) operational cost for (i) Combined Cycle Gas Turbines and (ii) other conventional generation technologies in that report.
- 9N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many staff and at what grades are operating his Department's business support (a) email enquiry service and (b) telephone enquiry service via the 0207 215 5000 helpline; and what hours those services will be fully staffed and operational from 28 December 2020 to 4 January 2021 inclusive.
- 10N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of streaming services' content labelling provisions; and whether he has plans in place to ensure that platforms adopt ratings by the British Board of Film Classification. (130005)
- 11N Rosie Cooper (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture,
 Media and Sport, what steps he is taking to protect children from harmful
 online content prior to the coming into force of online harms legislation; and
 if he will take steps to bring into force the requirement for age-verification on
 pornographic websites prior to that legislation. (130006)

- 12N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital,
 Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department is taking to tackle digital
 exclusion in Coventry North East constituency. (130098)
- 13N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what the scientific basis is for the decision to prevent individuals who are over 18 years of age from participating in club swimming during the covid-19 outbreak.

 (130025)
- 14N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effect of recently imposed Tier 3 covid-19 restrictions in London on (a) theatres, (b) music venues and (c) galleries and museums in London; and what steps he is taking to support those venues.
- 15N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effect of recentlhy imposed Tier 3 covid-19 restrictions in London on jobs in the (a) hospitality and (b) retail sectors in London; and what steps he is taking in support of those (i) businesses and (ii) jobs.
- 16N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to his Answer to the Oral Question asked by the hon Member for East Lothian on 10 December, Official Report, col 980, what assessment the Government made of the level of exposure of people under the age of 18 to alcohol marketing (a) on social media and (b) online more widely. (130227)
- 17N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether he has made an assessment of the effect of Google's decision to pass the Digital Services Tax onto its advertising customers on the level of competition in digital advertising; and whether he has had discussions with Google on that issue. (130073)
- 18N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has to extend testing of secondary school aged children to all schools under tier 3 covid-19 restrictions. (130078)
- 19N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effect of introducing covid-19 testing of all secondary school aged children in Yorkshire and Humber on the transmission of covid-19.
- 20N Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he has written to academy schools requesting them to remain open throughout the second national lockdown and the latest tier 3 period in boroughs where the local authority had asked schools to consider closing. (130260)

- 21N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of postponing the return of the school term in January 2021 in response to the covid-19 outbreak. (130174)
- 22N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether national standards have been set for local authorities to ensure that foster parents receive comprehensive training in supporting children with complex mental health needs. (130175)
- 23N **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether Northern Ireland is included in (a) part 1 list (b) part 2 list or is (c) unlisted for the purpose of moving of non-commercial dogs, cats or ferrets after the transition period.

 (130195)
- 24N **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether Great Britain is included in the (a) Part 1 list, (b) Part 2 list or (c) Unlisted category for the purposes of moving non-commercial cats, dogs and ferrets to Northern Ireland after the transition period. (130196)
- 25N **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether cats, dogs or ferrets require tapeworm treatment if travelling for non-commercial purposes from (a) Northern Ireland to Great Britain and (b) Great Britain to Northern Ireland after the transition period. (130198)
- 26N Paul Girvan (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what restrictions and travel authorisation requirements will apply to assistance dogs travelling from (a) Northern Ireland to Great Britain and (b) Great Britain to Northern Ireland after the transition period. (130199)
- 27N Paul Girvan (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether owners of more than five (a) cats, (b) dogs and (c) ferrets will be required to obtain a health certificate for that group of animals before travelling from (i) Northern Ireland to Great Britain and (ii) Great Britain to Northern Ireland after the transition period. (130200)
- 28N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to ensure the equitable distribution of food in the event that food volumes crossing the English Channel from the European continent are diminished from 1 January 2021. (130007)
- 29N Andrew Percy (Brigg and Goole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, on what date he plans to launch his consultation on food
 labelling; whether he plans to (a) include questions on associated regulatory
 provisions on enforcement and monitoring of agreed food labelling and (b)
 indicate a preference for mandatory or voluntary requirements for participation
 in that consultation; and if he will make a statement.

 (130023)

- 30N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has in place to safeguard the welfare of horses in transit due for export in the event of delays at the border after 1 January 2021. (130214)
- 31N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect of new EU trading relations on the ease with which horses can be imported and exported from 1 January 2021. (130215)
- 32N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to communicate to horse owners the new rules on importing and exporting horses after the transition period.

 (130216)
- 33N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with the Department for Transport on the welfare of horses in the event that their travel is delayed by queues at the border after 1 January 2021. (130217)
- 34N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 26 November 2020 to Question 119199 on Department for International Trade: Email and Telephone Services, how many staff, by grade, operate her Department's (a) business support email and phone enquiry services and (b) Transition Period Enquiry Service; and what hours those services will be fully staffed and operational from 28 December 2020 to 4 January 2021 inclusive.
- 35N Sarah Champion (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many additional smart motorway emergency refuges have (a) been constructed and (b) entered the design phase on the M1 since the publication of his Department's report entitled Smart Motorway Evidence Stocktake and Action Plan, published on 12 March 2020.
- 36N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many miles of smart motorway on the M1 were covered by stopped vehicle detection technology in (a) March and (b) December 2020. (130090)
- 37N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with British Transport Police on the effect on transport of temporarily lifting covid-19 restrictions over the Christmas period. (130204)
- 38N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps he has taken to ensure customer-facing rail workers are not subject to verbal abuse whilst at work. (130205)
- 39N **Allan Dorans** (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans Network Rail has for Ayr railway station. (130218)

40N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much central Government funding has been spent on upgrading the cycling network in (a) Coventry and (b) the West Midlands in each of the last five years.

(130096)

41N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to increase access to public transport for people with sight loss. (130106)

- 42N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2020 to Question 127502, whether the £1 million fund for Control Period 6 (1 April 2019-31 March 2024) is specifically for brick repair and de-vegetation work on the Stockport rail viaduct and no other projects. (129995)
- 43N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what changes he proposes to introduce in 2021 to the display and use of vehicle number plates and the information to be required or allowed to be displayed thereon; for what reason he plans to make each change; and if he will make a statement.
- 44N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 26 November 2020 to Question 119200 on Department for International Trade: Internet and Telephone Services, how many staff, by grade, operate the 45 information and advice sites for hauliers established by his Department; and what hours those services will be fully staffed and operational from 28 December 2020 to 4 January 2021 inclusive. (130003)
- 45N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what engagement his Department of Transport has had with the aerospace industry to identify measures that could (a) safely open up aviation and (b) increase consumer confidence in the context of the covid-19 outbreak. (130112)
- 46N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the Global Travel Taskforce is next scheduled to convene to discuss the outstanding recommendations from that Taskforce's report of 24 November 2020.

 (130113)
- 47N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which commercial aviation routes are being prioritised as part of the plan to restart aviation following the covid-19 outbreak. (130114)
- 48N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of devolving (a) the Kickstart scheme and (b) other employment schemes and resources to local authorities. (130177)

- 49N **Neil Gray** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people living in Airdrie and Shotts constituency had a Pension Wise guidance appointment by telephone or in person in the period from (a) 1 April 2019 to (b) 31 March 2020.
- 50N **Neil Gray** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people living in the Strathclyde region had a Pension Wise guidance appointment by telephone or in person in the period from (a) April 2019 to (b) March 2020.
- 51N **Neil Gray** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people living in Scotland had a Pension Wise guidance appointment (a) by telephone and (b) in person in the period from (i) April 2019 and (ii) March 2020.
- 52N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Sector-based work academy programme starts there have been in each month since the initiative started in each (a) region, (b) nation and (c) sector.
- 53N **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps EU nationals with settled and pre-settled status need to take to access a National Insurance number; and when procedures will be in place for EU nationals without settled or pre-settled status to access National Insurance numbers. (130119)
- 54N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Government is taking to help improve disabled access at theme parks and leisure venues. (130166)
- 55N Jane Stevenson (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to mitigate the effect of state pension age changes on women born in the 1950s; and if she will make a statement.
- 56N **Sir David Amess** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2020 to Question 125929 on Abortion: Drugs, how people without access to a computer can submit a written submission in response to his Department's consultation document on home use of both pills for early medical abortion up to 10 weeks gestation; and if he will make a statement.
- 57N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 24 November 2020 to Question 114825 on Coronavirus and Respiratory System: Health Services, what estimate he has made of the resources that are required to deliver respiratory commitments set out in the Long Term Plan. (130083)

- 58N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to tackle the backlogs in (a) respiratory diagnosis and (b) referrals for urgent care for people with lung conditions. (130084)
- 59N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans are in place to ensure access to digital or face-to-face pulmonary rehabilitation services during the covid-19 outbreak. (130085)
- 60N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to develop a national comprehensive severe asthma guideline to ensure that people with severe asthma are identified and put on the right treatments. (130087)
- 61N Olivia Blake (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what public health advice and information led to the decision to designate Body Control Pilates when run by qualified instructors as exercise classes; and what assessment he has made of the effect on public safety of Body Control Pilates classes in tier 3 areas.
- 62N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to publicise the content of Clause 4.6 of the Reg 174 information for healthcare professionals on the Pfizer/BioNTech covid-19 vaccine that it is unknown whether covid-19 mRNA Vaccine BNT162b2 has an impact on fertility; and if he will make a statement. (129950)
- 63N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the (a) location, (b) terms of reference and (c) and monitoring and evaluation indicators of the test and dine pilot scheme. (130226)
- 64N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will lift the tier three covid-19 restriction on competitive ice skaters aged 18 and over training at ice rinks. (130059)
- 65N **Dr James Davies** (Vale of Clwyd): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the (a) effectiveness of protection conferred by pneumococcal vaccination in reducing deaths of people who have tested positive for covid-19 and (b) current level of take-up of pneumococcal vaccination among groups eligible for that vaccination; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending eligibility for that vaccination during the covid-19 outbreak. (130142)
- 66N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the percentage change has been in Government spending on mental health services in each year since 2010. (130101)
- 67N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve pay and working conditions for social care workers.

 (130176)

- 68N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for (a) knee and (b) hip replacement surgery. (130026)
- 69N **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when NHS staff employed by ambulance trusts will receive their covid-19 vaccination. (130124)
- 70N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the current rate is for false (a) positives and (b) negatives from (i) PCR and (ii) lateral flow covid-19 tests.
- 71N **Huw Merriman** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of changes to (a) pension contributions and (b) overall pay for nursing staff at the next pay settlement. (130131)
- 72N Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will allocate funding to the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances to ensure its effectiveness and efficiency in reviewing applications. (130206)
- 73N 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 level of patient involvement in the NICE process for evaluating and approving new medicines and treatment; and whether there are plans under the ongoing Methods Review to adjust that level of involvement.
- 74N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide local public health teams with flexibility to co-ordinate vaccine rollout with risk levels in local areas. (130076)
- 75N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been vaccinated against covid-19 (a) by 14 December 2020 and (b) to date. (130231)
- 76N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Government plans to publish a running total of people vaccinated against covid-19. (130232)
- 77N Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will set out a timetable for implementing the recommendations of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review. (130022)
- 78N Zarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reducing the cost of inhalers to alleviate the financial burden on long term sufferers of asthma. (130241)
- 79N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of prioritising school staff for covid-19 vaccines. (130173)

- 80N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support GP services in (a) Twickenham and (b) England during the covid-19 outbreak. (130230)
- 81N **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when a vaccine for covid-19 will be available to high priority patients in (a) Bedford and (b) Kempston. (130180)
- 82N **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the (a) equitable and (b) transparent distribution of the covid-19 vaccine throughout the East of England. (130181)
- 83N **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will prioritise Bedford and Kempston residents for local access to the second tranche of covid-19 vaccination; and what his timetable is for the roll-out of the vaccination for for the highest priority patients. (130182)
- 84N Hilary Benn (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of (a) the
 implications for his policies of recent violence and (b) the human rights situation
 in the Oromia region of Ethiopia; and if he will make a statement. (129980)
- 85N Wayne David (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answers of 14
 December 2020 to Question 127489 and 3 December 2018 to Question 196145,
 when his Department stopped recording the countries where the UK does not
 have embassies or consulate offices. (129987)
- 86N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his
 counterpart in India on the ongoing farmers protests. (130201)
- 87N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he had with the

 Government of India on his recent visit to that country. (130202)
- 88N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he discussed the farmers
 protest in India during his recent visit to that country. (130203)
- 89N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many applications over £1 million were made to the Integrated Activity Fund (IAF) in financial year 2018-19; which Department's submitted those applications; how many of those applications were approved; and which (a) Minister or (b) Director approved those applications. (129996)

- 90N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many applications for funding
 from the Integrated Activity Fund (IAF) over £50,000 were approved in 201819 and 2019-20; what the value was of each of those applications; and which
 Departments or Ministers requested that funding.

 (129997)
- 91N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to reports that Dr
 Abduljalil AlSingace continues to suffer ongoing medical negligence at Jau Prison
 in Bahrain, if he will make urgent representations to his counterpart in Bahrain
 on securing (a) the immediate provision of adequate specialised healthcare for Dr
 AlSingace and (b) his immediate release from prison.
- 92N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to reports that political leader and Swedish-Bahraini dual national Sheikh Mohammed Habib AlMuqdad has had three surgeries postponed by Jau Prison authorities in Bahrain, if he will make urgent representations to his counterpart in Bahrain on (a) ensuring that Sheikh AlMuqdad is provided with the three surgeries he urgently requires and (b) securing Sheikh AlMuqdad's immediate release from prison.
- 93N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of his visit to the Kurdistan region in Iraq. (130024)
- 94N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether it is the Government's policy
 to maintain its aid spending on education in northwest Syria as part of his
 Department's prioritisation exercise. (130228)
- 95N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2020 to Question 126853 on Diplomatic Service: Staff, how many UK overseas diplomatic posts there are in each FCDO headcount band. (130047)
- 96N Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to fill the post of Special
 Envoy for Gender Equality. (130016)
- 97N Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he has taken as a result of
 the UK's endorsement of the Guttmacher-Lancet integrated definition of Sexual
 and Reproductive Health and Rights in 2019. (130017)
- 98N Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the
 potential effect on levels of gender equality globally of the proposed reduction in
 official development assistance in 2021. (130018)

- 99N Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that
 the covid-19 pandemic does not hinder global progress on gender equality. (130019)
- 100NStuart C McDonald (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish any reviews she has undertaken of covid-19 safety in contingency hotels and military barracks being used as asylum accommodation. (130120)
- 101NStuart C McDonald (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking (a) nationally and (b) locally to monitor, prevent and mitigate the risk of Far Right activities at contingency hotels and military barracks being used for asylum accommodation. (130121)
- 102NStuart C McDonald (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what (a) consultation and (b) assessment of compliance with the European Convention of Human Rights her Department is undertaking in advance of the introduction of the Sovereign Borders Bill.
- 103NBrendan O'Hara (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether an Overseas Security and Justice Assessment or similar human rights due diligence was carried out before the visit of the Home Secretary to Muharraq Governorate Police in Bahrain on 6 December 2020. (130095)
- 104NLloyd Russell-Moyle (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 1 December 2020 to Question 114290 on Home Office: Correspondence and the Answer of 15 December 2020 to Question 126107 on Members: Correspondence, whether her Department has the capability to measure the average time it takes to respond to correspondence from hon. Members.
- 105NZarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allocating funding to fire and rescue services to enable the recruitment of 5,000 additional frontline firefighters. (130243)
- 106NNadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking prior to the end of the transition period to ensure that international agreements are in place that would guarantee that an asylum applicant will be received in a timely manner by a safe third country.

 (130266)
- 107NNadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that point 11.4 of the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (10 December 2020) is compliant with the UK's commitments to the UN Refugee Convention and the European Convention on Human Rights (Article 3).

- 108NMike Amesbury (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what proportion of the £200 million fund for
 private sector high-rise buildings covered in ACM cladding has been paid out. (130212)
- 109NPaula Barker (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will extend the help-to-buy scheme to enable smaller developers to obtain materials and meet their obligations to buyers. (130259)
- 110N Sir Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department has taken in respect of the Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill since the discussion between the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the hon. Member for Christchurch on 11 November 2020.
- 111N Sir Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the oral contribution made by
 the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local
 Government on 23 October 2020, Official Report, column 1418, what progress his
 Department has made on exploring options on how to deliver better protection
 for park home residents; and if he will make a statement. (129949)
- 112N Neil Coyle (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many homeless people accommodated under the Everyone In scheme are not being funded by the Government as a result of No Recourse to Public Funds restrictions. (130094)
- 113N Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to help ensure the continued operation of enabling hubs for community groups building their own houses following the closure of the Community Housing Fund. (130056)
- 114N Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has put arrangements in place for support for community groups building their own homes following the closure of the Community Housing Fund. (130057)
- 115N Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what reasons the Community Housing Fund was not renewed.

 (130058)
- 116N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many meetings (a) he and (b) his Ministers have held (i) in 2020 and (ii) since Article 50 was triggered with the elected leaders of local authorities on preparations for the end of the transition period.

- 117N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the UK Shared Prosperity Fund will match existing financial support for research infrastructure, skills programmes and research intensive businesses provided by European Structural and Investment Funds.
- 118N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what budget provisions he has made for the implementation of the recommendations in the report entitled Digital Justice: HMCTS data strategy and delivering access to justice.

 (130060)
- 119N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 23 June 2020 to Question 61493 on Courts: Disability, what his timetable is for collecting data relating to disabled court users across the courts and tribunals system, in line with his Department's commitment in the publication Making the most of HMCTS data. (130061)
- 120NAlex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2020 to Question 81888 on Courts: Video Conferencing, whether his Department holds data on the number of in-person hearings that are completed per hour in the (a) magistrates court, (b) county courts and (c) network of tribunals.
- 121N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the answer of 9 September 2020 to Question 81888 on Courts:

 Video Conferencing, whether his Department holds data that would enable it to compare the relative duration of hearings conducted by cloud video platform under covid-19 with in person hearings, across the (a) magistrates courts, (b) the county courts and the (c) network of tribunals.
- 122NMary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of assaults (a) between prisoners, and (b) against staff were committed during education activities in (i) YOI institutions, and (ii) all prisons in each of the last 12 months; and if he will make a statement. (130221)
- 123NMary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether vulnerable (a) prison staff and (b) prisoners will be prioritised for receipt of the covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement. (130222)
- 124N Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether it is his Department's policy to permit prison management to remove trade union health and safety posters from staff rooms in prisons. (130223)
- 125N Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 23 November 2020 to Question 119223 on Prison Officers:

 Coronavirus, whether prison educators are categorised as agency or sessional workers.

- 126NMary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of HMPPS adopting the Safe Inside Prisons Charter from the Joint Unions in Prisons Alliance; and if he will make a statement.

 (130225)
- 127N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to reduce the length of time taken for a Grant of Probate to be issued.

 (130080)
- 128NEsther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what prediction Public Health England made of the number of deaths; and how many deaths there have been on the prison estate from covid-19. (130055)
- 129NLiz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the decision by the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass) of 23 November 2020 to allocate only the highest priority work in South Yorkshire and the Humber, what steps he is taking to help avoid the necessity for Cafcass to trigger that prioritisation protocol elsewhere. (130169)
- 130NLiz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the decision by the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass) of 23 November 2020 to allocate only the highest priority work in South Yorkshire and the Humber, what estimate he has made of the additional financial resources necessary to (a) stabilise Cafcass in South Yorkshire and the Humber and (b) avoid the necessity for Cafcass to trigger that prioritisation protocol elsewhere.
- 131NLiz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the decision by the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass) of 23 November 2020 to allocate only the highest priority work in South Yorkshire and Humber, what impact assessment his Department has carried out on the effect of the prioritisation protocol on children and families in (a) South Yorkshire and Humber and (b) other regions.
- 132NLiz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the decision by the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass) of 23 November 2020 to allocate only the highest priority work in South Yorkshire and Humber, what steps his Department is taking to (a) improve the effectiveness of Cafcass; and (b) increase Cafcass staff retention. (130172)
- 133N Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Prime Minister, how much has been paid in termination payments to employees who left employment in the Prime Minister's Office in each month of 2020. (130125)
- 134NMartyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department plans to strengthen the UK's tobacco control regime after the transition period. (130148)

- 135N Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who will be responsible for holding the supply chain data for tobacco products entering the UK as part of track and trace arrangements. (130149)
- 136NMartyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will commission an independent, academic-led study into the issue of illicit tobacco smuggling in the UK to assess the scale of the potential role of major tobacco producers in that matter. (130150)
- 137N Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made a comparative assessment of the potential merits of incorporating an internationally-recognised tax stamp as part of the UK's tobacco track and trace regime and a security label to safeguard the UK's tobacco tax revenue and reduce illicit tobacco flows; and whether his Department plans to introduce such a tax stamp.
- 138NHelen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) self-employed people, (b) freelancers and (c) sole-directors of small limited companies have deferred their tax payments from July 2020 in response to the covid-19 outbreak; and what assessment he has made of the capacity of those people who have so deferred their tax payments to begin making repayments in January 2021.
- 139NHelen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to support (a) self-employed people, (b) freelancers and (c) sole-directors of small limited companies who have deferred their tax payments in response to the covid-19 outbreak and remain unable to make those payments. (130154)
- 140NDan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much financial support has been granted to coach tour operators in (a) Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, (b) the Sheffield City Region and (c) Yorkshire and the Humber since the start of the covid-19 outbreak.
- 141N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of the coach travel industry on the Yorkshire economy.

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- 142NNavendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much money has been recovered by debt collection companies contracted by HMRC since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. (130251)
- 143NNavendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many local authorities have used debt collection companies since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. (130253)
- 144NNavendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what HMRC's policy is on using companies that are not registered in the UK. (130254)

- 145NNavendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what HMRC's policy is on using companies registered in tax havens. (130255)
- 146NNavendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what HMRC's policy is on using companies that engage in tax avoidance. (130256)
- 147N James Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff by (a) headcount and (b) full-time equivalent were employed by HMRC on 1 January in each year from 2010 to 2020. (130246)
- 148NJames Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many of the approximately 7,000 additional staff that HMRC aimed to recruit by 1 January 2021 to manage post-transition period processes (a) have been recruited, (b) will be based in call centres, and (c) will be directly employed by HMRC. (130247)
- 149NJames Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what roles will be filled by the approximately 7,000 additional staff whom HMRC aimed to recruit by 1 January 2021 to manage post-transition period processes; and how many hours of training an employee will have received by the time they start work in each role.
- 150NJames Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment (a) his Department and (b) the Office for Budget Responsibility have made of the (i) direct and (ii) indirect effect on jobs of the decision to end the VAT Retail Export Scheme on 31 December 2020.
- 151N Bridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the ending of the temporary VAT reduction on personal protective equipment on funeral director companies. (130027)
- 152N**Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of which sectors of the economy have been most affected by increases in the cost of personal protective equipment since the ending of the temporary VAT exemption on that equipment on 31 October 2020. (130028)
- 153NBridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to support funeral director companies to access Government stocks of personal protective equipment after the end of the temporary VAT reduction on those items. (130029)
- 154NBridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the accuracy of the workforce management information published by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. (130030)
- 155N**Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many working days have been lost to staff sickness in HMRC in each month of the last five years, by directorate. (130031)

156NEmily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff, by grade, operate the HMRC business support (a) email enquiry service and (b) telephone enquiry service via the 0300 200 3310 helpline; and what hours those services will be fully staffed and operational from 28 December 2020 to 4 January 2021 inclusive. (130002)