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# **Questions tabled on Wednesday 16 December 2020**

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 17 December

#### **Questions for Written Answer**

- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to help protect the UK from emerging cyber security threats. [Transferred] (129953)
- 2 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the average age of covid-19 deaths compared to average UK life expectancy.

  [Transferred] (129958)
- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what fiscal steps he is taking to support the recovery of steel supply chains affected by the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (129969)
- 4 Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that expectant fathers may attend all antenatal appointments. [Transferred] (129970)
- Stuart Anderson (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he is taking to support businesses in the events and conference sector which have been affected by the covid-19 outbreak.

  [Transferred] (130219)

- 6 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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. [Transferred] (130187)
- 7 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made the financial losses sustained by childcare providers due to the covid-19 outbreak; and what plans he has to prevent mass closures in that sector.

  [Transferred] (130188)
- 8 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effect of the minimum wage increase on the childcare sector; and if he will make it his policy to increase the per child funding rate for the (a) 16 and (b) 30 hours childcare entitlement.

[Transferred] (130189)

- 9N Wes Streeting (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what research the Government has (a) commissioned and (b) completed on the correlation between rising covid-19 infection rates and schools; and on what date that research was commissioned.

  [Transferred] (129065)
- Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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.

  [Transferred] (130244)
- 11 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using ethanol as a substitute for petrol in the automotive sector. [Transferred] (130245)
- 12 Caroline Ansell (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the estimated timeline is for the covid-19 vaccination programme to work through each priority level; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (130161)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what fiscal steps he is taking to ensure the adequacy of funding for the NHS over winter 2020-21. [Transferred] (129956)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the UK-wide daily target is for the administration of covid-19 vaccines.

  [Transferred] (129959)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase transparency and accountability on covid-19 vaccine rollout targets.

  [Transferred] (129962)

# Questions for Answer on Monday 21 December

## **Questions for Written Answer**

- Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he has taken to ensure the Government does not procure (a) cotton from Xinjiang and (b) other unethically sourced products. (130678)
- 2N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December 2020 to Question 128167 on Government Departments: Databases, which Minister has responsibility for managing and monitoring the Government's information gateways. (130725)
- 3N Ronnie Cowan (Inverclyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward regulations to restrict the (a) sale of fireworks and (b) times when they can be set off by the public; and if he will make a statement. (130779)
- 4 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of further investment in tidal stream and wave technology and project developers as part of the Government's strategy to reach Net Zero by 2050. (130781)
- Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of refining the pot structure of the Contracts for Difference round to include a reserved amount of funding for marine projects to compete for.

  (130782)
- Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions his Department has had with the APPG for Marine Energy on the UK Marine Energy Council's submission to the Department for BEIS: Call for Evidence. (130783)
- Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of supporting the introduction of an Innovation Power Purchase Agreement to allow early stage technologies reach commercial readiness.
- 8 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on the potential closure of Burntisland Fabrications Limited. (130794)

- 9 Chris Elmore (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Offshore wind manufacturing investment support: request for information from potential manufacturing sites, published 02 October 2020, whether existing offshore wind manufacturing sites are eligible for support under the offshore wind manufacturing investment support scheme. (130795)
- 10 Chris Elmore (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 14 February 2020 to Question 13544, on Wind Power: Seas and Oceans, for what reason the update to the estimates of UK content in offshore wind developments referred to in that Answer has not been published. (130796)
- 11 Chris Elmore (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to increase the share of UK manufacturing content in renewable energy developments that are supported by the public purse. (130797)
- 12 Chris Elmore (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Steel public procurement 2020: Compliance with the steel procurement guidance (PPN 11/16), published 09 October 2020, if he will make it his policy to include figures on the share of steel produced in the UK that is used in offshore wind developments that are supported by the public purse in future editions of that publication. (130798)
- 13N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect of recently 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 those (i) businesses and (ii) jobs.

  [Transferred] (130156)
- 14 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many jobs the Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution will create in the Dudley North constituency. (130862)
- Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that UK businesses do not use (a) cotton from Xinjiang and (b) other unethically sourced products. (130679)
- 16N Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the cost to the public purse of the Pfizer covid-19 vaccine to date; and when he plan to publish details of the estimated cost to all stakeholders for the manufacturing and rollout of that vaccine.

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- 17 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect of the reduction in the Official Development Assistance budget on the UK's reputation as a partner of choice in international research and development projects. (130828)
- 18 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect of the reduction in the Official Development Assistance on the UK's ambition to support research to tackle (a) climate change, (b) biodiversity loss and other global challenges. (130830)
- 19 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on the potential effect of the reduction in Official Development Assistance on the UK's support for the development of an international research culture to address (a) climate change, (b) biodiversity loss and (c) other global challenges. (130831)
- 20 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on the potential effect of the reduction in the Official Development Assistance budget on the UK's commitment to global research and innovation. (130832)
- 21N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, which Motor Neurone Disease-related projects were funded by the (a) Medical Research Council and (b) National Institute for Health Research in (i) 2018-19 and (ii) 2019-20. (130668)
- 22 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on the effect of reducing the Official Development Assistance budget on the UK's ability to influence international research on tackling climate change and biodiversity loss.
- 23 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many information gateways there are in operation in his Department; and how those gateways are managed and monitored.

  (130727)
- 24 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2020 to Question 124750 on Research: Finance, what the evidential basis is for the statement that £1 of public investment in R&D eventually leverages around £2 of additional private sector investment; and what the time period is of that evidence.

(130729)

- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to support businesses in areas under (a) tier 2 and (b) tier 3 covid-19 restrictions that are affected by (i) curfews and (ii) other restrictions on trading.
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to direct funds within the £11.1 billion in R&D funding announced in the Spending Review 2020 to programmes that support (a) health research and (b) life sciences R&D and deliver high-value jobs and investment to towns and cities in the North of England. (130882)
- 27N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing theatres to open in socially distanced conditions in tier 3 areas.

  (130633)
- 28N Alex Davies-Jones (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment he has made of the effect on individual's data privacy of Facebook moving UK users on to US privacy agreements in 2021; and if he will make a statement.
- 29N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on trends in the level of participation in online gambling; and what recent steps his Department has taken to help reduce gambling related harm. (130748)
- 30N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate he has made of the average amount paid annually by households in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England for broadband connectivity for each year since 2010.
- 31N **Dame Cheryl Gillan** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of including in legislative proposals on online harms protections for people with autism from international extradition resulting from cyber incursions. (130621)
- 32N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether his Department will take on additional staff as part of the expansion of Ofcom's remit to monitor and enforce online safety.

  (130724)
- Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2020 to Question 124752, when the first payment from that fund will be made; and who will be responsible for making it.

  (130730)

- Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2020 to Question 126871, what sanctions are available to companies who share anonymised data which is then re-identified by a third party. (130731)
- 35 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to his oral contribution of 22 April 2020 to the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Q65, what the evidential basis was for his assessment that it is a company backed by the sovereign wealth fund, so it is not him personally buying it. (130733)
- 36N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether Ofcom staff working on functions required by the Telecoms Security Bill will require security clearance. (130734)
- 37N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2020 to Question 124751, when he plans to publish details on the removal of Huawei equipment from the fixed network. (130735)
- 38 **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 cost of removing Huawei from Openreach's fixed network (a) as part of a new fibre to home network and (b) to be replaced by another fibre to the cabinet. (130736)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Government response to the Digital, Culture, Media & Sport Select Committee Report on Immersive and Addictive Technologies, published on 8 June 2020, what plans he has to introduce legislative proposals to require companies to use a proportionate range of tools including age assurance, and age verification technologies to prevent children from accessing ageinappropriate content.
- 40N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps the Government is taking to help improve disabled access at theme parks and leisure venues. [Transferred] (130166)
- 41 Stuart Anderson (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what financial support his Department provides to non-maintained nurseries. (130835)
- 42N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) universities took part in the testing of students before their return home for Christmas and (b) lateral flow tests were (i) provided and (ii) administered. (130819)

- 43N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many lateral flow tests have been requested by universities for testing students on their return after Christmas; and whether those requests will be fulfilled.

  (130820)
- 44N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the financial effect on childminders of re-introducing the method of calculating early years entitlement funding that was in place before the covid-19 outbreak. (130635)
- 45N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will extend the adjusted calculation for the early education entitlement funding, used during the autumn 2020 term, into spring 2021, in line with the extension to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. (130636)
- 46N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which local authorities do not pay early education entitlement funding in full to childminders. (130637)
- 47N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he plans to extend funding for the Adoption Support Fund beyond March 2021. (130625)
- 48 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of funding for maintained nursery schools to ensure that these organisations can continue to provide childcare services at full capacity as the UK emerges from the covid-19 outbreak.
- 49 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many early years childcare providers have closed in each of the last five years; and what estimate he has made of the number of such providers that will close in the next 12 months. (130804)
- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to help ensure that parents and carers of children in receipt of Government funded laptops for remote learning during the covid-19 outbreak have access to support to protect those children from online harms. (130639)
- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that teachers have access to (a) information and (b) support on (i) identifying and (ii) resolving risks of exposure to online harms in children working remotely during the covid-19 outbreak. (130640)
- 52N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish details of the procurement process for the new National Centre for Family Hubs and Integrated Services; and what steps his Department is taking to ensure that those services are delivered (a) transparently and (b) effectively. (130789)

- Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon.

  Member for West Lancashire of 20 October 2020 on watercourse maintenance in

  West Lancashire constituency, reference GD/ZA54170.
- 54N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the two letters from the hon. Member for West Lancashire of 26 October 2020 on watercourse maintenance in West Lancashire constituency, references GD/ZA54244 and GD/ZA54254. (130663)
- 55N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire of 27 October 2020 on watercourse maintenance in West Lancashire constituency, reference GD/ZA54258. (130664)
- 56N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the two letters from the hon. Member for West Lancashire of 9 November 2020 on watercourse maintenance in West Lancashire constituency, references GD/ZA54301 and GD/ZA54412. (130665)
- 57N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the two letters from the hon. Member for West Lancashire of 11 November 2020 on watercourse maintenance and Internal Drainage Boards in West Lancashire constituency, references GD/ ZA54475 AND GD/ZA54476. (130666)
- Rosie Cooper (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon.

  Member for West Lancashire of 9 November 2020 on flooding and litter in West Lancashire constituency, reference GD/ZA54309.
- 59 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help restore the UK's biodiversity; and if he will make a statement. (130822)
- 60 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking with supermarket leaders to help ensure that supermarket vehicle fleets are sustainable. (130641)
- 61 Christian Wakeford (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that the forthcoming plastic tax has an equitable administrative and economic effect on businesses in the bioeconomy. (130883)
- Alberto Costa (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the economic effect on British businesses of the international shortage of shipping containers. (130773)

- 63 Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps her Department plans to take to prevent (a) cotton from Xinjiang and (b) other unethically sourced products from entering the UK.
  (130677)
- 64N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, which of the Continuity Trade Agreements signed by her Department since 1 October 2020 were shown in draft form to (a) the members of the Trade and Agriculture Commission, (b) relevant members of her Trade Advisory Groups, and (c) the members of her Trade Union Advisory Group, for the purposes of expert analysis and consultation prior to the completion of negotiations.
- 65N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effect of increasing rail fares on encouraging passengers to return to rail travel, once covid-19 restrictions are lifted. (130811)
- 66N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he is planning to respond to the National Infrastructure Commission report, Rail Needs Assessment for the Midlands and the North. (130813)
- 67N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the National Infrastructure Commission report, Rail Needs Assessment for the Midlands and the North: final report, published on 15 December 2002, whether it remains his Department's policy to build High Speed Two in its entirety. (130814)
- 68N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential effect on British Transport Police working on the rail network of temporarily lifting covid-19 restrictions over the Christmas 2020 period. (130815)
- 69 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2020 to Question 128719 on rolling stock, whether he plans to encourage operators to increase the number of carriages with built-in ramps. (130816)
- 70N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of anti-social behaviour incidents on public transport during the covid-19 outbreak in (a) Coventry, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England; and what steps his Department is taking to tackle anti-social behaviour on (i) buses and (ii) trains.
- 71N **Stephen M<sup>c</sup>Partland** (Stevenage): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of grid capacity in relation to electric vehicle charging; and what plans he has to increase grid capacity to accommodate the electric vehicle charging infrastructure needed ahead of Government plans to ban the sale of petrol and diesel cars by 2030. (130716)

- 72N **Stephen M**Partland (Stevenage): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to support private sector investment into electric vehicle charging infrastructure in advance of the proposed ban on the sale of petrol and diesel cars in 2030. (130717)
- 73 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department agreed to allow non-disclosure agreements between (a) HS2 Ltd and local authorities, (b) HS2 and The National Trust and (c) HS2 Ltd and the Canal and River Trust.
- 74 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will provide Test to Release capacity in the North East of England.

  (130722)
- 75 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of MOT testing on vehicle emissions on air quality. (130638)
- 76N 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. [Transferred] (130003)
- 77N **Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of how much people who have received funding through the OLEV grant schemes have paid for the installation of an electric vehicle chargepoint at their home; and how much on average people who have not received a grant have paid for such installation in the last four years. (130650)
- 78N **Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how companies offering to fit OLEV approved EV charging points advertise the cost of the work without the Government support. (130651)
- 79N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on trends in the level of food poverty in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England. (130749)
- 80 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many job work coaches her Department is planning to deploy in (a) Dudley, (b) the Black Country and (c) the West Midlands region. (130858)
- Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much enhanced housing benefit is paid directly to landlords of supported exempt accommodation by (a) housing benefit and (b) universal credit in each local authority area in each of the last three years. (130680)

- Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many investigations have been undertaken by the Regulator for Social Housing into providers of supported exempt accommodation in each of the last five years.

  (130681)
- 83 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many information gateways there are in operation in her Department; and how those gateways are managed and monitored. (130728)
- 84N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of children who currently have their UK prescriptions for medical cannabis dispensed in the Netherlands; and if he will make a statement. (130805)
- Tonia Antoniazzi (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that children who currently have their UK prescriptions for medical cannabis dispensed in the Netherlands will still be able to receive their medicine at the end of the transition period; and if he will make a statement.
- 86N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions (a) he and (b) his officials have had with (i) patients, (ii) patient groups, (iii) special import pharmacies and (iv) prescribing clinicians on the ability to switch at short notice between different medical cannabis products; and if he will make a statement. (130807)
- 87N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that children who have their UK prescriptions for medical cannabis dispensed in the Netherlands will continue to receive their medicine after the transition period; and if he will make a statement. (130808)
- 88N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether children in Northern Ireland will be able to have their UK prescriptions for medical cannabis dispensed in the Netherlands after the transition period; and if he will make a statement. (130809)
- 89N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Dutch Government on lifting their ban on the export of finished medical cannabis oils; and if he will make a statement. (130810)
- 90N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans provide a response to Question 108295, tabled by the hon. Member for Poplar and Limehouse on 23 October 2020. (130863)
- 91N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of (a) BAME people and (b) people of a Bangladeshi background who have contracted covid-19 since summer 2020 as compared to other ethnic groups. (130864)

- Apsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of (a)

  BAME people and (b) people of a Bangladeshi background have died from covid19 since the summer 2020 compared to other groups.

  (130865)
- 93N Apsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Public Health England report, Covid-19: understanding the impact on BAME communities, published on 16 June 2020, what assessment his Department has made of whether (a) BAME people and (b) people of a Bangladeshi background continue to be disproportionately affected by covid-19.
- 94N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the level of covid-19 transmission in theatres. (130634)
- 95N Fiona Bruce (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, where residents in Congleton constituency will be able to access a long covid clinic. (130685)
- 96 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November to Question 105411, what estimate his Department has made of the proportion of breast cancer recurrences recorded in the Cancer Services and Outcomes Dataset.

  (130755)
- 97 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November to Question 105411, what charities the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service has met and (b) when have those meetings took place. (130756)
- 98 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November to Question 105411, what steps his Department is taking to improve the (a) collection and (b) submission of data on cancer recurrence by hospital trusts. (130757)
- 99 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2020 to Question 84278, whether he plans to allocate ring-fenced funding to assist employers in devising bespoke strategies to help support the mental health and wellbeing of workforces to include the prioritisation of suicide awareness during the covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make a statement. (130758)
- 100 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the finding of the most recent Royal College of Anaesthetists census that 39 per cent of consultant anaesthetists are aged over 50, what plans his Department has to (a) train and (b) recruit NHS anaesthetists.

- 101NMr Gregory Campbell (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of women who have had incomplete abortions within the first nine weeks of having taken mifepristone and misoprostol and have received surgery as a result of those incomplete abortions since April 2020. (130649)
- 102NBambos Charalambous (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether people who were notified to self-isolate by the NHS covid-19 contact tracing app before recent changes making them eligible for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme will be able to make restropective applications for the £500 discretionary payment. (130801)
- 103 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that memory assessment services operate face-to-face during the covid-19 outbreak. (130751)
- 104 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the effect on patient health and wellbeing of undertaking diagnostic tests for dementia face-to-face; and if he will make a statement. (130752)
- 105NMartyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to strengthen the UK's tobacco control regime after the transition period.

  [Transferred] (130148)
- 106NMartyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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.

  [Transferred] (130150)
- 107NRosie Duffield (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether community nurses working with patients who have tested positive for covid-19 will be given the same priority and access to the covid-19 vaccination as nurses working in a hospital setting. (130802)
- 108NRosie Duffield (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what comparative assessment he has made of the suitability of the personal protective equipment made available to community nurses working with patients who have tested positive for covid-19 and nurses working in a hospital setting. (130803)
- 109NMargaret Greenwood (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he made of the effect of the transition of functions from the Health Protection Agency to Public Health England on the England's preparedness for infection surveillance and control. (130754)
- 110 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress has been made on mass testing in tier 3 areas; and if he will make a statement. (130654)

- 111 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what funding he plans to allocate to improve access to affordable physiotherapy services in Dudley North constituency. (130861)
- 112N Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the prison population has received (a) a lateral flow test and (b) a PCR test for covid-19; and what estimate he has made of the number of false (i) positives and (i) negatives within each of those groups. (130711)
- 113N Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps were taken during the trial of the Pfizer covid-19 vaccine to test its effect on people with allergies. (130713)
- 114N Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the standard procedure is for assessing the effect on people with allergies of a vaccine during the trial stages. (130714)
- 115N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the prevalence of the newly identified strain of covid-19 (a) nationally, (b) in Hampshire and (c) in Portsmouth South constituency; and if he will make a statement. (130823)
- 116N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department is planning to undertake a testing programme to identify cases of the newly identified strain of covid-19 (a) nationally, (b) in Hampshire and (c) in Portsmouth South constituency; and if he will make a statement.
- 117N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of the newly identified strain of covid-19 on the capacity of healthcare settings (a) nationally, (b) in Hampshire and (c) in Portsmouth South constituency; and if he will make a statement.
- 118N Joy Morrissey (Beaconsfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has made for the roll out of the covid-19 vaccine in Buckinghamshire; and what the timetable is for that roll out. (130840)
- 119N Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when weight management services will be delivered in more locations; and if he will make a statement. (130818)
- 120N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has has with Luton and Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on the covid-19 vaccination programme. (130848)
- 121N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has has with clinicians in Luton on the covid-19 vaccination programme. (130849)

- 122N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has has with Luton Borough Council on the covid-19 vaccination programme. (130850)
- **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, by what date NHS England will recommence the publication of cancelled elective operations data. (130871)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on regional variation in the provision of weight loss surgery for obese people; and if he will instruct Clinical Commissioning Groups to work with independent providers to improve provision of that service during the covid-19 outbreak.
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of instructing Clinical Commissioning Groups to improve provision of bariatric services for obese people in response to the covid-19 outbreak. (130739)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with Clinical Commissioning Groups on the accessibility of bariatric surgery during the covid-19 outbreak. (130740)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the traceability of human embryos, gametes and aborted fetal tissue imported into or exported from the UK.
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department takes to monitor the import into or export from the UK of human fetal tissue. (130742)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the transportation of human (a) gametes, (b) embryos and (c) tissue from aborted fetuses across UK borders in the last five years.
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Quality and Safety of Organs Intended for Transplantation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 applies to aborted fetal tissue. (130744)
- 131N Andy Slaughter (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many consultants Deloitte has deployed to work at the new Joint Biosecurity Centre since 16 March 2020; what the day rate was for each of those consultants; and what the total cost to the public purse has been of employing those consultants.

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- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to provide additional support to people in the northern regions to improve (a) physical and (b) mental health care in light of the health, economic and social effects of the covid-19 outbreak. (130877)
- 133 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has for investing in research into mental health interventions to support people post-covid-19 in the North. (130878)
- 134 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has for increasing investment in place-based public health in local authorities in order to tackle (a) health inequalities, (b) mental health issues and (c) deprivation in the North of England. (130879)
- 135 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to develop the NHS budget in the Northern Powerhouse to (a) increase prosperity, (b) tackle mental health challenges and (c) reduce the premature death rate in the North. (130880)
- 136 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of high dependency hospital beds to reduce waiting lists for minor operations for people who have additional medical issues that require a high dependency bed. (130708)
- 137 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the national average waiting time is for knee surgery in most recent period for which figures are available. (130709)
- 138NSir Desmond Swayne (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what clinical studies he used as the evidential basis for introducing regulations requiring face coverings to be worn (a) on public transport, (b) in shops and (c) other specified indoor venues during the covid-19 outbreak.
- 139NCatherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the commissioning criteria of the nations' health authorities will be required to change as a result of the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill. (130792)
- 140N**Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many initial assessments for NHS Continuing Care resulted in the patient being (a) granted and (b) refused a full assessment in each of the last three years for which figures are available. (130844)
- 141N Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many full assessments for NHS Continuing Care resulted in the patient being (a) granted and (b) found ineligible for NHS support in each of the last three years for which figures are available. (130845)

- 142N**Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS patients suffering with (a) Alzheimer's disease and (b) other forms of dementia were granted NHS Continuing Care in each of the last three years for which figures are available.
- 143N**Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS patients suffering from cancer (a) with which they were expected to live for more than six months and (b) from which they were diagnosed as terminally ill and likely to die within six months were granted NHS continuing care in each of the last three years for which figures are available. (130847)
- 144NMr Steve Baker (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has
  made to the (a) the Chinese Government, (b) the international community and (c)
  UK businesses on the treatment of Uighurs and other minorities in Xinjiang. (130707)
- 145 **Scott Benton** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made
  of Iranian compliance with the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action nuclear
  deal; and if he will make a statement ahead of the biannual UN Security Council
  meeting on 22 December 2020 on Iranian compliance. (130867)
- 146 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to the Government of Pakistan on the new single curriculum, regarding discrimination of religious minorities; and what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the monitoring of UK aid promotes freedom of religion or belief in school syllabus and text books. (130760)
- 147 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to his Pakistani counterpart on the abduction, rape, forced conversion and marriage of girls who belong to minority religions. (130761)
- 148 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether people employed in the fashion industry are included in the travel corridor exempt list.

  (130762)
- of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his
  Department has made an assessment of the findings of the report Violence and
  Discrimination against Women of Religious Minority Backgrounds in Pakistan
  published by the Coalition for Religious Equality and Inclusive Development on
  25 November 2020; and whether his Department has made representations to the
  Government of Pakistan on that matter.

  (130763)

- of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to reports of attacks on Christian communities in Nigeria and increasing Islamic terrorist attacks in Burkina Faso, Congo, Kenya, Uganda and other countries in West and Central Africa, what support his Department has provided to multinational responses to (a) resist extremism and (b) protect vulnerable minority Christian communities.
- 151N Mr Gregory Campbell (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will review his decision to decline permission for the UK's Ambassador to the Irish Republic to speak privately with the Northern Ireland Affairs Select Committee during the covid-19 pandemic. (130648)
- 152 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will seek assurances from the Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria that UK international aid, contributed via the European Union International Development fund, has not been used to acquire armaments used by the Algeria-backed Polisario, based in the Tindouf camps. (130626)
- 153 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the UK component within the report by the European Anti-Fraud Office alleging large-scale embezzlement of the EU International Development aid intended to assist refugees in the Tindouf camps.

(130627)

- 154 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to seek assurances that it has not supplied armaments to the Polisario forces based in the Tindouf camps within its borders. (130628)
- 155 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the viability of a re-launch of the political process talks on the political and security situation in the Sahara. (130629)
- 156 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect on the integrity of the United Nations brokered ceasefire in the Moroccan Sahara of a reported breach of the 1991 agreement by armed Polisario forces at the Guergerate border crossing between Mauritania and Morocco; and if he will make a statement. (130630)

- 157 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with the ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on the application of human rights in the Tindouf camps in Algeria. (130631)
- 158 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the evidence given by the Director-General of European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, that the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria places a five per cent tax on aid sent from the EU International Aid fund to the Tindouf camps within its borders; and what estimate he has made of the UK contribution to that aid in the last five years. (130632)
- 159 Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what duties the Government has as
  a signatory to the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the Fourth Geneva
  Convention in respect of attempts to demolish school buildings in Khan al-Ahmar
  in the occupied West Bank.

  (130842)
- 160 Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to
  his Israeli counterpart on the potential demolition of Khan Al-Ahmer school in the
  West Bank.
  (130843)
- 161N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to Answers of 10 November 2020 to Questions 112063 and 112064, for what reasons the disclosure of the number of (a)projects applied to by individual departments under the Integrated Activity Fund (IAF) in the 2018-19 financial year and (b) IAF projects delivered solely within the named states in financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20 would compromise the confidence or confidentiality of Gulf partners in light of the decision to disclose similar information for the 2017-18 financial year; and what assessment he has made of whether withholding that information is in line with the Government's commitment to transparency and good governance. (130656)
- Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with
  his Iranian counterpart on reports of members of the Baha'i community being
  imprisoned or banned from public sector employment where they have academic
  qualifications issued by the Baha'i Institute for Higher Education; and if he will
  make a statement.

  (130885)
- 163 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps his Department has taken to help tackle the violence against the Banyamulenge community of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (130658)

- 164 Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what programmes of international aid and humanitarian assistance the UK Government has contributed to in response to the ongoing persecution of the Banyamulenge community in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (130659)
- 165 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations the Government has made to the United Nations on action to protect the Banyamulenge community of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (130660)
- Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs,, what steps he is taking to raise concerns on cotton from Xinjiang and other unethically sourced products with the United Nations Human Rights Council. (130676)
- 167NLayla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect of the reduction in the Official Development Assistance budget on the UK's reputation as a global research and innovation leader. (130827)
- 168NLayla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department plans to guarantee funding for successful international scientific research programmes and partnerships in light of the reduction in the Official Development Assistance budget.
- 169 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect of the reduction in the Official Development Assistance budget on the UK's reputation as a partner of choice in international research and development projects. (130833)
- 170NLisa Nandy (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2020 to Question 126854 on Embassies: Staff, how many UK-based staff there are in each UK embassy in each EU Member State, by headcount band. (130710)
- 171N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to emails released under Freedom of Information legislation detailing the Premier League's wish to ensure that it was on the same page as his Department regarding the proposed takeover of Newcastle Utd by Saudi investors, what was his Department's objective in meeting the Premier League; and whether that objective was achieved. (130732)

- 172NMr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support his Department is
  offering cities and towns that have committed to a voluntary local review of the
  implementation of the sustainable development goals. (130644)
- 173N**Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to encourage
  the uptake of voluntrary local reviews in the UK. (130645)
- 174N Tommy Sheppard (Edinburgh East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations to his Iraqi
  counterpart on reports of recent violence towards peaceful protestors in the
  Kurdistan Region of Iraq. (130774)
- 175N Chris Stephens (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in (a) EU countries, (b) EEA states and (c) non-EU or EEA states on bilateral deals on or which include Returns or Readmission Agreements for those deemed to be (i) irregular migrants, (ii) refused asylum or (iii) deemed inadmissible; and if he will make a statement. (130778)
- 176N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to support investigations into human rights abuses during the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. (130793)
- 177NWendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to relocate asylum seekers located at the Penally Camp to alternative accommodation. (130841)
- 178N Alex Davies-Jones (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much revenue was generated in the last 12 months by the £2.74 charge for public enquiries to the UK Visas and Immigration Department via email. (130876)
- 179 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what most recent estimate she has made of the timescale for moving asylum seekers in Bristol from the hotel accommodation to which they were transferred back to appropriate accommodation. (130771)
- 180 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether an Independent Complaints Examiner for the Borders, Immigration and Citizenship complaints procedure has been appointed.

  (130673)
- 181 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to appoint a Migrants' Commissioner. (130675)

- 182NColleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on trends in the (a) number and (b) number of victims of online scams; and what steps her Department is taking to help protect (i) people and (ii) businesses from cyber crime.
- 183NPatrick Grady (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of extending graduate work visas in response to the economic effect of the covid-19 outbreak.

  (130769)
- 184 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much her Department spent on the provision of accommodation for asylum seekers in (a) hotels and (b) other forms of accommodation for the financial year 2020-21; and how many asylum seekers have been so housed as a result of that provision. (130854)
- 185 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much her Department has spent on agencies sourcing the provision of hotel and other accommodation for asylum seekers in the financial year 2020-21; what the durations are of her Department's contracts with each of those agencies; what the renewal dates are of each of those contracts; and what the procurement processes were for each of those contracts. (130855)
- 186 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotel rooms her Department has procured for the placement of asylum seekers in each English region in (a) the financial year 2020-21 and (b) each of the previous five financial years. (130856)
- 187 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which body undertakes the inspection of the (a) quality and (b) safe provision of accommodation of asylum seekers; and what the frequency is of those inspections. (130857)
- 188 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what incentives her Department has put in place to help increase the diversity of local police officers in (a) Dudley North constituency and (b) the UK.

  (130859)
- 189NStuart C McDonald (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will review the effectiveness of the Minimum Income Requirement, as recommended by the Migration Advisory Committee in its annual report of 15 December 2020. (130753)
- 190NLayla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department collects on the reasons why EU citizens with settled status request proof of that status. (130826)

- 191 Caroline Nokes (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what contracts have been negotiated with CCGs in Hampshire on the provision of health care services to asylum seekers in supported accommodation. (130706)
- 192N**Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of appointments for biometric testing at the Core Service Point in Glasgow are (a) free and (b) enhanced appointments which incur a charge.

  (130745)
- 193NStephanie Peacock (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans he has to increase the numbers of traffic patrol officers to ensure road safety around the ports. (130800)
- 194NTulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of reports of poor and unsafe living conditions for migrants in (a) Napier Barracks in Folkestone and (b) Penally Training Camp in Pembrokeshire; and if she will make a statement.
- 195N**Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to improve conditions for migrants at (a)

  Napier Barracks in Folkestone and (b) Penally Training Camp in Pembrokeshire. (130788)
- 196NChris Stephens (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's Immigration Rules, what the criteria is for assessing safe third countries for asylum seekers; and if she will make a statement.

  (130775)
- 197NChris Stephens (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development on Returns or Readmissions Agreements for those deemed to be (a) irregular migrants, (b) refused asylum and (c) inadmissible; and if she will make a statement.
- 198NChris Stephens (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether external bodies were consulted in advance of publishing new Immigration rules changes; and if she will make a statement. (130777)
- 199NZarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of the (a) reintroduction of the 14 Year Residency Rule for undocumented migrants and (b) amnesty for undocumented migrants previously proposed by the Prime Minister.

  (130851)
- 200N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much compensation owners surrendering MARS and lever release rifles are entitled to; and how long they will have to wait for payment. (130622)

- 201NSir Desmond Swayne (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has received representations on differences in practice between police forces on firearms licensing and registration; and if she will implement (a) a national standard for that practice and (b) a database of all licensed firearms.
- 202N**Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of buying secondhand airframes from China. (130652)
- 203NMr Kevan Jones (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what contingency funding his Department allocated to the Dreadnought programme to replace the Vanguard-based nuclear deterrent in 2016; and how much of that contingency funding has been expended up to the financial year 2020-21. (130653)
- 204 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what multilateral disarmament measures the UK has negotiated through the UN Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. (130683)
- 205NStephanie Peacock (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential effect on UK defence capacity of directing increased Royal Navy resources towards potentially illegal fishing activity.

  (130799)
- 206 **Nickie Aiken** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has made an assessment of (a) the effect of the local housing allowance cap on the affordability of rented accommodation in Central London and (b) the potential merits of further increasing that cap to allow a higher proportion of tenants to afford rented accommodation in Central London. (130834)
- 207NThangam Debbonaire (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2020 to Question 114247 on Sleeping Rough: Coronavirus, what progress he has made on allocating to local authorities the (a) £15 million of funding through the Protect Programme and (b) £10 million of funding through the Cold Weather Fund.
- 208N **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many homeless people who have been provided emergency accommodation in response to covid-19 outbreak were (a) aged under 15 years, (b) aged 16 to 17 and (c) aged 18 to 24. (130772)
- 209NMr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to extend the Building
  Safety Fund application deadline. (130812)

- 210 **Jo Gideon** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of permitting Business Improvement Districts to operate as a delivery partner for Reopening High Streets Safely funding. (130872)
- Jo Gideon (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether Local Authorities are permitted to contract a Business Improvement District for (a) the recruitment, and (b) the management of High Street Ambassadors. (130873)
- 212N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions he has had with RICS on ensuring that its members abide by the agreement between the Government and RICS announced on 21 November 2020 that owners of flats in buildings without cladding will no longer need an EWS1 form to sell or re-mortgage their property.

  (130655)
- 213 Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what estimate he has made of the value of
  live portfolios with committed guarantees under the ENABLE Build programme.

  (130886)
- 214 Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, how many lenders are registered to provide

  finance as part of the ENABLE Build programme. (130887)
- 215N Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, how many local authorities have used debt

  collection companies since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (130253)
- 216NGrahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made for the
  implications his policies on homelessness of the Office for National Statistics
  publication, Deaths of homeless people in England and Wales: 2019 registrations,
  published on 14 December 2020. (130686)
- 217N Grahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the
  potential merits of (a) accelerating and (b) expanding the rollout of the Housing
  First programme.

  (130687)
- 218NMr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what support his Department is making
  available to local authorities to enable them to incorporate the Sustainable
  Development Goals into their strategies and services. (130646)

- 219 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December to Question 125977 on Youth Custody, what sanctions are available to his Department for private providers contracted to provide youth custody that fail to implement covid-19 guidance appropriately. (130669)
- 220 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December to Question 125977 on Youth Custody, when the programme of research to evaluate and learn lessons from the impact and response to covid-19 was commissioned by the Youth Custody Service. (130670)
- 221 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December to Question 125977 on Youth Custody, which (a) academics and (b) others have been commissioned by the Youth Custody Service to carry out the programme of research to evaluate and learn lessons from the impact and response to covid-19. (130671)
- 222 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December to Question 125977 on Youth Custody, what the timescale is for the programme of research to evaluate and learn lessons from the impact and response to covid-19 commissioned by the Youth Custody Service. (130672)
- 223NEmma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of personal independence payment claimants with epilepsy have had their claim accepted at appeal following an initial rejection.

  (130821)
- Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what his Department's policy is on the eligibility of bids to provide HMCTS security guarding services from companies that that pay wages below the Living Wage Foundation certified living wage.
- 225NPeter Kyle (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will publish a breakdown of the £40 million in funding for victim services announced in the Spending Review 2020. (130785)
- 226NPeter Kyle (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what plans he has to enact Paragraph 35 of Schedule 1 of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 to allow sentencers to review Youth Rehabilitation Orders. (130786)
- 227N**Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to ensure that the minimum age of criminal responsibility is assessed in line with the most up-to-date scientific research on children's development. (130790)
- 228N**Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what plans he has to (a) respond to and (b) implement the recommendations of the Twelfth Report of the Justice Committee, Children and Young People in Custody, published on 12 November 2020, HC 306. (130791)

- 229 Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential revenue accruing to the public purse from expanding the tax on sugary drinks to include sugary foods. (130721)
- 230NMr Gregory Campbell (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer,
  What estimate he has made of the number of people subject to the Loan Charge
  who have been declared bankrupt.

  (130647)
- 231 Ronnie Cowan (Inverclyde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with stakeholders on access to cash; and which stakeholders he has met on that issue in the last six months.

  (130780)
- 232NAlex Davies-Jones (Pontypridd): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of opening the temporary

  Asylum Operations Regional Intake Unit in Cardiff. (130875)
- 233 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the steps that Bank takes to ensure that all livestock projects it funds meet EU animal welfare standards as required by the terms of that Bank's environmental and social policy. (130674)
- 234NPatrick Grady (Glasgow North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the effect of HSBC's decision to stop offering Bounce Back loans to non-HSBC UK customers on the accessibility of that scheme; and if he will make a statement. (130767)
- 235NPatrick Grady (Glasgow North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the employment by HMRC of debt collection companies based in off-shore tax havens; and if he will make a statement.

  (130768)
- 236 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to tackle the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on levels of household debt in Dudley North constituency. (130860)
- 237 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 17 November 2020 to Question 114934, what his Department's review process is for reducing the rate of VAT applied to hospitality, accommodation and attractions beyond 31 March 2021; what criteria will be used in that review process; when he plans to announce the outcome of that review to businesses; and if he will make a statement.
- 238 **John McNally** (Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason he decided to withdraw the Job Retention Bonus. (130765)
- 239 John McNally (Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether online purchases from the EU made by UK customers by credit card will have to be made by (a) bank transfer and (b) in Euros after the transition period in the event of no deal being reached with the EU.
  (130766)

- 240NStephen M<sup>o</sup>Partland (Stevenage): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the financial incentives that will be required to support large fleet owners with the (a) cost of electric vehicle charging units and (b) infrastructure upgrades which will be needed to install rapid electric vehicle chargers. (130718)
- 241NStephen M®Partland (Stevenage): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to extend the 100 per cent first year allowance on the purchase of electric vehicles to include the rental sector in order to facilitate the transition from petrol and diesel cars to electric vehicles. (130719)
- 242NStephen M<sup>o</sup>Partland (Stevenage): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing a new annual investment allowance for electric vehicle infrastructure which would allow 100 per cent of investment costs for all electric vehicle infrastructure to be offset against corporation tax.
- 243NNavendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many debt collection companies whose accounts are based in offshore tax havens have been hired by HMRC since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. (130869)
- 244N Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many companies whose accounts are based in offshore tax havens have been hired by HMRC since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. (130870)
- 245 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to allocate funding to maintain the £20 uplift to universal credit payments beyond April 2021. (130868)
- 246NAlex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his Spending Review 2020 and OBR Forecast statement on 25 November 2020, what plans the Government has to provide funding to expand access to weight management services; and if he will make a statement. (130817)
- 247 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many information gateways there are in operation in his Department; and how those gateways are managed and monitored. (130726)
- 248 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the accuracy of the workforce management information published by the Valuation Office Agency. (130688)
- 249 **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 his Department in each of the last five years. (130689)
- 250 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many complaints have been made by staff in his Department of sexist behaviour in the workplace in each of the last five years, by directorate. (130690)

- 251NBridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he plans to announce details of the fourth grant for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme. (130691)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what basis the upper absolute limit of trading profits of £50,000 in the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme was initially set; whether that level was affected by his estimate of the length of time for which that support would be necessary; and if he will make a statement. (130692)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many HMRC staff-hours have been devoted to receiving training in each of (a) 2015, (b) 2016, (c) 2017, (d) 2018, (e) 2019, and (f) 2020 to date. (130693)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will place in the Library a copy of the epidemiological advice he received on the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme before announcing that scheme on 8 July 2020. (130694)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will place in the Library the estimates that were produced with regard to the UK Global Tariff and freeports policy of which forms of industrial activity using the standard industrial classification would benefit most from tariff inversion in new freeports in the UK. (130695)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff have taken up a post in National Savings & Investments, in each of the last five years. (130696)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many complaints have been made by staff of National Savings & Investments of sexist behaviour in the workplace in each of the last five years. (130697)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will place in the Library the (a) current round of bid submissions for possible sites for Freeports, (b) criteria used to assess each of the free text fields in the submitted bids and (c) weightings used for each of those criteria in respect of every text field. (130698)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the Financial Conduct Authority on the role of Flood Re in the flood insurance market since 14 February 2020 . (130699)
- 260NBridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to improve the bid assessment proposals for freeports in response to the findings of the Public Accounts Committee on the towns fund selection process in its report Selecting towns for the Towns Fund, published 11 November 2020.

- 261 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the directorates are in his Department. (130701)
- 262 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many working days have been lost to staff sickness in National Savings & Investments in each month of the last five years. (130702)
- 263NBridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many words are in the most recent assessment prepared by HMRC on the security and infrastructure that would be required solely for customs purposes on the Ireland/UK land border in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a trade deal. (130703)
- 264 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to update his Department's guidance, Managing public money, in response to the findings of the Public Accounts Committee on the Town Deals selection process in its report Selecting towns for the Towns Fund, published 11 November 2020. (130704)
- 265NBridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport on eligibility for financial support of people who found new work on or after 31 October 2020 as a result of the planned resumption of live performances in December and January and have since been affected by the introduction of new covid-19 restrictions announced on 14 December 2020. (130705)
- 266 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to improve the payment rates of corporate tax. (130642)
- 267 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has to use the £500 million for mental health set out in the Spending Review 2020 to increase investment in mental health services in the North. (130881)
- 268NZarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many restaurants registered for the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme; how many meals were claimed through that scheme; and how much was claimed in each (i) Local Authority District, (ii) parliamentary constituency and (iii) Middle Layer Super Output Area in each week when that scheme was operational. (130852)
- 269NZarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish the locations of the 15,841 positive covid-19 cases that were not referred to NHS Test and Trace in October 2020 by (a) region, (b) upper tier local authorities and (c) lower tier local authorities. (130853)
- 270 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of converting Bounce Back Loans into grants to provide further assistance to small limited companies during the covid-19 outbreak. (130836)

- 271 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending eligibility for Business Support Grants to all small business, regardless of whether they operate in a commercial premises. (130837)
- 272 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing the discretionary grant fund allocated to local authorities to provide further assistance to small limited companies during the covid-19 outbreak. (130838)
- 273 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment the Government has made of the potential merits of reforming the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to allow directors of small limited companies to undertake work while on furlough to support the economic viability of those companies. (130839)

## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 22 December

### **Questions for Written Answer**

1N Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when his Department plans to publish the UK's aviation contingency strategy in the event the UK leaves the EU without a a deal on the future relationship. (130888)