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Questions tabled on Thursday 17 December 2020

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 5 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December 2020 to Question 128184 on Immigration: Prosecutions, if she will publish the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the Crown Prosecution Service and Home Office Immigration Enforcement in 2016. (131294)
- 2N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions his Department had with (a) Hutchinson Port Holdings, (b) the hon. Member for Epsom and Ewell prior to the award of funding from the Port Infrastructure Fund on 15 December 2020.
- 3N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he had with Hutchison Port Holdings prior to the award of funds to that company through the Port Infrastructure Fund on 15 December 2020. (131442)
- 4N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he had with the hon. Member for Epsom and Ewell prior to the award of funds through the Port Infrastructure Fund on 15 December 2020. (131443)

- 5N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he had with The Bristol Port Company Limited prior to the award of funds through the Port Infrastructure Fund on 15 December 2020. (131444)
- Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to meet the funding shortfall faced by Portsmouth International Port following the Port Infrastructure Fund award on 16 December 2020; and if he will make a statement.

 (131448)
- 7N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending the length of time in which overseas electors can vote beyond 15 years. (131376)
- 8N Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the voter ID plan on proxy voting. (131327)
- 9 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to improve the accessibility of polling stations to people with dementia at the next General Election. (131328)
- 10N Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to ensure that people suffering from dementia who lack ID will be able to vote under voter ID plans. (131329)
- 11N Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking under voter ID plans to support people with disabilities in accessing local elector ID. (131330)
- Nickie Aiken (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the proposed online ban on advertising food and drink high in salt, fat and sugar on the ability of hospitality and food and drink businesses to market their products and develop their businesses.
- Sajid Javid (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to assess the potential merits of easing covid-19 restrictions on weddings through the use of (a) pilot schemes and (b) further consultation with the UK Weddings Taskforce. (131232)
- Afzal Khan (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what grant funding is available to the social housing sector for (a) the installation of solar panels and (b) energy efficiency improvements. (131467)

Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, for what reasons caterers are not able to resume teaching lessons in their home in areas under tier 3 covid-19 restrictions. (131491)

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- Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business,
 Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to his ministerial statement on the
 Energy White Paper, on 14 December 2020, if he will publish the modelling for the
 statement that regulated asset base funding model for new nuclear power could
 drive down costs for consumers in the long run.

 (131222)
- 17 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will place in the Library the Terms of Reference of the COP26 Youth and Civil Society Advisory Council. (131230)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many (a) directly managed, (b) retail outlets and (c) outreach Post Office Branches have been closed at any point since 2000.
 (131315)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the Office of National Statistics on Coronavirus and the impact on output in the UK economy: October 2020 that travel agent output is 89.9 percent less than in February 2020; and what plans he has to introduce specific support for the travel agency and tour operator sector.

(131318)

20 Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of sector specific support for outdoor educational residential centres in response to the effect of ongoing covid-19 restrictions on those centres.

(131321)

- 21N Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps were taken during the trial of the Pfizer covid-19 vaccine to test its effect on people with allergies.

 [Transferred] (130713)
- 22 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to ensure that independent bookshops receive the support they need to help them to reopen in areas under tier 3 covid-19 restrictions. (131439)
- 23 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of providing urgent support to independent book shops that have not been able to re-open after the first and second covid-19 lockdowns to ensure their survival.

- 24 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the contribution of local independent book shops to local knowledge and culture within communities; and what steps he is taking to support that contribution during and after the imposition of tier 3 local covid alert level restrictions. (131441)
- 25N **Ian Murray** (Edinburgh South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with the Competition and Markets Authority on guidance for nurseries charging full fees from parents while closed during the covid-19 outbreak. (131234)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to restrict the public sale of 1.3G effect fireworks. (131520)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent assessment he has made of the change of the level of sales of louder 1.3g-effect fireworks. (131521)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to ensure that unsafe fireworks are (a) not imported into and (b) not sold to the public in the UK. (131522)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of strengthening existing regulations on the storage of fireworks by retailers. (131523)
- Tom Tugendhat (Tonbridge and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether self-catering holiday lets are eligible for support through the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) Scheme covering the period of national restrictions in November 2020 where an existing booking was being honoured starting before 31 October 2020 when the covid-19 lockdown restrictions were announced and continued beyond 5 November 2020 in line with the Coronavirus Update statement on 2 November 2020.
- 31 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with supermarket retailers on the steps retailers are taking to ensure that clinically extremely vulnerable people have continued access to priority online shopping deliveries over the Christmas period. (131482)
- Mick Whitley (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with supermarket retailers on ensuring that clinically extremely vulnerable people are not being subject to excessive charges when booking priority online shopping deliveries. (131483)

Apsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate he has made of the number of properties in (a) Poplar and Limehouse constituency and (b) Tower Hamlets that have broadband speeds of less than 10Mbps. (131504)

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- Or Lisa Cameron (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether people employed in the fashion industry are included in the travel corridor exempt list. [Transferred] (130762)
- 35 Chris Elmore (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, which video-on-demand platforms currently use British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) ratings; and what estimate he has made of the proportion of video-on-demand platforms that will adopt BBFC ratings in the next (a) year and (b) three years.
- 36 Chris Elmore (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps the Government will take to ensure children are prevented from accessing pornography on sites that (a) do not carry user-generated content and (b) are not subject to regulation by Ofcom under the Online Harms legislation.
- 37 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Government's response to the online harms white paper, what steps his Department has taken in respect of Welsh language internet users on the (a) design of the proposed regulatory framework, (b) use and futureproofing of AI in tackling hate speech and other evolving online harms and (c) development of best practice guidance for digital product and platform designers.
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how his Department plans to assess the effectiveness of spectators returning to football stadiums in Tier 1 and Tier 2 areas; and when a review of spectator numbers will take place. (131310)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment has been made of the risks of covid-19 transmission during group exercise classes where covid-secure measures are in place.
 (131316)
- 40 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with sports-related event organisers on the importance of ensuring that fans receive full ticket refunds in the event of cancellations caused by changes in covid-19 tier restrictions. (131187)
- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he is taking to help arts and culture venues ensure their premises are covid-19 secure; and whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing grant funding to those sectors.

(131354)

- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent estimate he has made of the financial contribution of the arts and culture to London's wider economy; and what steps his Department is taking to mitigate the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on those sectors in London.
- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department is taking to support the recovery of (a) theatres (b) the exhibitions sector and (c) live industries in London ahead of the summer 2021 season; and if he will make a statement. (131356)
- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital,
 Culture, Media and Sport, what the evidential basis was for the Government
 decision to require museums to close in areas with tier 3 restrictions. (131362)
- 45N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what payments have been made to schools in Sefton Central constituency to cover out-of-scope covid-19-associated costs. (131257)
- 46 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether students are exempt from the restrictions on travel between areas in different covid-19 tiers. (131394)
- 47N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what financial support his Department is providing to wraparound and holiday childcare providers who have seen a loss of earnings as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. (131204)
- 48 Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has to meet with sector representatives from the wraparound and holiday childcare sector to discuss the effects of the covid-19 outbreak. (131205)
- 49 Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the closure of wraparound and holiday childcare services on the ability of key workers to attend work during the covid-19 outbreak. (131206)
- 50N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions he has had with (a) teaching unions and (b) headteachers' associations on the effect of rising rates of covid-19 infection on the start of the school term in January. (131344)
- 51N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps is he taking to ensure that students who are unable to return to the classroom at the start of the Spring Term can access learning remotely.

 (131345)

- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the changes in the (a) numbers and (b) hours of children attending early years settings since February 2019. (131381)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the changes in the number of eligible two year olds taking up 15 hours of funded childcare since March 2020. (131382)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the financial costs of securing (a) PPE, (b) cleaning costs and (c) staff replacements for early years providers delivering early education during the covid-19 outbreak. (131383)
- Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Christmas 2020 holidays for students in schools and universities by one week to provide a circuit breaker for the covid-19 virus.
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what his timescale is for announcing plans for the re-opening of the outdoor educational residential centre sector during the covid-19 outbreak. (131320)
- 57 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many A-Level Centre Assessed Grade appeals have been successful; and what the reasons given were for the decisions on those appeals.(131322)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many A-Level Centre Assessed Grades have been overturned on the basis of malpractice or maladministration. (131323)
- 59 Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of the UK leaving the EU on the school catering workforce. (131424)
- Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to support the school catering industry during the covid-19 outbreak. (131425)
- 61N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to tackle the disproportionate effect of digital poverty on BAME communities in Luton. (131487)
- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions his Department has had with the Department for Health and Social Care on incorporating children's social care services into Integrated Care Systems.

 (131357)
- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish the data his Department holds on the effect of school bubble isolation following positive covid-19 cases on local transmission of covid-19. (131359)

- 64N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate his Department has made of the proportion of the current year's increase in the Schools Block of dedicated schools grant funding that has directly benefitted SEND pupils. (131363)
- 65N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that increases in funding to support children with SEND are used for that purpose. (131364)
- 66N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish his Department's methodology for calculating the High Needs Block of dedicated school grant funding for individual local authorities; and whether that methodology takes into account (a) existing deficits and (b) increased demand for SEND high needs support.
- 67N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will provide an estimated date for the publication of the SEND review. (131366)
- 68N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December to Question 124804 on Students: Coronavirus, what the terms of reference are for the group monitoring and advising on lost and differential learning due to the covid-19 outbreak; when its members were appointed; who those members are; how many times the group plans to meet; and when it plans to report.
- 69N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when he plans to provide guidance to schools and colleges on how covid-19 testing will be conducted within their settings; and for what reason that guidance was not issued before the end of school term. (131338)
- 70N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the priority given to school staff for access to the covid-19 vaccine; and when he plans to give school staff access to the covid-19 vaccine. (131339)
- 71N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what his planned timescale is for the delivery covid-19 tests to schools for the mass testing of pupils at the start of the school term on 4 January 2021. (131340)
- 72N Wes Streeting (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, further to his Written Ministerial Statement of 17 December 2020, when (a) schools, (b) colleges, (c) Directors of Public Health and (d) Directors of Children's Services will receive guidance on operational planning for the roll-out of covid-19 testing to schools and colleges from 4th January 2021.
- 73N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will take steps to help schools to continue making arrangements for pupil exchanges with EU Member States after 1 January 2021: and if he will make a statement. (131162)

- 74N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he has taken to ensure transparency and accountability in the use that schools make of their allocation of the £650 million catch-up premium. (131368)
- 75N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of the £500 million package to support mental health services in England announced in the Spending Review 2020 will be ring-fenced to fund mental health support services for children and young people in (a) schools (ii) healthcare and community settings.
- Nickie Aiken (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the operational effect on port health authorities of the new rules and guidance on inspections of animal and animal product imports from the EU following the end of the transition period; and what consequential support his Department has provided to those authorities.
- 77N **Tracy Brabin** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to bring into force Section 42 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and adopt all private sewage pumping stations. (131372)
- 78N **Tracy Brabin** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many private sewage pumping stations in (a) England, (b) West Yorkshire and (c) Batley and Spen will be adopted by water companies when section 42 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 is commenced. (131373)
- 79 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to (a) attach conditions limiting vessel size on fishing vessel licenses to 100m in length in the UK's Marine Protected Areas and (b) publish a timeline for implementing those conditions. (131223)
- Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to Answer of 21 July 2020 to Question 75425, what steps she has taken to progress work with the industry to ensure that the supply of chemicals and materials that are essential for water and wastewater treatment processes is not adversely affected following the end of the transition period.
- 81 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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.

 [Transferred] (130699)

- 82N Theresa Villiers (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the EU has agreed to list the UK as a third country from which it will accept exports of food and other products of animal origin.

 (131199)
- 83N **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that India upholds international labour, democratic and human rights standards as part of the ongoing trade negotiations with the UK; and if she will make a statement. (131505)
- 84N Apsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what recent discussions she has had with her Indian counterpart on (a) trade negotiations with India and (b) the Annual South Asia State of Minorities Report published in November 2020; and if she will make a statement.
- Sir Robert Syms (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of whether travel restrictions during the covid-19 pandemic have reduced the number of professional staff being relocated to the UK for the purpose of taking up professional employment; and if she will make a statement.
- Sir Robert Syms (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, if
 (a) she and (b) her officials will meet with with the Chair of the Association of
 Relocation Professionals on supporting high value jobs through relocation to the
 UK after the transition period.
 (131174)
- 87N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to Paragraph 8.2 of the Explanatory Referendum on the UK's Free Trade Agreement with Singapore, what paragraph of the joint political statement accompanying the agreement supports the UK's (a) wider political and (b) human rights objectives. (131207)
- 88N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what provisions there are in the UK's Free Trade Agreement with Singapore allowing for that agreement to be suspended in whole or in part in response to serious violations by either party of the terms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948.
- 89N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what the Government's policy is on the principles behind the 2009 EU agreement on the incorporation of essential elements clauses relating to human rights in new free trade agreements. (131209)

- 90N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what discussions she had with her Singaporean counterpart on the potential negotiation of an equivalent to the EU-Singapore Partnership and Cooperation Agreement; and for what reason her Department has not sought such agreement to accompany the UK's free trade agreement with Singapore. (131210)
- 91N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, for what reason her Department did not include an essential elements clause relating to human rights in the UK's free trade agreement with Singapore, absent an accompanying bilateral negotiation of an equivalent to the EU-Singapore Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. (131211)
- 92N Olivia Blake (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much has been spent on improving railways in the (a) Sheffield, (b) Leeds and (c) Manchester city regions in each of the last 30 years; and how much his Department plans to spend on railways in each region over the next 10 years. (131515)
- 93N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with rail operators on contingency plans in the event that rail workers have to self-isolate as a result of covid-19 over the Christmas period. (131400)
- 94N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate he has made of the proportion of rail workers who are self-isolating due to covid-19. (131401)
- 95N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with rail operators on potential train cancellations between 23 and 27 December 2020. (131402)
- 96N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with rail operators on alternative travel arrangements in the event that trains are cancelled between 23 and 27 December 2020. (131403)
- 97 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to publish additional written guidance for members of the public who plan on travelling to an area under a different tier between 23 and 27 December 2020.
- 98 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential operational effect on the UK rail network of an end to the transition period without an agreement on future trade relations.
- 99 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps he has taken to promote social distancing and covid-19 compliance on all rail networks. (131405)

- 100 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps he has taken to inform the public of plans put in place on the rail network to reduce the spread of covid-19 when people travel over the Christmas period. (131406)
- 101 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on issuing guidance on (a) people returning to places of work in places and cities under different tiers and (b) other elements of travel between areas under different tiers between 23 and 27 December. (131407)
- 102 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with South Western Railway on the introduction of Class 701 'Arterio' units; and in what order that operator will be removing the Class 455, 456, 458 and 707 trains. (131410)
- 103 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to minimise disruption to passenger journeys during the upgrade to the Island Line on the Isle of Wight. (131411)
- 104 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with Northern Rail Ltd. on progress of cascading the class 323 rolling stock from West Midlands Trains and introduction of the class 769 Flex trains onto the network.
- 105 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how he plans to minimise disruption on the Great Western Railway due to an outbreak of covid-19 among railway staff causing the cancellation of services during the Christmas period. (131413)
- 106NDame Cheryl Gillan (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost to the public purse is of money spent outside the UK in the construction of High Speed Two; and if he will place that information in the Library.

 (131161)
- 107NLilian Greenwood (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what modelling has been undertaken on the requirements for new flexible season tickets.
- 108NAndrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for
 Transport, pursuant to the Answers of 14 December 2020 to Questions 127499,
 127500 and 127501, what steps his Department is taking to support the
 implementation of the Government's guidance on Celebrating the historic
 counties of England dated 16 July 2019.

 (131200)
- 109NEmma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the application process for ECMT permits for 2022 will open; and when those permits will be awarded. (131434)

- 110N Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether a haulier who has accepted their allocation of ECMT permits for 2021 will be prevented from entering the application process for the allocation of permits for 2022. (131435)
- 111N Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has for issuing European Conference of Ministers of Transport driver permits, or an equivalent to hauliers from EU member countries.

 (131436)
- 112N Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to limit the number of hauliers from EU Member States with access to the UK. (131437)
- 113 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to support the transition to electric vehicles in rural areas. (131235)
- 114 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his policy is on providing a safe haven to the disabled Russian nuclear powered freighter SEVMORPUT in the event that the UK is asked to do so; what the decision-making process is on a request to offer safe haven to a disabled nuclear-powered freighter; whether an affected coastal local authority is included in that decision-making process; what notice that authority is given of a decision to offer safe haven; and if he will make a statement.
- 115 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what marine contingency planning the UK has in place for responding to a nuclear accident involving a floating nuclear reactor; how quickly that response can be mobilised; whether contingency planning has taken place regarding the floating nuclear reactor aboard the disabled Russian nuclear-powered freighter SEVMORPUT in relation to the current passage of that vessel; and if he will make a statement.
- 116 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what insurance cover the UK holds in respect of nuclear accidents involving nuclear-powered civilian or military vessels passing through or close to the UK exclusive economic zone, territorial waters or coastal waters. (131218)
- 117 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reason the National Infrastructure Commission has not developed a methodology for estimating the carbon impact of building additional road capacity.

 (131221)
- 118N Stephen M Partland (Stevenage): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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.

 [Transferred] (130718)

- 119N Esther McVey (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the effect on transparency of public bodies of the decision to permit HS2 Ltd to enter into non-disclosure agreements with local authorities. (131258)
- 120NKirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October to Question 102858 on Driving Tests:

 Coronavirus, (a) how many theory test certificates expired during the 6 months following the passing of the Coronavirus Act 2020 without the candidate sitting their practical test within the required timescale and (b) what are the comparable figures for the same 6 month period in the previous 3 years.

 (131302)
- 121N Kirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate he has made of the number of theory test certificates that will expire during the 12 months following the passing of the Coronavirus Act 2020 without the candidate being able to sit a practical test within the required timescale.
- 122 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2020 to Question 102859 on Driving Tests: Coronavirus, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to amend Section 91 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to permit the repayment of theory test fees where a candidate's theory test certificate expires after the passing of the Coronavirus Act 2020 without the candidate being able to sit their practical test within the required timescale.
- 123 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2020 to Question 102859 on Driving Tests: Coronavirus, what consultation he has conducted regarding legislative proposals to amend Section 91 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to permit the repayment of theory test fees where a candidate's theory test certificate expires after the passing of the Coronavirus Act 2020 without the candidate being able to sit their practical test within the required timescale. (131305)
- 124N Kirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the backlog of (a) theory and (b) practical driving tests in (i) Scotland and (ii) Great Britain; and how long he estimates it will take to clear each backlog.

 (131306)
- 125NKirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the number of applicants waiting for (a) theory and (b) practical driving test in (i) Scotland and (ii) England and (iii) Wales for whom a driving licence is a requirement of their current or potential employment. (131307)
- 126 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the economic cost to the (a) applicant and (b) wider economy of the wait for driving tests in (i) Scotland, (ii) England and (iii) where a driving licence is a requirement for the applicant maintaining or taking up employment.

- 127 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many applicants resident in Scotland have (a) been offered and (b) accepted an appointment for a driving test elsewhere in Great Britain since the passing of the Coronavirus Act 2020. (131309)
- 128N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress his Department has made on the roll-out of SMART motorways. (131490)
- 129 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking with supermarket leaders to help ensure that supermarket vehicle fleets are sustainable.

 [Transferred] (130641)
- 130NMick Whitley (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to make dashboard cameras in motor vehicles mandatory. (131484)
- 131 **Nickie Aiken** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her 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.

 [Transferred] (130834)
- 132 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2020 to Question 124879 on disability premium, whether any compensation is offered to claimants affected by accidental cessation of the severe disability premium on employment and support allowance awards; and how long on average claimants have had to wait before that premium was reinstated in the most recent period for which figures are available.
- 133 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the extension of personal independence payment awards, what data or estimates her Department holds on the number of claimants who are (a) yet to be notified of the extension of their awards and (b) have not been notified of the extension of their award by the time their award ends. (131499)
- 134NMs Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the timetable is for the implementation of (a) new criminal offences and (b) information-gathering powers contained in the Pension Schemes Bill; and whether they will apply (i) retrospectively and (ii) to pension schemes that have already closed.
- 135 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many child maintenance cases via Direct Pay have been found to have overpayments; and how many of those cases her Department has agreed to reimburse.

- **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much the Government has spent on (a) housing benefit and (b) housing benefit for supported exempt accommodation in each of the last three years.
- 137 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to allocate funding to maintain the £20 uplift to universal credit payments beyond April 2021. [Transferred] (130868)
- 138 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to have discussions with the Governments of (a) Australia and (b) Canada on frozen overseas pensions; and is she will make a statement. (131193)
- **Nickie Aiken** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what comparative assessment he has made of the effect on whole population levels of childhood obesity of (a) the Daily Mile and other activity-based options and (b) restricting the advertising of food and drink high in salt, fat and sugar.
- **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that people (a) from a BAME background and (b) who are more vulnerable to covid-19 receive the vaccination in a timely manner. (131481)
- 141N Mr John Baron (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of 22 September 2020 from the hon. Member for Basildon and Billericay and chase up correspondence of 22 October 2020 and 25 November 2020 on constituent with reference JB28915.
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to encourage take up of the covid-19 vaccine in BAME communities. (131494)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the reasons for higher rates of covid-19 deaths among (a) BAME communities, (b) people affected by the benefits cap and (c) people living in overcrowded accommodation. (131495)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Royal Society of Public Health survey funding that 55 per cent of people in Asian communities would take the covid-19 vaccine, whether he plans to implement public health initiatives for Asian communities to encourage covid-19 vaccine take up. (131496)
- **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support the Government is providing to people who are told to isolate by their children's school and who are not eligible to access the Test and Trace Support Payment. (131502)

- 146NSir Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the answer of 8 December 2020 to Question 119973 on Coronavirus: Screening, what the (a) total number and (b) proportion of reinfections is to date; and if he will make a statement. (131165)
- 147N Sir Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy make the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme open to anyone who suffers serious injury following vaccination against covid-19; and if he will make a statement. (131166)
- 148NSir Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the SIREN research study by Public Health England into covid-19 immunity covers immunity through antibodies and T cells; and if he will publish the latest interim findings. (131167)
- 149NAlex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide a bonus to care workers in recognition of their work throughout the covid-19 outbreak. (131263)
- 150NAlex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce the number of autistic people and people with learning disabilities in care and health settings. (131264)
- 151N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that people with (a) learning disabilities and (b) autism have the right care and support available and in place to prevent the need for hospital admissions. (131265)
- 152NAlex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to end the use of restraint, segregation and seclusion for people with (a) learning disabilities and (b) autism. (131266)
- 153 Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to meet targets to discharge people with (a) learning disabilities and (b) autism from health and care settings.

 (131267)
- 154 Mary Glindon (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 November 2020 to Question 103511, what plans his Department has to undertake an assessment of the (a) effect of multiple gestation on pregnancy and (b) effectiveness of the medical advice given to parents on multiple gestation.
- 155NMargaret Greenwood (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of infectious disease and diagnostics specialists that the UK requires for the next 10 years to enable it to respond effectively to any future pandemics; and what steps he is taking to meet that need.

- 156NMargaret Greenwood (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of Public Health England employees with expertise in infection control have left the service prior to retirement in the last ten years; and what proportion of the Public Health England workforce that represented at the time of their leaving. (131296)
- 157NMargaret Greenwood (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of plans to move initially the Health Protection Agency and subsequently Public Health England to Harlow, including the cost of premises that have been bought, refurbished and maintained. (131297)
- 158NMargaret Greenwood (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of NHS contracts were awarded to private companies in each year from 2012 to 2020; and what the value was of those contracts in each of those years.

 (131298)
- 159NHelen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is he taking to improve IT systems to ensure accurate (a) data collection and (b) reporting of covid-19 vaccine take up. (131346)
- 160NHelen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of people not registered with a GP; and what assessment he has made of the potential effect of that figure on the roll-out of covid-19 vaccinations. (131347)
- 161N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to encourage people to register with a GP. (131348)
- 162 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the length of time London will remain under tier 3 covid-19 restrictions. (131350)
- 163 Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Health Survey for England 2019's finding that 16 per cent of adults aged 16 and over screened positive for a possible eating disorder, whether his Department will commission research to assess the prevalence of eating disorders.

 (131379)
- 164 Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Health Survey for England 2019's finding that 16 per cent of adults aged 16 and over screened positive for a possible eating disorder, what steps his Department plans to take to ensure that anyone affected by an eating disorder is able to access specialist treatment at the earliest opportunity. (131380)

- Sir George Howarth (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 17 November 2020 to Question 116400, if he has made an assessment of the reasons for the increase in over-the-counter prescribing in each month from July 2019 to March 2020. (131180)
- 166N**Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether dental care staff will receive priority access to the covid-19 vaccine. (131352)
- 167 Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure all care homes across the country have access to thirty minute covid-19 testing to allow safe visits to take place. (131212)
- Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the accuracy of PCR covid-19 testing. (131213)
- 169 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure take-up of the covid-19 vaccine in Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities. (131468)
- 170 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle vaccine disinformation among Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities to ensure take-up of the covid-19 vaccine. (131469)
- 171 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to make covid-19 vaccine information available in other languages. (131470)
- 172 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to make covid-19 vaccine information available in Romanian; and where that information can be accessed.

 (131471)
- 173 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to make covid-19 vaccine information available in Polish; and where that information can be accessed. (131472)
- 174 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to make covid-19 vaccine information available in Bengali; and where that information can be accessed. (131473)
- 175 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to make covid-19 vaccine information available in Urdu; and where that information can be accessed. (131474)

- 176N Afzal Khan (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the polling from the Royal Society for Public Health, published 17 December 2020, which found 57 per cent of Black, Asian and minority ethnic people would likely accept the covid-19 vaccine, what additional steps his Department is taking to increase take up among the BAME community of the covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement.
- **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will increase their investment in (a) palliative and (b) hospice care for 2021 to support people approaching the end of life. (131175)
- **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of improved recognition of palliative care needs and services outside hospitals on (a) the standard of palliative care in the UK and (b) annual hospital costs. (131176)
- **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to Question 97607, tabled by the hon Member for Ellesmere Port and Neston on 30 September 2020 on Congenital Abnormalities and Coronavirus. (131311)
- **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients in England are overdue for their cervical cancer screening appointments. (131312)
- **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with NHS Trusts to ensure that cervical cancer screening appointments remain available during the covid-19 outbreak. (131313)
- **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department plans to make of the effectiveness of only testing for cervical cell changes for people who test positive for HPV following their cervical cancer screening. (131314)
- **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the scientific evidence that supports the closure of group exercise classes in areas under tier 3 covid-19 restrictions. (131317)
- **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the scientific evidence supporting the restrictions on overnight educational stays at outdoor educational residential centres during the covid-19 outbreak. (131319)
- **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what process his Department used to appoint members of the Aerosol Generating Procedures Panel were appointed; and how he has ensured that panel had appropriate expertise from all areas of clinical care. (131325)

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- 186NGrahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the data his Department holds on the number of covid-19 vaccines administered by region. (131236)
- 187 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to expand eligibility for the Test and Trace Support Payment to working single parents who do not have alternative childcare options in the event that their children must self-isolate as a result of exposure to covid-19.
- 188NAlex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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.

 [Transferred] (130817)
- 189NAlex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect on the risk of covid-19 transmission for patients with in-centre haemodialysis of those patients being in priority group four for the covid-19 vaccine. (131414)
- 190NAlex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of moving patients with in-centre haemodialysis higher up the priority list for the covid-19 vaccine.
- 191N Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2020 to Question 95733 on Dietetics, which recognised nutrition experts and expert bodies his Department has consulted to inform (a) the obesity strategy and (b) wider nutrition policy. (131416)
- 192NAlex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reasons Public Health England has not acted on reports of sales of cigarettes containing menthol. (131417)
- 193NAlex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to progress the Government's commitment to expanding NHS weight management services in England in the July 2020 obesity strategy; and if he will make a statement.
- 194 Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to resume (a) tier 3 obesity services and (b) tier 4 obesity services that have been disrupted by the covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make a statement. (131419)
- 195 Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that people with obesity are given timely access to the covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement. (131420)

- 196 Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will ask the Food Standards Agency to conduct a detailed examination of the safety of aspartame, following research done by Professor Millstone and Dr Dawson. (131421)
- 197 Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment the Department has made of the effect of the UK failing to agree a deal on the future relationship with the EU on food pricing on the provision of school meals.

 (131423)
- 198NSarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many covid-19 vaccine doses purchased by the Government have (a) exceeded their recommended shelf life and (b) been spoiled. (131486)
- 199 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to indemnify GP practices for public and employers liability under the clinical negligence scheme for general practice to ensure that more practices are able to administer the covid-19 vaccination without undue obstruction.
- 200 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of publishing daily figures for covid-19 vaccinations. (131186)
- 201 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS orthodontic procedures have been carried out in in (a) primary and (b) secondary care in each region in each of the last five years. (131188)
- 202 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients have been on waiting lists for NHS orthodontic procedures in each region in each of the last five years. (131189)
- 203 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of covid-19 on the delivery of NHS orthodontic services. (131190)
- 204 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the covid-19 outbreak on patient waiting lists for NHS orthodontic services in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) beyond.
- 205 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans NHS England and orthodontists are trialing to restore the delivery of orthodontic services during the covid-19 outbreak. (131192)
- 206 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people received palliative care in the last 12 months; what proportion of people who died received that care; and how many patients were unable to access that care in the last year for which figures are available. (131194)

- 207 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to indicative budgets from NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups, what the average spend was on a palliative care patient in the last year for which figures are available. (131195)
- 208 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS clinical commissioning groups have plans to review or upgrade their palliative care provision. (131196)
- 209NNaz Shah (Bradford West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, on what date covid-19 tests were made available for people living in (a) retirement complexes and (b) sheltered accommodation; when rapid flow tests will be made to people living in those types of accommodation; and for what reasons people living in those accommodations have not been provided with the same access to testing as people living in care homes.
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies on the consent regarding the transportation and use of human fetal tissue and gametes of the (a) Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, the Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, (b) Quality and Safety of Organs Intended for Transplantation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and (c) Blood Safety and Quality (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. (131269)
- 211 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for its policies on human fetal tissue and gametes intended for human application of the Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for its policies on fetal tissue tracing of The Human Tissue Act 2004. (131271)
- 213 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has held with NICE on its plans for further engagement with stakeholders after the NICE Methods Review consultation closes on 18 December 2020. (131272)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve early diagnosis of (a) mycosis fungoides and (b)
 Sézary syndrome, two subtypes of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. (131273)
- 215 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide secure indoor spaces for new mothers outside of private dwellings in areas of Tier 3 covid-19 restrictions. (131353)

- 216 Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the Department for Education on incorporating children's social care services into Integrated Care Systems.
 (131358)
- 217 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the data his Department holds on the effect of school bubble isolation following positive covid-19 cases on local covid-19 transmission rates. (131360)
- 218 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the data his Department holds on the proportion of confirmed covid-19 cases among people who are asked to self-isolate following a confirmed case in school bubbles and who later develop covid-19 symptoms. (131361)
- 219 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to help ensure the covid-19 vaccination programme will reach all homeless people. (131333)
- 220 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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.

 [Transferred] (130881)
- 221NZarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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. [Transferred] (130853)
- Tom Tugendhat (Tonbridge and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 23 November 2020 to Question 119289, whether photographers are able to work (a) indoors and (b) outdoors in areas under (i) tier 1, (ii) tier 2 and (iii) tier 3 covid-19 restrictions. (131334)
- 223NCatherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure a timely and adequate supply of test kits are made available for staff and residents in care homes throughout the UK. (131367)
- 224 Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much funding his Department
 provides to Unicef for (a) core funding and (b) contracts awarded. (131261)
- 225NApsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has with his Indian counterpart on the human rights situation in India and (a) the conditions experienced by political prisoners, (b) the amount of time prisoners are waiting for trials, (c) the ability of human rights monitoring organisations to operate, (d)

- press freedom, (e) discriminatory laws, (f) labour rights and protections, (g)trade union rights, (h) violence against women and girls, and (i) democratic rights such as freedom of speech and the right to protest. (131506)
- 226NApsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Government's
 plans for a closer UK-India relationship announced on 15 December 2020, what
 steps he plans to take to work with India on human rights, including freedom of
 speech and political freedoms.

 (131507)
- 227NApsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): 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 findings of the Annual South Asia State
 of Minorities Report published in November 2020 that India has become a
 "dangerous and violent space for Muslim minorities; and if he will make a
 statement.

 (131508)
- 228 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that UK businesses conduct thorough due diligence on supply chains that may be linked to entities engaging in human rights violations in Xinjiang. (131510)
- 229 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with his international counterparts to condemn and work against human rights abuses being committed by the Chinese government on Muslim communities in Xinjiang province.
- 230 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of reports that Chinese authorities in Tibetan areas continue to severely restrict religious and cultural expression, freedom of speech, movement, and assembly.
- 231NOlivia Blake (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the US-UK agreement on
 the leasing of the Diego Garcia in the Chagos Islands in the British Indian Ocean
 Territories includes permission for the US to (a) build and (b) operate the GroundBased Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance system as part of outer space
 communications. (131516)
- 232NOlivia Blake (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proposals the Government
 has put forward in the UN conference on Disarmament to control the (a)
 weaponisation and (b) militarisation of outer space. (131517)
- 233 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to
 tackle the barriers girls' face in accessing education throughout the world. (131284)

234 Sarah Champion (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proportion of his Department's
aid was targeted to projects (a) with gender equality as a (i) principal and (ii)
significant objective and (b) that were not-gender related in the last 12 months.

(131285)

- 235 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans his Department has to
 tackle the change in the level of violence against women and girls as a result of
 the covid-19 pandemic. (131286)
- 236NStephen Doughty (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he will maintain the UK funding commitments to the UN Global Fund at an equivalent percentage and real-terms value.

 (131274)
- 237NStephen Doughty (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to make the UK is a global leader in the development of new HIV vaccines, diagnostics and treatments. (131275)
- 238NStephen Doughty (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much funding the Government disbursed (a) bilaterally and (b) multilaterally on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and research in each of the last five years. (131276)
- 239NStephen Doughty (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what additional funding arrangements he has established for the UK Overseas Territories following the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020. (131277)
- 240NStephen Doughty (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the value was of UK disbursements to the UN World Food Programme to each country destination in each of the last 24 months.

 (131278)
- 241 **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many UK representatives have been elected to UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies and Institutions in each of the last 10 years. (131279)
- 242 Stephen Doughty (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will list the total Official Development Assistance out-turn to (a) Democratic Republic of Congo, (b) Ethiopia, (c) Burkina Faso, (d) South Sudan, (e) Mozambique, (f) Nigeria, (g) Somalia, (h) Sudan, (i) Malawi, (j) Sierra Leone and (k) Mali in each of the last 24 months.

- **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many officials in his Department were assigned to the Stabilisation Unit on a (a) full-time and (b) part-time basis in each of the last five years. (131281)
- **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many ODA-funded projects were assessed according to the OSJA guidance in each of the last 24 months; and how many of those were approved by Ministers. (131282)
- **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much CDC has allocated to fossil-fuel projects in each of the last five years; and what the value is of planned allocations for the next five years. (131283)
- **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2020 to Question 122716, whether the £20 million to the EU programme Support the Palestinian Authority will be reallocated to programmes in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (131385)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer 4 December to Question 122716, whether the £9 million to the Economic Resilience Initiative in the Syria Region will be reallocated to programmes in Syria. (131386)
- **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance was allocated to fossil fuel projects in 2020. (131387)
- **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance he plans to allocate to fossil fuel projects in 2021. (131388)
- **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the likelihood that the COVAX facility will meet its objectives. (131389)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to support small UK based development charities. (131390)
- **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance the Private Infrastructure Development Group has given in funding to fossil fuel projects in each of the last five years. (131391)
- **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Secretary of State for International Trade's speech at the Centre for Policy Studies on 17 December

- 2020 stating that the Government's approach to equality will not be about targets, whether his Department will continue to have targets for increasing the number of girls supported by the UK to have 12 years of quality education. (131392)
- 254 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to provide the tools necessary for low income countries to reduce debt from private lenders.

 (131393)
- Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 5 October 2020 to Question 95724, how much Official Development Assistance went to the DRC, Nigeria, Niger, Mozambique, Uganda, Madagascar and Sudan in 2019 and 2020; and how much is planned to be allocated to those countries in 2021. (131395)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent humanitarian assistance his Department has provided to people affected by the Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict. (131378)
- 257 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what multilateral disarmament
 measures the UK has negotiated through the UN Treaty on the Non-Proliferation
 of Nuclear Weapons.

 [Transferred] (130683)
- 258 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to the Syrian regime on (a) freeing detainees and (b) holding to account those responsible for detention and disappearance; and if he will make a statement. (131229)
- 259Nlan Mearns (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2020 to Question 124724 on Saudi Arabia: Newcastle United Football Club, on what grounds the English Premier League requested (a) advice, (b) intervention and (c) a meeting with officials from his Department. (131237)
- 260Nlan Mearns (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2020 to Question 124724 Saudi Arabia: Newcastle United Football Club, which representative from his Department met with the English Premier League; and if he will publish the (a) job title and (b) area of responsibility in his Department of that representative. (131238)
- 261NIan Mearns (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2020 to Question 124724 on Saudi Arabia: Newcastle United Football Club, how many meetings representatives of his Department held with the English Premier League where the issue of the proposed takeover of Newcastle United Football Club was discussed.

- 262Nlan Mearns (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 9 December 2020 to Question 124724 on Saudi Arabia: Newcastle United Football Club, if he will publish the correspondence between his Department and the English Premier League referred to in that answer.
- 263 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 29 October 2020 to Question 107130 on Nigeria: Police, what assessment he has made of the effect on (a) the protection of human rights and (b) respect for the rule of law of the disbandment of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad and redeployment of its members.
- 264 **Nickie Aiken** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued on which calibres (a) qualify firearms for antique status and (b) are to be amended due to their usage by criminals so that antique dealers and military collectors can ensure they take the correct action to comply with changes in the law. (131480)
- 265N**Mr John Baron** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to respond to the correspondence of 22 September, 3 November and 25 November on constituent reference JB28916 from the hon.

 Member for Basildon and Billericay. (131184)
- Apsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for citizenship from EEA citizens have been rejected since 30 September 2020 due to the applicant not holding comprehensive sickness insurance. (131493)
- 267 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her planned timescale is for fully implementing the recommendations of the Windrush Lessons Learned Review. (131497)
- Apsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to publish the outcome of her review of the compliant environment; and whether that review includes the effect of the No Recourse to Public Funds condition. (131500)
- Apsana Begum (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effect of the recent changes to Immigration Rules that make rough sleeping grounds for deportation on people seeking a change of conditions from No Recourse to Public Funds; and if she will make a statement on this.
- 270NSir Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when a response will be given to the settlement application reference UAN:3434-0630-8381-4967/00; and if she will make a statement. (131164)

- 271N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of offering free visa extensions for overseas teachers that are working in British schools during the covid-19 pandemic. (131485)
- 272 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effect on recent changes to Immigration Rules that make rough sleeping grounds for deportation on people with no recourse to public funds.

 (131288)
- 273NAlex Davies-Jones (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of opening the temporary Asylum Operations Regional Intake Unit in Cardiff.

[Transferred] (130875)

- 274NAlex Davies-Jones (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December to Question 128332,
 what assessment she has made of the effect of the covid-19 pandemic on her
 Department's capacity in asylum operations intake units. (131514)
- 275NMr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason past tax discrepancies result in good character requirement failures under paragraph 322(5) of the Immigration Rules' grounds for refusing indefinite leave to remain. (131408)
- 276 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to temporarily waive the fee for Security Industry Authority applications to support people working in the security sector. (131399)
- 277 Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers have died who were resident at Barry House in East Dulwich in the last 12 months. (131351)
- 278 **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average number of days taken was to make conclusive grounds decisions in National Referral Mechanism cases relating to children, in each of the last five years.

 (131342)
- 279 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to suspend (a) No Recourse to Public Funds conditions and (b) all other immigration-based exclusions from welfare and homelessness assistance for (i) 12 months, (ii) at least for the duration of the covid-19 outbreak; and if she will make a statement. (131224)
- 280 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will reverse the current plans for rough sleeping to become grounds for refusal or cancellation of permission to be in the UK; and if she will make a statement.

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- 281 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with (a) the Secretary of State for Housing, Community and Local Government and (b) the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the call from the Local Government Association to temporarily and universally remove the No Recourse to Public Funds condition to reduce public health risks and ease the pressure on homelessness services by enabling vulnerable people to access welfare benefits who are currently unable to do so because of their immigration status; and if she will make a statement. (131226)
- 282NLayla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the number of EU settlement scheme applications that will be outstanding on 1 January 2021. (131449)
- 283NSarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what public engagement exercises her Department has undertaken
 in Luton on the Prevent Strategy. (131489)
- 284 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to monitor the UK activities of extremist Christian faith groups. (131197)
- 285 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support former members of extremist faith groups and protect them from harassment and intimidation. (131198)
- 286 Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the HMICFRS report entitled Roads Policing: Not optional An inspection of roads policing in England and Wales, published in July 2020, whether she has concluded her review of strategic policing requirements; and what plans she has to include roads policing in the strategic policing requirements.
- 287 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of anti-social behaviour in 2020 in relation to the misuse of fireworks in (a) Rother Valley constituency and (b) England and Wales. (131519)
- 288N Chris Stephens (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she 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 she will make a statement.

 [Transferred] (130778)
- 289 **Sir Robert Syms** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many individuals were relocated into the UK using the intra-company visa system in the most recent period for which figures are available; and if she will make a statement. (131168)

- 290 **Sir Robert Syms** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign nationals from (a) inside and (b) outside the EU were relocated for work purposes into the UK in 2019 by each of the visa categories prescribed by the Government; and if she will make a statement. (131172)
- 291NOlivia Blake (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he is holding with his NATO counterparts on proposals for the collective development of space-based weaponry for deployment by NATO nations other than the US.
- 292 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the statistical report, MOD departmental resources 2020, published on 10 December 2020, how much was spent on consultancy which was allocated under the unknown category. (131445)
- 293 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to section 13 on MOD expenditure on consultancy in his Department's statistical report, MOD departmental resources 2020, published on 10 December 2020, if he will publish the (a) names of consultants and (b) consultancies contacted under the heading organisation and change management; and what services were procured under that heading. (131446)
- Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to section 13 on MOD expenditure on consultancy in his Department's statistical report, MOD departmental resources 2020, published on 10 December 2020, if he will publish the (a) names of consultants and (b) consultancies contacted under the technical category; and what services were procured under that heading.
- 295NMr John Baron (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of 8 October 2020 from the hon. Member for Basildon and Billericay and chase up correspondence of 5 November 2020 and 25 November 2020 on constituent with reference JB29095.
- 296 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the non-renewal of local Mental Health Support contracts in Poplar and Limehouse constituency, whether he has plans to provide funding to local authorities in order to keep such services open. (131503)
- 297NFlorence Eshalomi (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what the eligibility criteria and process will
 be for applying to the Waking Watch Relief Fund when it opens in January 2021.

 (131525)
- 298 Florence Eshalomi (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what the timeframe will be from the point
 of application to the release of funds for the new Waking Watch Relief Fund. (131526)

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- 299NFlorence Eshalomi (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether residents of buildings under 18
 metres that are required to initiate waking watch provisions will be eligible to
 apply for support under the Waking Watch Relief Fund. (131527)
- 300N Florence Eshalomi (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether applicants to the Waking Watch
 Relief Fund will be able to retrospectively claim back the cost of alarm systems
 already purchased.

 (131528)
- 301NAndrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what discussions he has had with (a)
 Ministers in the Department for Transport and (b) local authority leaders on road
 signs marking historic county boundaries in line with the Government's guidance
 on Celebrating the historic counties of England dated 16 July 2019. (131201)
- 302NAndrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2020 to Question 128640, if he will update the guidance Building safety advice for building owners, including fire doors to help ensure that that guidance does not impede individuals' ability to buy and sell properties in low-rise buildings. (131202)
- 303NAndrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 16 December 2020 to Question 128640, what discussions he has had with Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors on the timetable for the introduction of new guidance for surveyors which will make clear the circumstances when EWS1 valuation forms are, and are not, to be requested.
- 304 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what duties a coastal local authority has in
 the event that a nuclear-powered vessel is granted safe haven on its coast. (131219)
- Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, if he will issue guidance on the response of
 coastal local authorities in relation to (a) public health, (b) marine, shoreline and
 coastal zone pollution and (c) other matters in the event of a nuclear accident
 involving a nuclear-powered vessel off their coastlines; and if he will make a
 statement.
- Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the effect
 of plans for rough sleeping to become grounds for refusal or cancellation of
 permission to be in the UK on engagement of vulnerable individuals with local
 authority services to provide (a) accommodation and subsistence support and (b)
 support to prevent transmission of covid-19; and if he will make a statement. (131227)

307 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate he has made of the effect of the No Recourse to Public Funds condition on (a) rough sleeping levels and (b) transmission of covid-19 in the next six months; and if he will make a statement.

(131228)

- 308 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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.

 [Transferred] (130681)
- 309 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many supported exempt accommodation units there were in each local authority area in each of the last three years.

 (131215)
- 310 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. [Transferred] (130698)
- 311N Bridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. [Transferred] (130700)
- Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people aged 16 to 25 have become homeless since the start of the covid-19 outbreak in March 2020. (131331)
- Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support the Government is providing to young homeless LGBTQ+ people. (131332)
- 314N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the answer of 7 December 2020 to question 122689 on HMCTS:

 Weapons, how many (a) arrests were made and (b) prosecutions were commenced as a result of those weapon confiscations.

 (131262)
- 315 **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to increase the availability of local authority accommodation for children on remand. (131343)
- 316 Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of the number of adjournments related to child sexual abuse cases in 2020. [R] (131426)

(131479)

- 317 Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made on the effect on (a) public safety, (b) victim welfare and (c) witness safety of the unavailability of court dates.

 [R] (131427)
- Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many no further action notices were issued by the police in each month in (a) 2019 and (b) 2020 in (i) the UK and (ii) each region of the UK.

 [R] (131428)
- 319 Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many outstanding trials are currently awaiting a court date to be assigned in (a)

 Magistrates and (b) Crown courts in (i) the UK and (ii) each region of the UK.[R] (131429)
- Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what plans he has to increase sitting days for Judges in Crown Courts in regions with high numbers of outstanding trials.

 [R] (131430)
- 321 **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of defendants offending while awaiting delayed court dates.

 [R] (131431)
- 322 **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many multi-hander trials were moved to another court in 2020; and which courts those trials were moved to and from.

 [R] (131432)
- 323 **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the effect of the transfer of multi-hander trials on the length delays to outstanding cases in regions where those multi-hander trials were transferred to.

 [R] (131433)
- 324 **Nickie Aiken** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the proposed ban on advertising online food and drink high in salt, fat and sugar on the ability of the (a) advertising industry and (b) food and drink (i) manufacturing and (ii) hospitality sectors to recover from the economic effects of the covid-19 outbreak.
- 325 Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to engage with the insurance industry to assess the availability of pandemic insurance for businesses. (131260)
- Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions his Department has had with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on the abolition of (a) the VAT Retail Export Scheme and (b) tax-free airside shopping. (131289)
- 327 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what representations he has received from the hospitality industry on the decision to remove (a) the VAT Retail Export Scheme and (b) tax-free airside shopping. (131290)

- 328 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has he made of the effect of the removal of the (a) VAT Retail Export Scheme and (b) tax-free airside shopping on the tourism sector within London.
- 329 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) airports and (b) boroughs surrounding airports after the removal of tax-free airside shopping. (131292)
- 330 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an assessment of the effect of the removal of the (a) VAT Retail Export Scheme (b) Tax-Free airside shopping on (i) Heathrow Airport (ii) London Borough of Hounslow (iii) London and (iv) the UK. (131293)
- 331 **Sir Alan Campbell** (Tynemouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing people who have instructed solicitors to buy or sell a house to benefit from the stamp duty holiday after the deadline. (131182)
- 332N**Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many
 Test and Trace Support Payments have been (a) awarded and (b) refused in each (i)
 geographic region and (ii) employment sector. (131259)
- 333 Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): 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 his Department in each of the last five years.

 (131450)
- 334 Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many working days have been lost to staff sickness in his Department in each month of the last five years, by directorate. (131451)
- 335 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will place in the Library his Department's staff in each directorate by (a) headcount, and (b) full time equivalent staffing. (131452)
- Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many HMRC staff-hours have been given to receiving training which pertains to elements of HMRC's responsibilities (a) in preparation for or (b) as a result of the UK leaving the EU in each of (a) 2016, (b) 2017, (c) 2018, (d) 2019, and (e) 2020 to date.
- 337 Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to National Savings & Investments, for how many person-days posts have been vacant in each of the last five years.

 (131454)
- 338 Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to National Savings & Investments, how many staff have left a post in each of the last five years. (131455)

- 339 Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the National Savings & Investments, how many complaints have been received of racist behaviour in the workplace in each of the last five years. (131456)
- 340 Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the Financial Conduct Authority since 14 February 2020 on improving access to flood insurance for tenants. (131457)
- 341 Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the Financial Conduct Authority since 14 February 2020 in respect of improving access to flood insurance for people on low incomes.

 (131458)
- 342NAnneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment HMRC has made of the adequacy of the £200 million Ports Infrastructure Fund to ensure the effective running of customs operations at UK ports.

 (131459)
- 343NAnneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of HMRC's arrangements for throughput at the UK's ports in January 2020 in the event that (a) the UK and the EU secure and (b) do not secure a new trade agreement before the end of the transition period.
- 344 Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he had with HMRC on the timing of announcements made from the Ports Infrastructure Fund. (131461)
- Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what HMRC's full-time equivalent staffing levels were for (a) telephone and (b) webchat services providing businesses and individuals with advice on customs arrangements in each of the last 48 months. (131462)
- 346N Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has for HMRC staffing levels in the next six months for (a) telephone and (b) webchat services providing businesses and individuals with advice on customs arrangements.
- 347 Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what date prior to his announcement in the House of Commons on 9 October 2020 did he first become aware of the problems faced by businesses forced to close as result of covid-19 restrictions that he referred to in that announcement. (131464)
- Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what date prior to his announcement in the House of Commons on 22 October 2020 did he first become aware of the problems faced by self-employed people that resulted in the amending of the Job Support Scheme to provide support at the level of 40 per cent of prior trading profits. (131465)

- 349NAnneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what dates he has had meetings with the Financial Conduct Authority since 14 February 2020 at which the functioning of the UK's flood insurance market has been discussed.
- 350 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the Welsh government on the need for a support fund for sheep farmers in the event that there is no agreement on the future relationship between the UK and the EU. (131397)
- John McNally (Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in circumstances where a business has a successful Business Interruption policy claim met and the loss adjuster deducts from that claim the amount the business had received in furlough payments, whether insurance companies are paying to HM Treasury that deduction; and if it is Government policy that deductions of furlough payments from insurance claims should be paid to the Government. (131326)
- 352 Holly Mumby-Croft (Scunthorpe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what financial support the Government is providing for parents of self-isolating children with special needs who (a) may not be entitled to 14-days paid dependants leave and (b) are unable to form a childcare bubble due to the particular needs of their child.

 (131524)
- 353Nlan Murray (Edinburgh South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether nurseries that have closed due to covid-19 and continue to charge parents full fees are eligible for the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. (131233)
- 354NSarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending the 100 per cent business rates holiday into 2021-22 for the hospitality industry. (131374)
- 355NSarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending the 5 per cent VAT rate for tourism and hospitality until at least the end of 2021. (131375)
- 356NSarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to support fee-paid judges who have not earned enough this year to repay the loan offered by the judicial hardship fund. (131377)
- 357NKirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December 2020 to Question 127486 on Retail Trade: Coronavirus, what plans he has to ensure that online retailers make a significant contribution towards the cost of reopening local high streets across the UK. (131301)
- 358 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the essential information required from bidders set out in his Department's document entitled, Freeports: bidding prospectus, what

- assessment he has made of the adequacy of the 500 word limit for bidders to set out how they will meet the minimum standard of security and infrastructure required in customs and tax sites before being able to operate as a Freeport. (131242)
- 359 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many complaints have been made of racist behaviour in the workplace by staff in his Department in each of the last five years, by directorate.

(131243)

360N Bridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he made of the potential merits of the second, third and fourth grants under the Self Employment Income Support Scheme to have a ceiling for the amount of support received, rather than a ceiling for eligibility for support, similar to the model of the Coronavirus Job Retention Support Scheme.

(131244)

- 361 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on how many occasions since 1 April 2020 he has asked for an assessment of adequacy of the design of the Self Employment Income Support Scheme. (131245)
- 362 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many HMRC staff have been employed at sites in Northern Ireland in each quarter of each of the last five years. (131246)
- 363 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much HMRC spent on staff training in (a) 2016, (b) 2017, (c) 2018, (d) 2019 and (e) 2020 to date.
- 364 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will place in the Library copies of correspondence in which he sought epidemiological advice on the Eat Out To Help Out scheme before the announcement of that scheme. (131248)
- 365NBridget Phillipson (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the number of jobs that will be created by the introduction of free ports in the UK; and what (a) methodology and (b) international examples he used to calculate that estimate; and if he will make a statement.
- 366 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what evidential basis the limit of 500 words was set for freeport bids regarding the economic rationale for tax site choice. (131250)
- 367 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has put forward the names of (a) economists or (b) scientists to Cabinet colleagues as persons from whom a presentation on the (i) covid-19 pandemic or (ii) economic effects of the Government's response to the covid-19 pandemic should be received. (131251)

- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the evidential basis was for the level of direct support through the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme to be set at (a) 20 per cent of prior taxable profits on 24 September 2020, (b) 40 per cent of prior taxable profits on 22 October 2020, (c) 55 per cent of prior taxable profits on 2 November 2020 and (d) 80 per cent of prior taxable profits on 5 November 2020; and if he will make a statement.
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the quarterly publication of data by the Electoral Commission on political donations, whether he was aware at the time of appointment of Jayne-Ann Gadhia as Chair of HMRC that she had given more than £20,000 to the Conservative Party since the 2019 General Election. (131253)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on how many occasions he met Jayne-Ann Gadhia from 14 February 2020 to 20 November 2020; and what the subject of each of those meetings was.

 (131254)
- **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 his Department in each of the last five years. (131255)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the funding being made available for freeports announced in the Spending Review 2020 CP 330: section 6.60, how much of the funding originally allocated to the Towns Fund will be allocated to capital spending on freeports in England.
- 373NGavin Robinson (Belfast East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the deadline for submission of tax returns given the varying and continuing covid-19 restrictions throughout the UK.
- **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the proportion of plastic packaging used to protect food that will be subject to the plastic packaging tax. (131178)
- **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of the plastic packaging tax on the production of compostable packaging in the UK. (131179)
- **Sir Robert Syms** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of individuals in who were granted start-up visas in 2019 earned over £73,900 per annum; and if he will make a statement . (131169)
- **Sir Robert Syms** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, by how much has the relocation allowance been updated in line with inflation since its introduction in 1994.

- 378 **Sir Robert Syms** (Poole): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much income tax revenue was generated from people holding a work visa in the category of skilled work visa in the 2018-19 financial year; and if he will make a statement.
- 379 Owen Thompson (Midlothian): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of implementing a director's income support scheme, in the context of the covid-19 outbreak. (131336)
- 380 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to ensure that the forthcoming plastic tax has an equitable administrative and economic effect on businesses in the bioeconomy. [Transferred] (130883)
- 381NDr Alan Whitehead (Southampton, Test): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what investments the UK Charging Infrastructure Investment Fund, managed by Zouk Capital, has made to date; in which companies those investments were made; and the amount of each investment. (131163)
- 382 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what discussions has he had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on funding for sheep farmers after the transition period in the event of the UK not reaching a deal with the EU.

 (131398)
- 383 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to make targeted public health guidance and information about covid-19 vaccines available for Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities.

 (131349)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the finding of the survey by Pregnant Then Screwed that 46 per of mothers who had been made redundant or expected to be made redundant said that a lack of childcare provision played a role in their redundancy, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of childcare places to support working parents.
- 385N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of hate crime during the covid-19 outbreak.

 (131488)