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- N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under S.O. No. 22(4).
- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

Questions for Answer on Monday 1 February

Questions for Written Answer

- Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Attorney General, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the unduly lenient sentence scheme. (145155)
- 2N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many EU citizens live in Oxford West and Abingdon constituency.

 [Transferred] (144835)
- 3 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the result of a legally held referendum on Scottish independence from the Union is legally binding on the Government.

(144999)

- John Redwood (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he plans to take to ensure the free passage of goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (144912)
- John Redwood (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to bring forward proposals for the UK internal market legislative framework to clarify that the UK determines the passage of goods between GB and Northern Ireland. (144913)
- Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what support he is offering to businesses that have been allowed to remain open but suffered a significant loss in income due to reduced trade and footfall during the covid-19 outbreak. (145159)

vaccination phase of the pandemic.

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(144995)

- 8 **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment the Government has made of the effect on independent retailers of the repayment of bounce back loans before the end of the covid-19 lockdown. (145099)
- 9 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has for the UK's future association with the Horizon Europe programme. (145175)
- 10 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to support research into new SARS-CoV-2 variants. (145176)
- 11 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent steps his Department has taken to prepare for the UK potentially not associating to Horizon Europe. (145177)
- 12 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will publish the evidence base informing the decision to allow click and collect services to continue. (144952)
- 13 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the capacity of AstraZeneca to deliver sufficient quantities of its covid-19 vaccine to meet the Government target of offering a first vaccine to everyone in the most vulnerable groups by the middle of February 2021.

 [Transferred] (144864)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has had discussions with the Met Office on its plan to locate part of its new super-computer abroad. (145142)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect on levels of employment and investment in the South West of the Met Office locating part of its new super-computer overseas. (145143)
- 16 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when the net zero strategy will be published; and whether it will include the emissions reductions required to meet the UK's 2030 Nationally Determined Contribution of reducing emissions by 68 per cent by 2030 compared to 1990 levels. (145145)

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- 17N Lucy Powell (Manchester Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business,
 Energy and Industrial Strategy, how much interest the Government has paid to
 banks for (a) bounce back loans and (b) Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan
 Scheme (CBILS); and how much banks have charged the Government for arranging
 CBILs loans.

 [Transferred] (144687)
- 18 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to encourage research into new methods to recycle plastics. (144959)
- 19 **Tom Tugendhat** (Tonbridge and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department plans to open a second tranche of applications for the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund.

 [Transferred] (144724)
- 20 Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on the support available to charity retailers while they are shut during covid-19 lockdowns. (145153)
- 21 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of proposals to temporarily increase Gift Aid to support charities impacted by the covid-19 pandemic. (145154)
- Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether the Gambling Commission (a) received any external support or advice and (b) used the same framework for assessment of affordability thresholds as set out in the consultation's call for evidence ahead of publishing its short survey seeking views on how gambling companies interact with their customers, published on 18 January 2021.
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what plans he has to provide an additional funding support package for charities during the covid-19 outbreak in the first three months of 2021.
- 24 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on allocating additional funding for voluntary and community organisations during the covid-19 outbreak. (145061)
- 25 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many jobs have been lost in the voluntary and community sectors since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. (145062)

- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of volunteering in the voluntary and community sector since the start of the covid-19 outbreak.

 (145063)
- 27 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of introducing an advertising tax credit for UK media companies. (144957)
- Liam Byrne (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of pupils in England started higher education by age 19 in 2018-19, in constituencies in the West Midlands Combined Authority Area, by (a) ethnicity and (b) free school meals eligibility. (144941)
- 29 **Sir Alan Campbell** (Tynemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has to review the criteria for critical workers in order to reduce the number of children attending school during the covid-19 outbreak. (144938)
- 30 **Sir Alan Campbell** (Tynemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the guidance is on the attendance of support staff in schools during the covid-19 lockdown announced in January 2021. (144939)
- 31 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he has taken to ensure mental health support is available for secondary schools pupils in (a) Slough and (b) England. (145103)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps he has taken to ensure examinations for pupils who are currently in Years 10 and 12 will be able to go ahead in 2022. (145104)
- 33 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps he has taken to ensure pupils with autism and other special educational needs and disabilities are being adequately supported whilst schools are closed.

 (145105)
- 34 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effect of delays in family court cases involving foster children on foster families.

 [Transferred] (144624)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the criteria that will be used to determine when to re-open further education colleges. (145069)
- Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many local authority-maintained schools were in receipt of the Service Pupil Premium in each of the last five years. (145124)

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- 37 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of public sector organisations have met the public sector apprentice target in each year since the target was introduced. (145050)
- 38 **Dr James Davies** (Vale of Clwyd): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support his Department can make available to vulnerable individuals who are unable to afford minimum spending requirements or delivery charges for priority supermarket home delivery slots. (145079)
- 39 **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to support (a) riding schools and (b) livery yards during the covid-19 outbreak. (145035)
- 40 Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to further expand and market the UK's Geographical Indications Scheme, which came into force on 1 January 2021. (145169)
- 41N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the operation of new trading arrangements for the export of Welsh red meat to the EU.

 [Transferred] (143884)
- 42 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Prime Minister's answer to oral question 911441 on 27 January 2021, what the timetable is for the Government to ban all plastic waste exports to non-OECD countries. (144990)
- 43 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many inspections his Department conducted on (a) British fishing boats and (b) overseas fishing boats in (i) each month in 2020 and (ii) January 2021. (145144)
- 44 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to implement the Ivory Act 2018.
- John Redwood (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to promote and support more protected growing of vegetables and salad crops to extend the UK growing season. (144914)
- John Redwood (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential to extend the UK fruit growing season; and what support his Department provides to growers to extend their season.

 (144915)
- 47 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement on the ability of cheesemakers based in Great Britain to sell their products to the EU. (145039)

- 48 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the number of cheesemakers based in Great Britain that have stopped selling their products to the EU since 1 January 2021.
- 49 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether she plans to extend the UK's steel safeguards; and what assessment she has made of the potential merits of others steps to develop a strong and sustainable steel industry. (145150)
- 50 Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether she has made an economic impact assessment of the current UK steel safeguards. (145151)
- Lee Anderson (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential role of (a) global overcapacity, (b) US 232 tariffs, (c) levels of protectionist sentiment in other economies and (d) other factors in the introduction of EU steel safeguards. (145152)
- Mark Tami (Alyn and Deeside): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many businesses in (a) Alyn and Deeside and (b) the UK have been advised by her Department to transfer some operations to the European Union in order to facilitate exports following the UK's departure from the EU. (144942)
- Gareth Thomas (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what discussions her Department had with UK asparagus producers before resizing the Tariff Rate Quota on fresh asparagus from Mexico; and if she will make a statement.

 (144911)
- Kim Johnson (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make it his policy to extend (a) provisional licences and (b) theory test certificates in response to the discontinuation of driving lessons during the covid-19 outbreak. (145178)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people have used e-scooters in the e-scooter pilot in (a) York and (b) other cities taking part in that pilot. (145058)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effect of the cost of hire charges for e-scooters on the level of take-up during the e-scooter pilot in York. (145059)
- 57 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, will scientific advice he received prior to the decision that travellers from certain countries will need to enter a quarantine hotel upon arrival in the UK. (145168)
- Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what contingency planning his Department has undertaken to avoid future disruption to air routes from volcanic activity. (144979)

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- Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will hold discussions with (a) Uber Eats and (b) other mobile delivery companies on ensuring that their delivery drivers and vehicles (i) are roadworthy; (ii) hold comprehensive and public liability insurance; (iii) have undertaken driver standards training; (iv) do not undertake deliveries using pavements or other pedestrian only areas; and (v) are equipped with adequate lights for night time deliveries.
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he and his officials have had with stakeholders on encouraging the development and use of hydrogen-injected diesel fuel engines using internal combustion assistance to make engines more efficient and limit air pollution. (144958)
- 61 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to UK pensioners living in Canada, if she will make it her policy to agree to the formal request made by the Canadian Government for a reciprocal agreement covering the uprating of pensions. (144988)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) charities and (b) social enterprises have offered placements under the Kickstart scheme. (145064)
- 63 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of armed forces veterans who have been subject to universal credit sanctions since the rollout of the scheme.

 (145119)
- 64 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the effect of including pneumoconiosis in the D1 category in assessments on miners' ability to claim pneumoconiosis support grants. (145089)
- 65 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the effect of including industrial diseases such as pneumoconiosis in the D1 category in assessments on the ability of miners to claim compensation. (145090)
- 66 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to reduce the taper rate of universal credit during the covid-19 outbreak to help alleviate staff shortages. (144928)
- Jonathan Ashworth (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) subject, (b) date and (c) reason was for each Ministerial Direction he has issued since 1 February 2020. (145024)
- 68 **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the risks to tradespeople working in other people's homes of contracting covid-19; and if he will make a statement. (144934)

- 69 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) support clinically vulnerable patients with underlying respiratory conditions suffering complications from long covid, and b) maintain care and treatment for patients with new respiratory multi-morbidity through the vaccination phase of the covid-19 outbreak. (144996)
- 70 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to use the 11,300 community pharmacies in England to administer the Oxford/AstraZeneca covid-19 vaccine at scale. (144940)
- 71 Thangam Debbonaire (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether there will be an increase in the number of student medicine places in the 2021-22 academic year.

 [Transferred] (144718)
- 72 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 21 January 2021 to Question 137961 on Paramedical Staff: Students, by what date his Department and the Department for Education plan to reach a decision through those discussions. (145048)
- 73 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the effectiveness of UV air disinfection in reducing the spread of covid-19 infection within clinical settings. (145106)
- 74 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the funding allocated to dementia research. (144985)
- 75 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support the healthcare needs of disabled people and their families in Dudley North constituency during the covid-19 outbreak. (145166)
- 76 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many veterans were provided with a summary of their medical records when they left the armed forces in each of the last five years. (145114)
- 77 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of patients who have received prescriptions for the use of medicinal cannabis to treat their medical conditions.

(144997)

- 78 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the affordability of drugs, which contain cannabis, for the treatment of epilepsy. (144998)
- 79N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet with the family of Mary Agyeiwaa Agyapong to discuss working conditions of pregnant women during the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (143918)

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- 80 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to require crews of foreign fishing boats landing their catches in English ports to show negative covid-19 tests. (145140)
- 81 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on extending the pre-arrival negative covid-19 tests requirement to crews of foreign fishing boats landing their catches in English ports.
- 82 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on filling vacancies in the social care sector. (144929)
- 83 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to increase the resources available to care homes to mitigate the pressures caused by the covid-19 outbreak. (144930)
- 84 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to increase the take-up rate of the covid-19 vaccination among social care staff. (144931)
- 85 Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to introduce covid-19 testing for asymptomatic hospital visitors.

 (145134)
- Sir Desmond Swayne (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of including household members living with a person particularly vulnerable to covid-19, within the same vaccination cohort as the vulnerable person with which they live.

 (144916)
- 87 Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of including long covid as an underlying health condition in determining vaccine priority.

 (145085)
- 88 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what provision is being made for UK citizens who are residing overseas and in priority categories for covid-19 vaccination. (145047)
- 89 Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support is the UK Government
 giving to the protection of biodiversity, and in particular aquatic biodiversity, in
 the Turks and Caicos Islands. (145170)
- 90 Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to take forward
 the peace process in Bosnia and Herzegovina following reports that a new High
 Representative will be installed in the next six months. (145171)

- 91 Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the
 effectiveness of his Department's technical support to the Peshmerga Ministry in
 the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. (145172)
- 92 Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the purpose is of his Department's technical support to the Peshmerga Ministry in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. (145173)
- 93 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had
 with the Chinese Ambassador on the Uyghur Muslims in the Xinjiain Province of
 China. (145070)
- 94 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government has had
 discussions with the Chinese Ambassador on sanctioning trade with (a) China and
 (b) Xinjiang province as a result of recent human rights abuses in China. (145071)
- 95 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what additional steps the (a) UK Government and (b) UN are planning to take in response to the human rights abuses in the Xinjiang Province of China against the Uyghur Muslims. (145072)
- Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to enable the UK to use its presidencies of the G7 and COP26 to ensure that it and other nations (a) build on initial progress on eradicating female genital mutilation and (b) make a renewed commitment to SDG 4.
- 97 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment the Government has made of the effect of the Indian Government's legislative reforms to farming on Punjabi and Sikh communities in India. (145187)
- 98N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether it is a Government priority to negotiate extensions to the 90 in 180 days visa-free visit limit by UK subjects to the EU by means of visa waiver agreements with individual EU states permitted within the Schengen acquis and the UK's Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the EU.

 [Transferred] (143673)
- 99 **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress has been made on assessing the effectiveness of section 176 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing 2014 Act. (145096)

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- 100 Bambos Charalambous (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with Police and Crime Commissioners since her letter to PCCs and Chief Constables setting out that the theft of goods valued up to £200 from a shop should be prosecuted as a criminal offence.

 (145097)
- 101 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for leave to remain her Department has received from Commonwealth service personnel in each of the last five years. (145120)
- 102 Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prohibit adults from using e-scooters on the public highway whilst carrying (a) infants and (b) other passengers. (144981)
- 103 Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many drivers were summonsed for driving (a) without insurance and (b) without a valid MOT using evidence from ANPR technology in England and Wales in the latest 12 month period for which figures are available. (144982)
- 104 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that dogs taken into custody
 under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 are not abused, harmed or mistreated while
 being apprehended. (144955)
- 105 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the letter placed in the Library from the Hon. Member for Plymouth, Moor View, following his Answer of 15 January 2021 to Question 133121, how much money his Department has spent on research and development of a beard compatible respirator which would meet the required levels of protection. (145107)
- 106 Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the letter placed in the Library from the Hon. Member for Plymouth, Moor View, and pursuant to his Answer of 15 January 2021 to Question 133121, whether his Department has made an assessment of whether infection control technologies that protect individuals with beards in a clinical setting, could be further developed to offer effective respirator protection in a defence setting.
- 107 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applications to the Covenant Fund Trust were received by local authorities in each of the last five years; and what amount was distributed to successful applicants. (145121)
- 108 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many cases of (a) murder (b) manslaughter (c) rape and (d) sexual assault were tried through Courts Martial in each of the last five years; and how many convictions were made. (145122)

- 109 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many positive covid-19 cases there have been among (a) British and (b) other allied forces taking part in training exercises in Norway. (145125)
- 110 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to protect members of the armed forces travelling abroad for training from covid-19. (145126)
- 111 Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps the Army's armoured capability is taking to contribute to (a) enhanced Forward Presence and (b) NATO's other conventional deterrence tasks.

 (144960)
- 112 Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to develop a viable infantry fighting vehicle capability that meets the Army's requirements to allow soldiers safely to enter, operate and be supported directly in close combat and high threat environments.

 (144961)
- 113 Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the relative tactical mobility performance of the vehicles to be provided under the (a) Warrior Capability Sustainment and (b) Mechanised Infantry Vehicle programmes, in weather and terrain in (i) Eastern Europe and (ii) the Baltics. (144962)
- Hilary Benn (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what stage in the application process to the
 Building Safety Fund the application for West Point, Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1
 4JL has reached. (144933)
- 115 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment he has made of the availability of safe housing for the trans community during the covid-19 outbreak.

 (145109)
- 116 Ian Mearns (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 25 January 2021 to Question 140777, when the New Homes Ombudsman is planned to be in place; and whether he plans to provide that ombudsman with the power to process complaints which arose prior to its formation. (144994)
- 117 Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, with reference to his Answer to Question 100 at the Oral Evidence session of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee of 20 January, whether guidance on steel tariffs has been issued to business. (145078)

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- 118 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the trade association for the amusement machine industry and supply chain (BACTA) on its eligibility for the VAT reduction to 5 per cent; and if he agree to attend a meeting with BACTA. (144923)
- 119 **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the removal of business rates relief on independent retailers. (145098)
- 120 **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential effect on tenant credit scores of rent arrears that have accumulated since lockdown measures started in March 2020. (145036)
- 121 **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether landlords securing a buy-to-let mortgage holiday in response to the covid-19 outbreak are required to pay back suspended payments on the remainder of the term of their mortgage. (145037)
- Marco Longhi (Dudley North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will confirm that business rates for hospitality and non-essential retail businesses will be waived for a further 12 months covering the 2021-22 financial year to aid them in their recovery from the covid-19 outbreak. (145165)
- 123 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to extend the temporary full business rates holiday for the (a) retail, (b) hospitality, (c) leisure and (d) childcare sectors to the 2021-22 financial year: and if he will make a statement. (144989)
- 124 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of a parental isolation grant for parents who are having to look after a child who is having to isolate. (145066)
- 125 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the cost of restoring the war widows pension to people who had remarried or cohabited between 1973 and 2005. (145123)
- 126 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the ability of the financial regulatory framework to respond to the effect of artificial intelligence on the trading of equities, bonds and derivatives. (145016)
- 127NRachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the Government plans to retire its Chief customs system and transition to the Customs Declaration Service for GB-EU trade.

 [Transferred] (143744)

- 128NRachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Mastercard's decision to increase transaction fees for UK shoppers using debit or credit cards to make purchases in the EU, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of the implementation of a cap on such transaction fees.

 [Transferred] (144668)
- 129NRachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government is taking to support businesses to register for VAT in multiple jurisdictions in response to the UK no longer being part of the single EU VAT area.

 [Transferred] (144670)
- 130NRachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the number of (a) UK and (b) EU businesses unable to send goods across the border due to changes to tax and VAT since 1 January 2021.

 [Transferred] (144671)
- 131N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government is taking to protect UK consumers from (a) hidden or unclear customs and (b) VAT charges when buying goods from EU retailers. [Transferred] (144672)
- 132 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what measures he is taking to reduce the burden of taxation on gyms and exercise centres during the covid-19 outbreak. (144953)
- 133 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has in place to financially support the gym and fitness sector (a) during the covid-19 lockdown and (b) after the lockdown restrictions are eased. (144954)
- 134 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions his Department has had with stakeholders on the potential merits of introducing an advertising tax credit for UK media companies in order to stimulate the economy. (144956)
- 135 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the number of doctors and nurses who have (a) been subject to the Loan Charge and (b) settled to avoid that charge. (145018)
- 136 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many armed forces veterans (a) are subject to the Loan Charge and (b) have settled to avoid that charge. (145019)
- 137 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the HMRC was last audited. (145020)
- 138 **Philip Dunne** (Ludlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what steps he is taking to grow the hydrogen economy in Wales. (144972)
- 139 **Philip Dunne** (Ludlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Transport on the role hydrogen passenger vehicles can play in supporting the growth of the Welsh hydrogen economy. (144973)

140 **Philip Dunne** (Ludlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether the Government plans to set a target for the deployment of hydrogen refueling infrastructure in Wales.

(144974)

- 141 **Philip Dunne** (Ludlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether the Government plans to set a target for hydrogen production in Wales. (144975)
- 142 **Philip Dunne** (Ludlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for International Trade on a strategy to boost exports of Welsh hydrogen technology. (144976)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 2 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the complete list of products on the Prohibited and Restricted List that will require a variation of Export Health Certificates on trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 22nd February 2021.
- 2N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether sausages made in Great Britain can be exported to Northern Ireland after 1 July 2021. (145076)
- 3N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any service level credits have been applied to contracts to run the Isolation Assurance Service. (145001)
- 4N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Data on health measures at the UK border, published on 10 September 2020, when he plans to publish further statistics on the performance of the Isolation Assurance Service. (145002)
- 5N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much money has been refunded from contracts to run the Isolation Assurance Service as a result of failures to meet Public Health England's target of monitoring one in five arrivals with three daily phone calls.
- 6N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December 2020 to Question 128136 on Customs Intermediaries, how many of the 50,000 customs agents needed to implement the new UK-EU trading arrangements have been (a) hired and (b) trained.

- 7N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the EU legislation database and existing visa waiver agreements between the EU and other countries such as Colombia, UAE, Tonga, St Lucia which include a definition of paid activity to not cover artists performing an activity on an ad-hoc basis; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of that system to exempt UK musicians and other performers from entry requirements or restrictions on short-term work in the EU for 90-days. (145005)
- 8N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with (a) employers and (b) trade unions on the use of fire and re-hire tactics in negotiations with employees.
- 9N **Greg Clark** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to ensure that the duties of the Director of Labour Market Enforcement are undertaken while that post is vacant; and if he will make a statement. (144983)
- Andrea Jenkyns (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to support people to set up their own business once covid-19 restrictions are eased. (145081)
- 11N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will extend Sir Wyn William's Post Office Horizon IT inquiry to include the issue of potential perjury in each of the items listed under the scope of that inquiry.

 (144949)
- 12N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps Post Office Ltd have taken to recoup the costs from Fujitsu associated with the failure of the Fujitsu Horizon IT system. (144950)
- 13N Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many workplace inspections were carried out by the (a) Employment Standards Agency Inspectorate, (b) HMRC National Minimum Wage Enforcement Team, (c) Health and Safety Executive and (d) the Gangmaster Labour Abuse Authority for the yearly reporting period 2019-20. (145030)
- 14N Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business,
 Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many investigations were carried out by the
 (a) Employment Standards Agency Inspectorate, (b) HMRC National Minimum
 Wage Enforcement Team, (c) Health and Safety Executive and (d) the Gangmaster
 Labour Abuse Authority for the yearly reporting period 2019-20. (145031)
- 15N Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many front-line enforcement officers there were in the (a) HMRC National Minimum Wage Enforcement Team, (b) Health and Safety Executive and (C) Gangmaster Labour Abuse Authority for the yearly reporting period 2019-20.

- 16N Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business,
 Energy and Industrial Strategy, what classifications the issues investigated the by
 (a) Employment Standards Agency Inspectorate; (b) HMRC National Minimum
 Wage enforcement team; (c) Health and Safety Executive; and (d) Gangmaster
 Labour Abuse Authority fell under for the reporting period 2019/2020. (145033)
- 17N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will bring forward proposals to cap credit card transaction fees to the level introduced by the EU in 2015. (144991)
- 18N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 11 January 2021 to Question 132959, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to amend section 44(1)(d) and (e) of the Employment Rights Act 1996 to extend the provisions to apply to all limb (b) workers, and on what timescale; and if will he make a statement.
- 19N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many Green Homes Grant applications have been received in each English region. (145086)
- 20N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether any underspend in the first tranche of the £2 billion Green Homes Grant programme to March 2021 will be rolled over to the extended scheme in 2021-22. (145087)
- 21N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans his Department has to support the future of the UK's hydropower industry as part of the UK's renewable energy mix.

 (144917)
- 22N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the role that tidal range energy can play in the UK's future energy mix. (144918)
- 23N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the introduction of a revenue floor mechanism to support long duration energy storage. (144919)
- 24N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will place in the Library the contract with ICF for the management of the Green Homes Grant Scheme. (144920)
- 25N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the contract awarded to ICF to manage the Green Homes Grant Scheme was issued on a competitive basis. (144921)

- 26N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that broadband remains affordable to people in receipt of (a) universal credit and (b) other lowincome benefits.

 (145113)
- 27N Alex Davies-Jones (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that broadband remains affordable to those on (a) universal credit and (b) other low-income benefits.

 (145182)
- 28N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effect of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement on the ability of UK journalists to travel frequently across national borders in the EU without visa requirements. (145102)
- 29N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he is taking to plan for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022. (145067)
- 30N **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2021 to Question 137193, when the Turing Scheme will be open for applications. (145006)
- 31N Bambos Charalambous (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effect on children's (a) learning and (b) development of the closure of wraparound childcare providers. (145091)
- 32N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 25 January 2021 to Question 140063 on Remote Education: Computers, if he will publish weekly data on the number of laptops (a) allocated and (b) delivered to pupils to support remote education by constituency since 1 April 2020.
- 33N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the financial viability of out-of-school wraparound childcare providers that are not able to operate normally during the current covid-19 restrictions period; and whether he plans to offer them financial support. (145007)
- 34N Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate he has made of the number of digital devices made available for primary school children who are learning at home in (a) Kingston upon Hull North, (b) Hull City, (c) Yorkshire and the Humber and (d) nationally.
- 35N Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate he has made of the number of digital devices provided for secondary school pupils who are learning from home in (a) Kingston upon Hull North, (b) Hull City, (c) Yorkshire and the Humber and (d) nationally. (144968)

- 36N Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many dongles has been provided to primary school children who are learning from home and require internet access in (a) Kingston upon Hull North, (b) Hull City, (c) Yorkshire and the Humber and (d) nationally. (144969)
- 37N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what level of Barnett consequential funding the Welsh Government will receive as a result of the £300 million announced for schools in England by the Prime Minister on 27 January 2021. (145101)
- 38N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of asking teachers to come out of retirement and assist in the recovery phase of the covid-19 outbreak to educate and support children and young people with their learning.

 (145056)
- 39N Karin Smyth (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many nursing (a) apprenticeship starts and (b) apprentices there were in 2019-20. (145049)
- 40N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has to allocate catch-up funding to further education colleges due to the covid-19 outbreak in the 2021-22 academic year. (145051)
- 41N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure that further education colleges receive a further allocation of laptops. (145052)
- 42N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he plans to include in his guidance to schools that children and staff should wear clear face coverings if needed to meet the needs of pupils and students.

 (145132)
- 43N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether (a) the Construction Industry Training Board and (b) the Construction Industry Training Board Northern Ireland are able to access furlough funding. (145080)
- 44N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of dredging the River Weaver in the Northwich and Sutton Weaver areas of Weaver Vale constituency. (145135)
- 45N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to allocate funding to a regular schedule of dredging for the river Weaver and Dane in Weaver Vale constituency. (145136)
- 46N Olivia Blake (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential benefits to the wellbeing and financial security of vulnerable people isolating as a result of the covid-19 outbreak from supermarkets (a) suspending

charges for people using priority supermarket delivery slots and (b) reducing minimum spends on deliveries for people using priority supermarket delivery slots.

(145186)

- 47N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support the Government has made available to kennel and cattery businesses in the context of the re-classification of those services as essential and the implications of that matter for the eligibility of those workers regarding furlough. (145015)
- 48N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with the seven participating supermarkets in the priority delivery slots scheme on reducing minimum spends on deliveries for people using those slots so that they are not penalised financially for following official guidance to stay at home. (144992)
- 49N Colum Eastwood (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether her Department is advising businesses to register in the EU Single Market.

 (145181)
- 50N **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many applications for licences for export of arms to Saudi Arabia have been rejected on the grounds that they were inconsistent with the EU and National Arms Export Consolidated Criteria since the outbreak of war in Yemen in late 2014.
- 51N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, when she plans to publish the text of the Economic Partnership Agreement secured with Cameroon on 30 December 2020, together with an accompanying explanatory memorandum and parliamentary report. (144970)
- 52N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, when she plans to publish the Memorandum of Understanding on interim trading arrangements with Cameroon, which came into force on 1 January 2021. (144971)
- 53N Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of funds have been disbursed from the Port Infrastructure Fund to successful applicants; and what the Government's timescale is for disbursement of remaining funds.

 (145131)
- 54N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to extend the grace period for non-GB licence holders to allow them to continue to drive in the UK. (145054)

- 55N Lilian Greenwood (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to include in his Transport Decarbonisation Plan (a) targets to halt and reverse the growth of traffic in line with the Government's aim to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and (b) corresponding targets and spending plans to increase cycling, walking and public transport usage. (145000)
- 56N **Mr Richard Holden** (North West Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what grant funding is available to support the installation of electric car charging points in existing residential properties. (145174)
- 57N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2021 to Question 133858 on City Deals: Sheffield City Region, what proportion of the City Deal allocation he plans to make available in the next financial year.

 [R] (145023)
- 58N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the number of (a) bicycles and (b) e-bicycles that were sold in each month of 2020. (145057)
- 59N Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what changes she plans to make to the rules on bereavement benefits following the verdicts reached in the cases of (a) James Jackson and Kevin Simpson in 2020 and (b) Siobhan McLaughlin in 2018.
- 60N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to improve the processing time of applications to the Kickstart scheme.

 (145147)
- 61N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to work with Gateway submissions for the Kickstart scheme. (145148)
- 62N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans she has to work with organisations such as Gateway to agree a maximum time between submission and approval of applications for the Kickstart scheme.

(145149)

- 63N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many placements have been created under the Kickstart scheme in each (a) region and (b) sector. (145013)
- 64N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will the publish the reasons why her Department has closed applications for organisations to become gateways for Kickstart scheme placements. (145014)
- 65N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many eligible claimants since March 2020 have had their (a) employment and support allowance or (b) limited capability for work-related activity component of universal credit payments delayed due to being required to attend face-to-face assessments to process their claim. (144943)

- 66N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether eligible claimants of (a) employment and support allowance and (b) the Limited Capability for Work-Related Activity component of universal credit are potentially being required to attend face-to-face assessments to process a claim despite the suspension of such assessments for sickness and disability benefits since March 2020.
- 67N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the use of only non face-to-face forms of assessments for (a) employment and support allowance and (b) the Limited Capability for Work-Related Activity component of universal credit are viable methods for all eligible claimants to have their claims processed given the suspension of face-to-face assessments for sickness and disability benefits since March 2020. (144945)
- 68N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when she plans to publish her Department's review of the benefits system for terminally ill people. (144946)
- 69N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of terminally ill people who have experienced delays in receiving benefit payments when claiming under the Special Rules for Terminal Illness in (a) Wales and (b) the UK over the last five years. (144947)
- 70N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of negotiating an amendment to his contract with Oxford-AstraZeneca to change its emphasis on providing vaccines on only a non-profit basis to make provision for a suitable premium for each additional dose provided in advance of agreed delivery schedules.

 [R] (145008)
- 71N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to reduce the spread of anti-vaccination material in BAME communities.

 [R] (145009)
- 72N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress he has made on rolling out vaccinations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and if he will implement more late night and early morning vaccination services, with subsidies for overtime and late shifts as required. [R] (145010)
- 73N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will urgently formalise the process of (a) administering spare vaccination doses and (b) filling vaccination appointment gaps. [R] (145011)
- 74N **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the closure of wraparound childcare providers on childhood obesity. (145093)

- 75N **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Government will bring forward proposals for the (a) reform and (b) funding of adult social care. (145094)
- 76N **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to update the minimum income guarantee allowance for people receiving care in non-care home settings. (145095)
- 77N **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the (a) efficacy of the AstraZeneca covid-19 vaccine on over 65s and (b) implications for his policies of Germany banning the vaccine for its over-65 population. (144937)
- 78N **Jeremy Hunt** (South West Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress the UK National Screening Council has made on its review of the potential merits of late pregnancy ultrasounds for undiagnosed breech presentation of babies. (144978)
- 79N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding has been allocated to research on the effectiveness of the (a) Pfizer/Biontech vaccine and (b) AstraZeneca/Oxford University vaccine for immuno-suppressed people; and which organisations have received funding to conduct that research. (145100)
- 80N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that all covid-19 vaccination centres are covid-secure. (145068)
- 81N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that referrals to children and young people's mental health services are maintained during the 2021 covid-19 lockdown. (145158)
- 82N **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps funeral directors need to take to remain compliant with the law on mourner limits when helping families organise funerals, in addition to complying with guidance published by the National Association of Funeral Directors.
- 83N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason those under the age of 5 do not count in the meet up rules when compared with higher age limits in other home nations. (145133)
- 84N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to reduce the number of covid-19 vaccines available to North West England and transfer those vaccines to other English Regions. (144935)

- 85N **Mr William Wragg** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will implement financial rewards for (a) GPs, (b) vaccination centres and (c) other local health professionals for each vaccine administered that goes above the average number of vaccines administered. (145043)
- 86N **Mr William Wragg** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending the bonus payments that GPs have received for administering the covid-19 vaccine to care home patients to the vaccination of other difficult to reach groups. (145044)
- 87N **Mr William Wragg** (Hazel Grove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a crowdsourcing scheme for covid-19 vaccine acceleration ideas. (145045)
- 88N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his counterpart in the Democratic Republic of Congo to determine the steps that country is taking to tackle the killings of Christians and others by Islamic extremist groups in January 2021. (144948)
- 89N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what progress he has made on negotiations on access for Falkand Islands fisheries to EU markets. (145026)
- 90N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) support, (b) training and (c) funding the Government has provided to the Government of Uganda's (i) armed forces, (ii) security forces, (iii) police and (iv) judicial system in each of the last five years, either in Uganda or the UK. (145027)
- 91N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the accuracy of reports of attacks on civilians and serious human rights violations in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, by any party to the conflict, whether internal or external.
- 92N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support the Government is providing to the Government of Mozambique to help tackle serious insecurity and attacks by ISIS-affiliated groups in the north of that country. (145029)
- 93 Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 12 May 2020 to Question 42248 on Palestinians: Overseas Aid, on what date the internal panel of researchers will complete its analysis. (144964)
- 94 Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has allocated all of the People for Peaceful Change budget to date. (144965)

- 95N Alex Davies-Jones (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, to publish the number of reports of anti-social behaviour received by police each year since 2015 across (a) Pontypridd constituency and (b) Wales. (145183)
- 96N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many instances of anti-social behaviour were reported to the police in England and Wales in each month from January 2020 to January 2021.

(145184)

- 97N Alex Davies-Jones (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Criminal Behaviour Orders have been made in (a) England and (b) Wales in each year since the introduction of those orders. (145185)
- 98N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 28 May 2020 to Question 41464 on UK Border Force and UK Visas and Immigration: Coronavirus; if she will publish the same data for each month from May 2020 to January 2021. (145025)
- 99N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish the recruitment process for the independent review of the Prevent strategy; and what representations has she received on the effectiveness of that recruitment process. (145137)
- 100NAfzal Khan (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what (a) discussions and (b) engagement she had with (i) civil liberties groups, (ii) the Muslim Council of Britain and (iii) other Muslim organisations prior to the appointment of the independent reviewer of Prevent.

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- 101NAfzal Khan (Manchester, Gorton): (FAO Amelia) To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to comments made by William Shawcross, then Director at the Henry Jackson Society, in a speech on 17 January 2012, that Europe and Islam is one of the greatest, most terrifying problems of the future, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the independence of the Prevent review.
- 102NKerry McCarthy (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans her Department has for the continuation of refugee resettlement after the conclusion of the Vulnerable Person's Resettlement Scheme.

 (144963)
- 103NLiz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers does her Department intend to transfer into the temporary accommodation site at the Penally training camp over the next four weeks. (145082)

- 104NLiz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers will be transferred out of the temporary accommodation site at the Penally training camp in the next four weeks.

 (145083)
- 105NMr William Wragg (Hazel Grove): To ask the hon. Member for Perth and North Perthshire, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many former Speakers of the House are in receipt of a pension associated with that office. (145042)
- 106NPatrick Grady (Glasgow North): To ask the Leader of the House, with reference to the Written Statement of 26 October 2017, HCWS199 on Opposition Day Debates and the Answer of 1 November 2017 to Question 110093, whether the Government remains committed to that convention to respond to the resolution of the House by making a statement no more than 12 weeks after the debate. (145046)
- 107NJohn Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many armed forces personnel have been promoted to officer ranks in each year since 2010 by ethnicity. (144926)
- 108NJohn Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department has taken to improve armed forces personnel satisfaction rates in Service Family Accommodation and Service Living Accommodation. (144927)
- 109NMr Kevan Jones (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to Answer 5 March 2020 to Question 21163, with regards to the Type 31 Frigate contract, whether his Department still plans to cut steel this year. (144951)
- 110N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent estimate he has made of the number of military homes owned by Annington Homes that are awaiting repairs. (145115)
- 111N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 22 June 2020 to Question 60855 on Annington Homes, what progress has been made on resolving the issue of rent payable for the lease of the service family accommodation estate. (145116)
- 112N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many maintenance appointments for (a) service family accommodation and (b) single living accommodation have been missed in each of the last five years.(145117)
- 113N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much compensation has been paid for missed maintenance appointments in each of the last five years; and what form that compensation took. (145118)
- 114N Neil Coyle (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when the eligibility criteria for the Waking Watch Relief Fund will be published; when application decisions are likely to be assessed; and when payments will be made available. (145038)

- 115N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of housing support available to trans people who have had to move out of their homes due to transphobia. (145110)
- 116N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what plans he has to ensure housing

 suitability for the trans community. (145111)
- 117N Dame Margaret Hodge (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what recent progress has been made on
 the research being undertaken by the Building Research Establishment on trigger
 thresholds. (144924)
- 118N Dame Margaret Hodge (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, how many public sector buildings in England
 with combustible insulation have been identified. (144925)
- 119N Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many London prison staff have died from covid-19. (145160)
- 120N Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison staff (a) in total and (b) based in London have received a covid-19 vaccine.

 (145161)
- 121N Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the deadline date for all prison officers to have received a covid-19 vaccine. (145162)
- 122N Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisons in London are experiencing a covid-19 outbreak. (145163)
- 123NFleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the deadline date for all London prison officers to have received a covid-19 vaccine. (145164)
- 124NLiz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment has he made of the compliance of (a) HMP Berwyn (b) other prisons in Wales with Welsh language equality legislation. (145084)
- 125NLouise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, with reference to Q89 of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee of 20th January 2021, whether the guidance on groupage has been delivered to hauliers.

 (145073)
- 126N**Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when he plans to publish guidance on the completion of health certificates for products on the prohibited and restricted list. (145074)

- 127NLouise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when the next meeting of the Specialised Committee on the Protocol is set to take place. (145077)
- 128NAlan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the request from the three Ayrshire Council Leaders for the Ayrshire Growth Deal spending allocation to be compressed from 15 years to 10 years; and will he make a statement.
- 129NBambos Charalambous (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential effect on the UK's financial recovery from the covid-19 outbreak of offering tailored grant funding to wraparound childcare providers. (145092)
- 130NAnneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what alternative communication channels are available to businesses submitting queries to HMRC regarding the movement of goods internationally via The Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) system. (145127)
- 131N Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether plans in the Winter Economy Plan to give Coronavirus Business Interruption Loans lenders the ability to extend the length of loans from six to ten years (a) have been delivered and (b) are being offered by those lenders. (145128)
- 132N Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of whether easements or forbearance are available to businesses as a result of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement; and whether legal provisions have been communicated to businesses to prevent future prosecution as a result of non-compliance in the initial period following the publication of that Agreement.
- 133NAnneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether budget representations received by his Department via the budget. representations@hmtreasury.gov.uk email address will be considered as he prepares this year's budget. (145130)
- 134NGill Furniss (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has to cap standard variable mortgage rates for inactive lenders to protect people who cannot move their mortgages. (145088)
- 135NRobert Halfon (Harlow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his

 Department is taking to cut VAT on energy bills for families across the UK. (144993)
- 136NClaire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will extend the VAT cut for the hospitality sector (a) beyond 31 March 2021 and (b) to other covid-19-affected sectors. (145179)

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- 137N Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether people who became self-employed in the tax year 2019-20 will be eligible for the fourth self-employment income support scheme. (145180)
- 138NMrs Emma Lewell-Buck (South Shields): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue has been raised by the Soft Drinks Industrial Levy in each year since its inception; and how much of that revenue has been spent in each year. (145034)
- 139NRachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the economic effect of the covid-19 outbreak on women.

 (145065)
- 140NJames Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason the zero-rate of value-added tax for women's sanitary products is not applied to period pants. (145167)
- 141N Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Streatham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of supporting self-employed workers who have had their income affected by the covid-19 pandemic in paying their tax returns for 2019-20. (145156)
- 142NCrispin Blunt (Reigate): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, pursuant to her Answer on conversion therapy to the hon. Member for Rutland and Melton on 23 September 2020, Official Report, Column 931, whether the research has been completed; if she will publish that research; and when she plans to introduce steps to end conversion therapy. (144922)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 3 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to improve guidance on claiming statutory sick pay. (144966)
- 2N **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate he has made of the proportion of new diagnoses of recurrent and metastatic breast cancer which hospital trusts are submitting to the Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset (COSD). (145021)
- 3N **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what mechanisms are in place to monitor hospital trust compliance with the requirement to collect data on new diagnoses of recurrent and metastatic breast cancer. (145022)

4N Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what targeted support he is providing to potential victims of female genital mutilation. (144986)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 4 February

Questions for Written Answer

1N Tony Lloyd (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to reply to the letter from the hon. Member for Rochdale of 11 November 2020, on the deportations of members of the Rochdale Grooming Gang. (144936)