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Questions tabled on Tuesday 2 March 2021

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 3 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans he has to centralise digital identification verification processes for Government Departments. [Transferred] (160654)
- 2 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent assessment he has made of the need to support UK manufacturing capacity for vehicle batteries to avoid future tariffs on electric vehicles under the rules of the UK-EU free trade agreement. [Transferred] (160801)
- 3 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to amend regulations in respect of fireworks to strengthen controls on who can purchase them. [Transferred] (160890)
- 4 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport if he will introduce compulsory traffic calming measures and hazard signs outside all (a) early years education settings and (b) schools to reduce the risk of injury and death to children. [Transferred] (160589)
- 5 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the safety of re-commencing private music lessons for adults during the covid-19 lockdown. [Transferred] (160891)

- 6 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of requiring teacher supply agencies to sign up to the flexible furlough scheme in order for supply teachers to have access to financial support during the covid-19 lockdown announced in January 2021. [Transferred] (160851)
- 7 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans the Government has to embed the importance of community education in the successor policy to the European Social Fund programme. [Transferred] (160660)
- 8 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps the Government plans to take to ensure that any successor policy to the European Social Fund programme takes into account the interdependency between community education and further/higher education. [Transferred] (160661)
- 9 **James Gray** (North Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when the Government plans to allow (a) boat owners to visit marinas and (b) marinas to re-open as the covid-19 restrictions are eased; what discussions he has had with representatives of the Royal Yachting Association on re-opening marinas for boat owners; for what reason marinas were not specifically mentioned in the Government's Covid-19 Response: Spring 2021 roadmap, published on 22 February 2021; and how boat owners can gain access to their boats for regular maintenance while marinas are closed during the covid-19 lockdown. [Transferred] (160522)
- 10 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the value of Transport for London to the national economy. [Transferred] (160751)
- 11 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with Transport for London on financial support for London's transport network. [Transferred] (160752)
- 12 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications have been received for Discretionary Housing Payments in (a) England, (b) the North West and (c) Stockport in the latest period for which figures are available. [Transferred] (160848)
- 13 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of Discretionary Housing Payments were successful in (a) England, (b) the North West and (c) Stockport in the latest period for which figures are available. [Transferred] (160849)
- 14 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has undertaken of the needs of members of the public without smartphone or internet access in the context of his future covid-19 related strategic planning as the UK completes its covid-19 vaccine rollout. [Transferred] (160817)

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- 15 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to provide further details regarding allocation of the £500 million of additional funding for mental health services in 2021-22 announced in the Spending Review 2020. [Transferred] (160684)
- 16 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate he has made of the number of local councils using the Public Works Loan Board for housing revenue accounts. (161881)
- 17 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps the Government plans to take to ensure adequate continuity between the end of the European Social Fund programme and the commencement of its successor policy. [Transferred] (160662)
- 18 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Government plans to end match-funding in the successor policy to the European Social Fund programme. [Transferred] (160663)
- 19 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps the Government plans to take to help ensure gender equality of opportunity in a successor policy to the European Social Fund programme. [Transferred] (160664)
- 20 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average duration was of the appeal procedure against first instance decisions on asylum applications in the latest period for which figures are available. [Transferred] (160787)
- 21 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what his policy is on future regulatory cooperation with the EU on financial services. [Transferred] (160658)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 4 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps the Government is taking to reduce covid-19 misinformation and suspected scam-related phone calls to the general public. (161875)
- 2 **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps the Covid-19 Operations Committee is taking to ensure that local authorities are adequately resourced to tackle covid-19 vaccine safety concerns. (161667)

- 3 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the President of COP26, whether the UK will negotiate as part of the EU grouping in COP26. (161831)
- 4 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions his Department has held with Ofgem on the potential merits of (a) pumped hydro storage and (b) other long duration storage technologies. (161808)
- 5 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): 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 proposals for a Global Registry of Fossil Fuels; published by the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty campaign and being developed by Carbon Tracker and Global Energy Monitor; and if he will make a statement. (161735)
- 6N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will recommend to Cabinet colleagues the formal inclusion of international aviation and shipping emissions in the Sixth Carbon Budget, as recommended by the Climate Change Committee. [Transferred] (160555)
- 7N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many meetings the Government has had with UK businesses on how they adapt to the new UK-EU trading relationships since the end of the transition period. [Transferred] (160633)
- 8N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he plans to take to encourage more clinical trials of vaccines in the UK; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (160519)
- 9 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what economic impact assessment his Department has made of the cap on guests at weddings until 21 June 2021. (161683)
- 10 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent assessment his Department has made of the transmission levels of covid-19 at (a) indoor and (b) outdoor weddings. (161684)
- 11 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to ensure that all invoices for the Green Homes Grant scheme are paid within two weeks. (161691)
- 12 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to support the construction industry as a result of reported shortages of tiles and timber since the end of the transition period. (161754)
- 13 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate she has made of how much domestic sales of fur contributed to the UK economy in 2019-20. (161722)

- 14 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the regulatory framework governing the responsibility of online platforms, including search engines and social media sites to protect their users against scam content on their sites. (161765)
- 15 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of powers of (a) the Financial Conduct Authority and (b) the Advertising Standards Authority and (c) other regulators to effectively ensure that online platforms are protecting their users against fraudulent and scam content. (161766)
- 16 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, for what reasons the Government is not required to seek the approval of the House of Commons on the appointment of a new chair of Ofcom. (161797)
- 17 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what plans his Department has to increase early mental health support for young people in community settings; if he will make it his policy to deliver a network of open-access drop-in mental health hubs for young people up to age 25 with low-level mental health needs delivered through the NHS in partnership with local authorities, the voluntary sector and digital providers; and if he will make a statement. (161736)
- 18 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether wedding (a) caterers and (b) venues will be legally permitted to cater for a wedding reception held indoors from 12 April 2021. (161737)
- 19N **Sir Charles Walker** (Bromley): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many pieces of content his Department's Rapid Response Unit flagged to social media platforms in 2020; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (160563)
- 20 **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many English universities have adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism; and if he will list the universities that have not yet done so. (161675)
- 21 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish his assessment of the predictive (a) value and (b) accuracy of lateral flow tests in English (i) school and (ii) college pupil and student populations. (161727)
- 22 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish his estimate of the number of family members required to self-isolate in England as a result of lateral flow test results in English school and college pupil and student populations. (161728)

- 23 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish advice that received by his Department from the DHSC Moral and Ethical Advisory Group on the ethics of mass screening in children. (161729)
- 24N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will increase the level of funding for sixth form students to at least £4,760 per year. [Transferred] (160748)
- 25N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the implications of the Department of Education's recent survey of wraparound care providers that are registered under Ofsted for (a) his policies and (b) UK businesses. [Transferred] (160781)
- 26N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effect of covid-19 restrictions on the ability of students to return home for the Easter break. [Transferred] (160656)
- 27 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is planning to take to ensure that the children of Hongkongers coming to the UK under the BN(O) visa and other routes are promptly enrolled in local schools. (161687)
- 28 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance his Department has provided to local education authorities in relation to school admissions for the children of Hongkongers coming to the UK under the BN(O) visa and other routes. (161688)
- 29N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to make financial support available for schools to fund preventative measures to tackle (a) dog fouling and (b) littering in the vicinity of schools. [Transferred] (160671)
- 30 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2021 to Question 154868, how the total for export wins reported by her Department in its 2019-20 annual report was calculated; and what that figure was by quarter. (161707)
- 31 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 24 February 2021 to Question 154868, how the total for outward direct investment wins reported by her Department in its 2019-20 annual report was calculated; and what that figure was by quarter. (161708)
- 32 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, pursuant to the 6 July 2020 publication Statistics on DIT export support objectives (2019 to 2020), what (a) proportion and (b) value of total export wins recorded by her Department in the first three quarters of 2019-20 were over £50 million. (161709)

- 33 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the 6 July 2020 publication Statistics on DIT export support objectives (2019 to 2020), what (a) proportion and (b) value of total export wins recorded by her Department in the first three quarters of 2019-20 were led by, or contributed to by, departmental teams in the English regions. (161710)
- 34 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the 6 July 2020 publication Statistics on DIT export support objectives (2019 to 2020), what her Department's validated export wins over £50 million recorded from the first to third quarters of the financial year 2019/20 were, by English region where that data is available. (161711)
- 35 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the 6 July 2020 publication Statistics on DIT export support objectives (2019 to 2020), what her Department's validated export wins over £50 million were from the first to third quarters of the financial year 2019/20, by target overseas region where that data is available. (161712)
- 36 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the 6 July 2020 publication Statistics on DIT export support objectives (2019 to 2020), what her Department's validated export wins over £50 million were from the first to third quarters of the financial year 2019-20, by size of UK business where that data is available. (161713)
- 37 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the 6 July 2020 publication Statistics on DIT export support objectives (2019 to 2020), what her Department's validated export wins over £50 million were from the first to third quarters of the financial year 2019/20, by economic sector where that data is available. (161714)
- 38 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the 6 July 2020 Statistics on DIT export support objectives (2019 to 2020), what were (a) the 1,238 barriers to digital market access identified and (b) the 175 barriers to digital market access solved. (161715)
- 39 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the 6 July 2020 Statistics on DIT export support objectives (2019 to 2020), how many of the 465 priority barriers to digital market access have been solved. (161716)
- 40 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the 6 July 2020 Statistics on DIT export support objectives (2019 to 2020), what factors her Department uses to assess barriers to digital trade. (161717)

- 41 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what estimate she has made of how much (a) fur imports and (b) fur exports contributed to the UK economy in 2019-20. (161721)
- 42 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the scope of the Global Travel Taskforce's report due to be published on 12 April 2021 on the reopening of international travel will include the cruise sector; and if he will make a statement. (161807)
- 43 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2021 to Question 140207 on the Airport and Ground Operations Support Scheme, what conditions are in place to access support from that scheme; which companies are to receive support from that scheme; how much those companies will each receive; and what the cost to the public purse is of that scheme. (161813)
- 44 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish guidance on the covid-19 secure operation of charter boats for recreational fishing (161864)
- 45 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what support his Department has provided to the maritime sector in Wales since March 2020. (161828)
- 46 **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the number of (a) universal credit and (b) employment support allowance claimants who were not (i) offered and (ii) deemed suitable for a a virtual or telephone Work Capability Assessment during 2020. (161833)
- 47 **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): If she will make it her policy to allow virtual or telephone Work Capability Assessments for (a) universal credit and (b) employment support allowance claimants including those who (i) need an interpreter (including BSL), (ii) have hearing difficulties, (iii) have speech difficulties, (iv) have learning disabilities and (v) suicidal ideation or behaviour and a history of self harm to make the process equivalent to that for personal independence payments. (161834)
- 48 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure her Department contacts each person due a backdated personal independent payment. (161810)
- 49 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the reasons for the disparity between the equality impact assessment estimated 16 per cent of claimants due a backdated personal independence payment following the MH and RJ decisions and the number of people who have received those payments to date. (161811)

- 50 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether it is her Department's policy that a deceased claimant's next of kin are entitled to their backdated personal independence payments following the MH and RJ decisions. (161812)
- 51 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the potential effect of the benefits payments process on claimants' mental health. (161866)
- 52 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the change in the level of employment in the UK. (161867)
- 53 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has plans to renew the suspension of the minimum income floor. (161877)
- 54 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to increase the number of people with epilepsy entering employment. (161806)
- 55 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the importance of the wraparound childcare sector to supporting children's mental health during the covid-19 outbreak. (161829)
- 56 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the importance of the wraparound childcare sector to supporting the mental health of parents. (161830)
- 57 **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of NHS treatment for binge eating disorder. (161676)
- 58 **Sir Alan Campbell** (Tynemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will reconsider the covid-19 quarantine restrictions for (a) seafarers and (b) people working in the offshore oil and gas industry. (161680)
- 59 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 23 February to Question 157295 on Coronavirus: Protective Clothing, if he will publish those reviews and the scientific evidence upon which they were based. (161726)
- 60 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many meetings (a) he, (b) Ministers in his Department and (c) officials in his Department have had with Professor Neil Ferguson in each of the last 12 months. (161730)

- 61 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether covid-19 restrictions on funeral services will be eased before workers operating within that sector have been offered a covid-19 vaccine. (161673)
- 62 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether it is his policy that people living with ME/CFS can be included in Priority Group 6 for COVID-19 vaccinations in the context of that condition being classified as a neurological disease by NHS England. (161882)
- 63 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport on steps that Department is taking to alleviate loneliness and isolation in young people during the covid-19 lockdown announced in January 2021; whether his Department is taking steps in that matter in addition to those funded by that Department; and if he will make a statement. (161734)
- 64 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department has issued for people who are living with and caring for someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable. (161693)
- 65N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what provisions his Department has made for people travelling to England from a country on the banned travel list who cannot afford to pay for the mandatory covid-19 hotel quarantine package. [Transferred] (160761)
- 66N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to allocate additional funding to community pharmacies to help them cover costs incurred as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (160816)
- 67 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the 14 per cent fall in patients treated within 62 days of an urgent GP referral for suspect cancer at Devon CCG between September and November 2020 compared to the previous year, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that (a) people are presenting with cancer symptoms to their GP and (b) 62-day targets from GP referral to definitive cancer treatment are met during the covid-19 outbreak. (161863)
- 68N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a list of companies that have applied to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) via the PPE procurement tender portal since 1 March 2020. [Transferred] (160634)
- 69N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether applications to the Government's personal protective equipment procurement portal established in March 2020 were managed by (a) Government officials or (b) external consultants. [Transferred] (160635)

- 70 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure adequate health and social care provision for Hongkongers coming to the UK under the BN(O) visa and other routes. (161689)
- 71 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department has issued to the (a) NHS and (b) local authorities in England and Wales on access to health and social care for Hongkongers coming to the UK under the BN(O) visa and other routes. (161690)
- 72 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of a person's weight on the level of risk for Alzheimer's disease. (161755)
- 73 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of missed diagnoses of (a) asthma, (b) COPD, (c) interstitial lung disease and (d) other respiratory diseases since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. (161756)
- 74 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of extent of the backlog in referrals for pulmonary rehabilitation services; and what his Department's timescale is for tackling that backlog. (161757)
- 75 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the frequency of dialysis treatment on patients who are receiving (a) dialysis in a clinical setting and (b) home-based dialysis. (161758)
- 76 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the risk of exposure to covid-19 for patients who receive (a) dialysis in a clinical setting and (b) home-based dialysis. (161759)
- 77 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that children with epilepsy have mental health support integrated into their care. (161800)
- 78 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to advise (a) schools, (b) colleges and (c) universities on the mental health needs of children and young people with epilepsy. (161801)
- 79 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for extending the MHRA and NHS Digital Medicines in Pregnancy Valproate Registry to include all anti-epileptic drugs. (161802)
- 80 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to invest in epilepsy medicines research to ensure safer drugs for pregnant women with epilepsy. (161803)

- 81 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Commission on Human Medicines report, Epilepsy Medicines in Pregnancy, published on 7 January 2021, what plans he has to ensure greater awareness among health professionals of the risk of physical and neurodevelopmental harm associated with the use of many anti-epileptic drugs taken in pregnancy. (161804)
- 82 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to implement the recommendations of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review report, First Do No Harm, published on 8 July 2020. (161805)
- 83 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance has been issued to clinicians to enable them to prescribe covid-19 vaccine to clinically extremely vulnerable children under the age of 16. (161885)
- 84 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance has been issued to clinicians to enable them to prescribe the covid-19 vaccine to children under the age of 16 who suffer from cystic fibrosis. (161886)
- 85 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the medical trials testing the efficacy and safety of the covid-19 vaccine in children and teenagers are planned to report their results. (161887)
- 86 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the Government's roadmap is out of covid-19 lockdown for clinically vulnerable children who have been advised to shield but have yet to receive a covid-19 vaccine. (161888)
- 87 **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to answer Question 137116 tabled on 13 January by the Member for Harrow West. (161668)
- 88 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of taking (a) sanctions and (b) other measures against Chinese and Hong Kong officials who are responsible for committing human rights abuses and curtailing democracy in Hong Kong. (161692)
- 89 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, in developing the Strategic Framework for ODA, whether the Government plans to develop a needs-based approach to aid allocation that considers a range of (a) financial indicators and (b) social and political measures. (161841)

- 90 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for what reasons there has been a change to the level of air budgets for British Ambassadors in developing countries. (161753)
- 91 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum decisions were made without substantive asylum interviews in 2020. (161731)
- 92 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of substantive asylum interviews were conducted by video conference in 2020. (161732)
- 93 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average duration of the Dublin III regulation procedure is, from the moment another Member State accepts responsibility until the effective transfer from the UK. (161816)
- 94 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what notice period will be given to the funeral and death care sector for guidance on the relaxation of rules limiting the number of attendees at funeral services during the covid-19 outbreak. (161671)
- 95 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether covid-19 regulations pertaining to funeral services will be eased before 21 June 2021. (161672)
- 96 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for visas under the adult dependent relative rule were (a) received, (b) granted and (c) rejected in (i) 2017, (ii) 2018, (iii) 2019 and (iv) 2020. (161859)
- 97 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for visas subject to the adult dependent relative rule were granted visas on first application in (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019 and (d) 2020. (161860)
- 98 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for visas subject to the adult dependent relative rule were granted a visa on appeal in (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019 and (d) 2020. (161861)
- 99 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applicants were granted a visa via the adult dependency rule in each year since 2017. (161862)

- 100 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued to the UK Border Agency on applications for (a) BN(O) visas and (b) asylum from Hongkongers who have been convicted of offences under the National Security Law or other legislation applicable in Hong Kong. (161685)
- 101 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to meet potential demand for English language courses created by Hongkongers arriving in the UK under either the BN(O) or other schemes. (161686)
- 102 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 1 March 2021 to Question 155269 on International Military Services, what plans he has to bring the records of International Military Services Ltd onto a MOD secure site; and whether his Department currently has access to the records of International Military Services Ltd held at that company's office. (161822)
- 103 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether International Military Services Ltd will be fully closed down in the (a) 2020-21 or (b) 2021-22 financial year. (161826)
- 104 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reasons International Military Services Ltd has not published a set of company accounts since March 2019; and when the next set of accounts will be published. (161827)
- 105 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate he has made of the number and proportion of (a) private (b) social renters in rent arrears during the covid-19 pandemic. (161767)
- 106 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what financial support is available to (a) community support groups that meet in premises that form part of places of worship and (b) to support places of worship that have lost income due to having suspended rent payments for community groups that have continued to use their premises during the covid-19 outbreak. (161870)
- 107 **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will call in planning application number 20/02559/FU by Leeds Bradford Airport for the construction of a new terminal building and associated modifications. (161674)
- 108 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will publish the full criteria used to select the boroughs who received the £23 million of funding through the Community Champions scheme. (161784)

- 109 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what reasons the London Borough of Hounslow did not receive funding under the Community Champions scheme. (161785)
- 110 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions he had with (a) Council Chief Executives, (b) Council leaders and (c) directly elected Mayors before releasing funding under the Community Champions scheme. (161786)
- 111 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the scope of the Community Champions scheme; and whether he plans to increase the number of boroughs receiving funding through that scheme. (161787)
- 112 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans he has to provide additional financial support for work on the covid-19 vaccination roll-out to local authorities that did not receive funding under the community champions scheme. (161788)
- 113 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he plans to take to support local authorities who did not receive funding through the Community Champions scheme to support the rollout of the covid-19 vaccine to BAME people in those boroughs. (161790)
- 114 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of local authorities with responsibility for waste recycling centres have introduced charges for the use of waste recycling services; and if he will provide details of (a) which local authorities have introduced those charges and (b) how much each of those local authorities is charging for those services. [R] (161872)
- 115N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to fully compensate local authorities for costs incurred and revenue lost as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (160743)
- 116 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of developing incentive structures in central government funding allocations to local authorities to encourage efficiency in the provision of local services. (161878)
- 117 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of including factors relating to the efficiency of local Government spending in any funding review. (161879)

- 118 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what metrics his Department uses to assess the efficiency and value-for-money of local government spending. (161880)
- 119 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent steps he has taken to help ensure the accessibility of affordable civil legal aid. (161871)
- 120 **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of the January 2021 covid-19 restrictions on the mental and emotional wellbeing of (a) new fathers in the prison system, (b) new mothers in the prison system and (c) and the prison population. (161665)
- 121 **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the effect of the January 2021 covid-19 restrictions on the mental and emotional wellbeing of children with (a) mothers and (b) fathers in the prison system. (161666)
- 122 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been prosecuted for ivory smuggling in each of the last five years; and how many of those prosecutions have resulted in (a) convictions, (b) custodial sentences, and (c) non-custodial sentences. (161718)
- 123 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average length of sentence was for people receiving a custodial sentence for ivory smuggling in the last five years. (161719)
- 124 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average fine was for people receiving a non-custodial sentence for ivory smuggling in the last five years. (161720)
- 125 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Prime Minister, what the (a) total expenditure on and (b) cost to the public purse of the Union Unit was; what the cost to the public purse of the Union Taskforce was in each financial year since 2010-11; and what the budget for that taskforce will be in the financial year 2021-22. (161791)
- 126 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much the (a) Union Unit and (b) Union Taskforce spent on communications, including staffing costs, in each financial year since 2010-11; and how much is budgeted for that purpose for each of those groups for 2021-22. (161792)
- 127 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Prime Minister, how much the (a) Union Unit and (b) Union Taskforce spent on paid-for social media advertising and promotion in each financial year since 2010-11; and how much is budgeted for that purpose for each of those groups for 2021-22. (161793)

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- 128 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Prime Minister, how much the (a) Union Unit and (b) Union Taskforce spent on paid-for listing in search results in each financial year since 2010-11; and how much is budgeted for that purpose for each of those groups for 2021-22. (161794)
- 129 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Prime Minister, how many individuals were employed by (a) the Union Unit and (b) the Union Taskforce in each financial year since 2008/09; and what proportion and how many of those people were employed in an (a) press or (b) communications capacity. (161795)
- 130 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will publish any audience targeting information used by the (a) Union Unit and (b) Union Taskforce for (i) advertising, (ii) campaigning or (iii) promotional purposes in the last 12 months. (161796)
- 131 **Dr Liam Fox** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with relevant stakeholders on the workings of the Scottish devolved institutions. (161670)
- 132 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what international initiatives he plans to implement to ensure an international reallocation of the IMF'S stock of Special Drawing Rights, ahead of the G7 meeting in June 2021. (161681)
- 133 **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government plans to take in response to the statutory report submitted by the Joint Administrators of Blackmore Bond plc. [Transferred] (160732)
- 134 **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the effect of a potential reduction of providers in the wraparound childcare and holiday club sector on the UK's economic recovery from the covid-19 outbreak. (161662)
- 135 **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will allocate funding to wraparound care providers to ensure that they continue to provide support to key workers, vulnerable children and working families during the covid-19 outbreak. (161663)
- 136 **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will allocate funding from the public purse to wraparound and holiday childcare services. (161664)
- 137 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on community champions. (161789)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 8 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the amount Government departments owe in late payments to small businesses since the start of the covid-19 pandemic. (161763)
- 2N **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has a policy of supplying union jack flags for use in the background of ministerial television appearances. (161679)
- 3N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the planned timescale is for the review of potentially using certificates showing a (a) covid-19 vaccination or (b) recent negative covid-19 test result. (161700)
- 4N **Rushanara Ali** (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department has issued guidance on (a) landlords using energy agents to manage utility bills and (b) the rights of tenants to access information about their own billing costs. [Transferred] (159315)
- 5N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to provide (a) infrastructure and (b) grant funding to local businesses for the provision of on-site electric car charging points in (a) Congleton, (b) Sandbach and (c) England. (161738)
- 6N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect of the outcome of the Crown Estate's Round 4 Offshore Wind Leasing process on the Offshore Wind Sector Deal's target for 60 per cent UK content by 2030 in offshore wind projects on the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS). (161748)
- 7N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect of the Crown Estate's Round 4 Offshore Wind Leasing process on developers' supply chain plans. (161749)
- 8N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to support the development of the renewable energy sector. (161783)
- 9N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what progress his Department has made on delivering support through the Culture Recovery Fund to the culture and heritage sector in Coventry. (161779)

- 10N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department has taken to support leisure centres in Coventry during the covid-19 outbreak. (161780)
- 11N **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with representatives of (a) the Football Association and (b) Camelot regarding the method of allocation used by the National League to determine the amount of money received by football clubs from the funding provided by the National Lottery's promotional fund. (161661)
- 12N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to his Answer of 26 February 2021 to Question 153362, if he will make an assessment of the relative economic effect of re-opening (a) Adult Gaming Centres in Step 3 and (b) Licensed Betting Offices in Step 2 of the covid-19 roadmap. (161854)
- 13N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February 2021 to Question 153362, whether an assessment was made of the potential effect on competition in the high street gaming sector as a result of opening Licensed Betting Offices in Step 2 and Adult Gaming Centres in Step 3 of the covid-19 roadmap. (161855)
- 14N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, when he plans to begin the pilot projects for re-opening large events as set out in the Government's roadmap for lifting covid-19 restrictions. (161696)
- 15N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what pilot projects he plans to establish in relation to re-opening major events as set out in the Government's roadmap for lifting covid-19 lockdown rules. (161697)
- 16N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether a negative covid-19 test results will be required for admitting spectators to the pilot projects for re-opening major events which are referred to in the Government's roadmap for lifting covid-19 lockdown restrictions. (161698)
- 17N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish which (a) consultancies, (b) research organisations and (c) think tanks his Department has hired to conduct (i) evaluations and (ii) research for Departmental programmes; and how much his Department has spent on each in (A) 2018-19, (B) 2019-20 and (C) 2020-21 to date. (161739)
- 18N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much his Department has spent on hiring external consultancies, research organisations and think tanks to conduct evaluations, research and/or analysis since March 2020; which organisations were hired; and what the nature of their work was. (161740)

- 19N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will provide details of the process by which his Department awarded a contract to Renaissance Learning to measure children's learning loss during the covid-19 outbreak; and what the value of that contract was. (161741)
- 20N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effect of (a) changes to the Higher Education Teaching Grant budget for the 2021-22 financial year and (b) removal of London weighting on higher education in London. (161821)
- 21N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has to help ensure that schools make reasonable adjustments to requirements for face coverings to be worn for people who (a) rely on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate and (b) provide support to such individuals when schools reopen in March 2021 as covid-19 restrictions are eased. (161742)
- 22N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effect of requirements for face coverings in classrooms on the learning of (a) all children and (b) deaf children since September 2020. (161743)
- 23N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has to allow secondary schools to use (a) exemptions from and (b) reasonable adjustments to requirements to wear face coverings for people who rely on lip reading from 8 March 2020 when schools reopen as covid-19 restrictions are eased. (161744)
- 24N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 25 January 2021 to Question 140051, what assessment he has made of the potential risk of covid-19 transmission in school classrooms where staff and pupils have had to use the face covering exemption to remove face coverings to assist the learning of a pupils who rely on lip reading, clear sound or facial impressions to communicate. (161745)
- 25N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how the Ofsted inspection regime for the Army Foundation College differs from that used in civilian colleges of further education for the same age group. (161835)
- 26N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions he has had with relevant stakeholders on funding of the Oak National Academy after the covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make statement. (161890)
- 27N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the introduction in Scotland from 1 March 2021 of a licensing regime making it illegal to intentionally kill, injure or take mountain hares at any time without a licence, whether his Department is planning to introduce protections for the last surviving population in England of mountain hares in the Peak District National Park. (161884)

- 28N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce plastic waste in the ocean. (161768)
- 29N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 March 2021 to Question 158199, how many of the 97.9 full time equivalent staff recruited on fixed term or temporary appointment to work on EU exit preparation work will leave his Department in each month of 2021-22. (161865)
- 30N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many serious collisions involving vehicles being stranded in a live lane have taken place from (a) junction 32 to (b) junction 35A of the M1 since March 2017. (161774)
- 31N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what representations he has received from airlines on job creation in the aviation industry. (161746)
- 32N **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the extent of the financial effect of the covid-19 outbreak on disabled people. (161760)
- 33N **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the 0.5 per cent increase in legacy benefits in meeting the costs incurred by claimants as a result of the covid-19 pandemic. (161761)
- 34N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the effect of self-reported reductions in paying parent income in February 2020 on payments made by the Child Maintenance Service. (161868)
- 35N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of benefit assessors receiving mental health first aid training. (161873)
- 36N **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number and proportion of care homes that are currently allowing a named family member to visit residents. (161762)
- 37N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Private Finance Initiatives related to energy there are in the NHS. (161772)
- 38N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) guidance and (b) mechanisms are available to NHS trusts that are seeking to close a private finance initiative contract. (161773)

- 39N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the finding that there is variation between local authorities on the provision of covid-19 vaccines to special school staff in the School's Week article of 29 January 2021 entitled Councils cease initiative to give Covid-19 vaccine to special school staff, what assessment he has made of the reasons for the variations in provision of that vaccine; and if he will ensure that all special school staff throughout England have priority access to covid-19 vaccines in line with social care workers as set out by the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation. (161883)
- 40N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether GPs are required to carry out a mandatory pelvic floor health check on all postnatal patients. (161723)
- 41N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what training on continence care is given to midwives to help (a) prevent and (b) mitigate postnatal incontinence. (161724)
- 42N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is planning to take to help prevent incontinence as a result of (a) pregnancy and (b) the menopause. (161725)
- 43N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) covid-19 testing staff and (b) all covid-19 vaccinators are included in the covid-19 vaccination priority group of frontline health and social care workers. (161848)
- 44N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to (a) collect and (b) disseminate data on individual women who have been prescribed anti-epileptic drugs to enable investigation into the reasons for the teratogenicity of valproate and other epilepsy medication. (161842)
- 45N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps have been taken to appoint a Patient Safety Commissioner as recommended by the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review. (161843)
- 46N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what additional steps have been taken to ensure that medical professionals are equipped to provide awareness of the risk of physical and neurodevelopmental harm to a baby associated with the use of many anti-epileptic drugs taken in pregnancy, specifically when providing such information via digital consultations and telemedicine. (161844)

- 47N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what comparative assessment he has made of covid-19 vaccination wastage levels at the (a) Manchester Etihad Stadium mass vaccination and (b) Primary Care Network sites in (i) Tameside and Glossop CCG and (ii) Stockport CCG. (161701)
- 48N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a comparative assessment of the effectiveness of the supply of covid vaccination vials to (a) the Manchester Etihad Stadium mass vaccination site and (b) Primary Care Network sites in (a) Tameside and Glossop CCG and (b) Stockport CCG. (161702)
- 49N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that NHS England shares data with local Primary Care Networks to avoid duplication and confusion relating to invitations for the covid-19 vaccine. (161703)
- 50N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February 2021 to Question 151777, whether each individual Transforming Care Partnership has achieved (a) the March 2020 target and (b) the 2024 NHS long term plan targets. (161814)
- 51N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made on the adequacy of the international provision of the covid-19 vaccine access to British Nationals abroad, who are unable to return to the UK due to national or International travel restrictions or being unable to afford the associated costs of hotel quarantine in the UK, due to being ineligible to access deferred repayment plans when returning from a red list country. (161818)
- 52N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking in response to the recommendations by the APPG on Endometriosis Inquiry Report 2020 entitled Endometriosis in the UK: to reduce diagnosis to four years or less by 2025, and a year or less by 2030. (161819)
- 53N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the speed of the recruitment process for vaccinators who are already medically qualified and registered. (161769)
- 54N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to ensure all patients are tested for covid-19 before being discharged from hospital. (161770)
- 55N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to provide assurance to people receiving regular support through the England Infected Blood Support Scheme that they will not be forced to leave that scheme after the Inquiry. (161705)

- 56N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that after the Inquiry into Contaminated Blood no beneficiary of the England Infected Blood Support Scheme will be financially worse off. (161706)
- 57N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answers of 26 February 2021 to Questions 155053, 155054 and 160680, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the prevalence of long covid; and whether there is a credible risk that (a) fatal injury and (b) an injury that results in a permanent or irreversible disabling condition or requires immediate treatment in hospital as a result of exposure to covid-19 could occur. (161775)
- 58N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2021 to Question 147020, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that doctors do not face excessive litigation as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. (161849)
- 59N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2021 to Question 147020, what discussions he has had with (a) medical defence organisations and (b) other professional bodies on the long-term impact the fear of litigation has had on doctors during the covid-19 outbreak. (161850)
- 60N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2021 to Question 147020, what discussions he has had with (a) medical defence organisations and (b) other professional bodies to make an assessment of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on GPs' mental health as a result of increased workload; and what steps he plans to take improve GP retention rates after the covid-19 outbreak. (161851)
- 61N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to Answer of 9 February 2021 to Question 147019, how many wellbeing guardians have been appointed by health boards in England; where those wellbeing guardians are employed; and what steps he is taking to measure the effect of those appointments on the wellbeing of frontline healthcare workers. (161852)
- 62N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9 February 2021 to Question 147019, if he will publish the analysis of how many NHS staff have accessed the government-funded mental health and wellbeing package; how many staff have accessed that service through the (a) dedicated app, (b) website and (c) telephone and text helplines; and if he will publish the total number of staff who have accessed those services. (161853)
- 63N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce number of avoidable deaths of adults with Down syndrome (161876)

- 64N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to make an (a) assessment of and (b) certify ventilation systems which reduce the risk of transmission of covid-19. (161699)
- 65N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a plan to support GPs to manage the long-term consequences of covid-19 in the community. (161874)
- 66N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the OCED report, 2020 Projections of Climate Finance Towards the USD 100 Billion Goal, whether the UK's contribution to international climate finance took the form of loans note grants to date; and what form the UK's contribution will be in the next five years. (161832)
- 67N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Pakistani counterpart on the imprisonment of Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel. (161820)
- 68N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to his counterpart in Bangladesh on the upholding of (a) the right to life, (b) the right to a fair trial, (c) the right to freedom of expression and (d) other human rights since the death in custody of Bangladeshi writer and journalist Mushtaq Ahmed. (161776)
- 69N **Anna McMorris** (Cardiff North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when the decision to reduce the Government's Official Development Assistance spend in Yemen was made. (161845)
- 70N **Anna McMorris** (Cardiff North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which international counterparts he discussed the humanitarian and conflict situation in Yemen with prior to the UN Yemen pledging conference on 1 March 2021. (161846)
- 71N **Anna McMorris** (Cardiff North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) criteria and (b) conditionality his Department has set for increases in the UK's aid contribution to Yemen in 2021-22; and what steps will be taken to establish such criteria. (161847)
- 72N **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 1 March 2021 to Question 155190 on the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, whether the UN Food and Agriculture Commission has accepted the UK application for membership of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission as a coastal state; and what assessment he has made of the positions taken in relation to the UK's claim to act as a coastal state by the UN General Assembly, International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. (161682)

- 73N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of recent reports of Rohingya refugees stranded in the Andaman Sea. (161733)
- 74N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which (a) Minister and (b) official has lead responsibility on Sustainability, Transitions and Co-Financing. (161836)
- 75N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has recommitted to the Working Principles on Transition that were developed under the Department for International Development. (161837)
- 76N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Working Principles on Transition, developed by DFID in 2019 are being used to inform the (a) planning and (b) operationalisation of the Strategic Framework for Official Development Assistance. (161838)
- 77N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Working Principles on Transition are informing the planning for the proposed changes in the level of the UK's Official Development Assistance budget. (161839)
- 78N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the planned reductions to the UK Official Development Assistance budget, whether FCDO country teams are mandated to produce impact assessments and assess the potential effect of reductions in aid on marginalised communities. (161840)
- 79N **Nickie Aiken** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 1 March 2021 to Question 155387, how private individuals or households can employ skilled childcare workers from overseas since they are unable to register as approved UK employers. (161869)
- 80N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average duration of the Dublin III regulation procedure is, from the moment an outgoing request is issued to the UK until the effective transfer to the Member State responsible. (161815)
- 81N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applicants were in immigration removal centres at the end of 2020. (161817)
- 82N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for project licences to conduct experiments on animals under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 were refused permission between January and December 2020. (161856)

- 83N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's transparency data, Non-technical summaries granted in 2020: Projects granted under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in 2020, published on 15 December 2020, what steps are being taken to ensure that licence applicants conduct more extensive research into non-animal methods that could be used as an alternative to animals. (161857)
- 84N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many licences to conduct animal experiments under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 were granted between July 2020 and December 2020. (161858)
- 85N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment has been made of the effect on freedom of speech of bringing forward further legislative proposals to limit protests. (161694)
- 86N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 1 March 2021 to Question 155266 on International Military Services, whether any of the recently appointed Directors of IMS Ltd are also contracted to work at his Department. (161823)
- 87N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish a list of the outstanding supply commitments that International Military Services Ltd had at the time it was reported to have ceased trading in July 1991. (161824)
- 88N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether International Military Services Ltd ceased trading in July 1991 or 2010. (161825)
- 89N **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if his Department will publish in full the evidential basis for the 18 metre threshold criteria required to apply for Government grants for the removal of dangerous cladding. [R] (161889)
- 90N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to provide (a) financial and (b) other support to Coventry Local Authority during the covid-19 outbreak. (161781)
- 91N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what (a) financial and (b) other steps his Department is taking to support high streets in Coventry during the covid-19 outbreak. (161782)
- 92N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what building types will be covered by the research into property protection for the technical review of Approved Document B as anticipated by the workplan adopted in April 2020. (161704)

- 93N **Kate Hollern** (Blackburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many funds his Department is responsible for; how many funds shared with other departments his Department is responsible for; and if he will provide a list of each of those funds and provide details of whether each those funds is allocated (a) competitively or (b) on the basis of need. (161777)
- 94N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Government plans to extend the granting of pavement licences beyond the current expiry date of 30 September 2021. (161809)
- 95N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans his Department has to bring forward legislative proposals to protect leaseholders from unreasonable charges when they seek to extend the lease on their property; and if he will make a statement. (161695)
- 96N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what provision is made for the inspection and scrutinisation of prosecutions carried out by (a) the BBC, (b) transport companies, (c) the police and (d) local authorities. (161747)
- 97N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many confirmed cases of covid-19 there have been among (a) staff, (b) judiciary, (c) jurors and (d) other attendees at each court between 19 February 2021 and the most recent date for which that information is available. (161750)
- 98N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 8 February to Question 147845 on Remote Hearings, if he will carry out and publish an assessment of the impact of the withdrawal of video remand hearings. (161751)
- 99N **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the effect of the construction industry VAT reverse charge on cashflow for small businesses in the context of the economic effect of the (a) covid-19 pandemic and (b) end of the transition period. (161764)
- 100N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending the scope of Pool Re insurance to cover all major incidents and disasters in the UK. (161778)
- 101N **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent estimate he has made of the amount of unspent (a) childcare vouchers and (b) money in tax-free childcare accounts. (161669)
- 102N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what further plans he has to make financial support available to (a) people and (b) businesses that have been excluded from Government financial support during the covid-19 outbreak. (161771)

103N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on corporate profit and loss during the 2020-21 financial year on corporation tax revenues for the next three years. (161752)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- T1 **James Daly** (Bury North): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (913044)
- T2 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): (913045)
- T3 **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): (913046)
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- 1N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions HM Ambassador to Ethiopia has had with the Government of Ethiopia on the wellbeing of political prisoners currently on hunger-strike in Ethiopia. (161798)

- 2N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with counterparts in (a) the United Nations (b) the African Union and (c) the Government of Ethiopia on political violence in the Oromo region of Ethiopia. (161799)
- 3N **Tony Lloyd** (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the Government's policy is on endorsing an international Political Declaration to avoid the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. (161677)
- 4N **Tony Lloyd** (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the UK Government is taking to tackle the humanitarian harm caused by the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. (161678)