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Questions tabled on Thursday 11 March 2021

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Questions for Answer on Friday 12 March

Questions for Written Answer

- Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department has issued to candidates in Mayoral elections on campaigning across their region during the covid-19 national lockdown.

 [Transferred] (166596)
- 2N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Prime Minister's oral contribution on 15 July 2020, Official Report, column 1514, what progress has been made to establish the format of a potential inquiry into the Government's handling of the covid-19 outbreak.

 [Transferred] (165515)
- 3N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Prime MInister's oral contribution on 15 July 2020, Official Report, column 1514, what progress has been made to identify the leadership of the inquiry into the Government's handling of the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (165516)
- 4N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Prime Minister's oral contribution on 15 July 2020, Official Report, column 1514, what progress has been made to establish a start date for an inquiry into the Government's handling of the covid-19 outbreak.

 [Transferred] (165517)
- Jack Lopresti (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to (a) make information on covid-19 published on Government websites

- accessible to people for whom English is not their first language and (b) broadcast information on covid-19 on the (i) Punjab Akaal Channel and (ii) other alternative language channels.

 [Transferred] (166393)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many businesses failed in each month of the 2007-08 financial crisis.

 [Transferred] (166362)
- 7 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of businesses which have failed in each month since April 2020.

 [Transferred] (166363)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will publish the scope of the Ofcom Review of Future Regulatory Framework in relation to courier companies.

 [Transferred] (166470)
- 9 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the evidential basis was for his decision to allow tradespeople to carry out non-essential works in other people's home during the the covid-19 lockdown announced on 5 January 2021. [Transferred] (166584)
- Thangam Debbonaire (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether he has made an assessment of the effect on Gross Value Added in the event that festivals and other mass participation events cannot take place in summer 2021 due to the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (166479)
- 11N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 2 March 2021 to Question 158881, what assessment his Department has made of whether visa processes for mountain leaders and other similar professionals are as prompt and smooth as possible under the UK's agreement with the EU. [Transferred] (165460)
- 12 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment was made of the (a) public value benefit and (b) value to the public purse when the Old Royal Naval College was transferred to the Greenwich Foundation in 1997. [Transferred] (166297)
- Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions have taken place between UK and EU representatives on the effect of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement on export opportunities for the UK EdTech sector in Europe. [Transferred] (166352)
- 14 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent steps the Government has taken to help protect disabled people from the effects of the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (166633)

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- Jon Trickett (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the total cost per month, of extending the £20 weekly uplift in Universal Credit until September 2021. [Transferred] (166322)
- Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to assist other nations in identifying new variants of the covid-19 virus.
 [Transferred] (166594)
- Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of transparent face coverings compared to cloth face coverings in protecting against covid-19 transmission in a school setting.

 [Transferred] (166576)
- 18 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he last met with representatives of British Overseas Territories to discuss COP26. [Transferred] (166542)
- 19 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many of the UK's Overseas Territories have introduced a Net Zero target in line with UK Government policy.
 [Transferred] (166543)
- 20 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether British Overseas Territories Governments are planned to be represented in the wider UK delegation to COP26.
 [Transferred] (166546)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether British Overseas Territories Governments are planned to be represented in the wider UK delegation to COP15 in China. [Transferred] (166547)
- 22 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department has taken to ensure that appeals of benefit decisions can continue to be heard during the covid-19 lockdown announced on 5 January 2021.

 [Transferred] (166599)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the number of Business interruption insurance claims that have been paid out since the Supreme Court ruling.

 [Transferred] (166469)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the potential cost benefits of reducing VAT on (a) building products and (b) low-carbon technologies used to retrofit homes to improve (i) indoor air quality, (ii) energy efficiency and (iii) the health of occupants. [Transferred] (166426)

QUESTIONS TABLED ON THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2021

Questions for Answer on Monday 15 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Attorney General, what Departmental oversight is exercised over the decisions of the CPS Complex Casework Units. (167187)
- 2 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Attorney General, by what date the backlog of cases before the courts as a result of the covid-19 outbreak is planned to be cleared. (167188)
- 3 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Attorney General, how many cases are waiting to be heard in criminal courts following the covid-19 outbreak. (167189)
- 4 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Attorney General, what steps he is taking to increase public understanding of the law during the covid-19 outbreak.

 (167190)
- Kirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the proportion of people who died from covid-19 who were (a) disabled and (b) not disabled.

 (167227)
- Kirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment the Government's Disability Unit has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the mental health of disabled people; and what steps that Unit is taking with other Government departments to tackle the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the mental health of disabled people.
- Kirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment the Government's Disability Unit has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the health and wellbeing of disabled or seriously ill children; and what steps that Unit is taking with other Government departments to provide support for disabled or seriously ill children during the covid-19 outbreak.
- 8 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the finances of households with one or more disabled residents. (167230)
- Kirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment the Government's Disability Unit has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the employment rate among disabled people; and what steps that Unit is taking with other Government departments to support disabled people who are unemployed due to the covid-19 outbreak.
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- 10 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment the Government's Disability Unit has made of the potential effect on disabled people of the proposed ending of the £20 uplift to universal credit; and what steps he has taken in response to that assessment. (167232)
- 11 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment the Government's Disability Unit has made of the effect on disabled people of the ending of temporary easements in the welfare system introduced during the first lockdown, including a pause on sanctions, a suspension of benefit reassessments, and a suspension of benefit recovery; and what steps he has taken in response to that assessment.
- 12 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, a) what assessment he has made of the extent to which financial support intended for disabled people, such as the Warm Home Discount, is reaching those who need it most and b) what action he has taken in response to this assessment. (167234)
- Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the President of COP26, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of the five countries that produce the highest levels of non-renewable energy sources on preparations for COP26. (167351)
- 14 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the President of COP26, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of the British Overseas Territories on preparations for COP26. (167352)
- Dr Lisa Cameron (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the President of COP26, what steps he has taken to ensure that children and young people are
 (a) involved in and (b) engaging with COP26. (167225)
- Stuart Anderson (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what financial support the Government is providing to low-income households that need new or replacement boilers. (167319)
- 17 **Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate he has made of the number of small businesses that have closed in (a) Greater London, (b) Bexley Borough and (c) the Bexleyheath and Crayford constituency in each of the last five years.
- Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many officials in (a) his private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21.

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- 19 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing re-opening grants for the live events sector. (167251)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing Government-backed covid-19 cancellation Insurance for the live events sector. (167252)
- 21 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department plans to take to help increase the uptake of sport by the general public as covid-19 restrictions are eased. (167349)
- 22 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that Wakefield benefits from the rollout of (a) superfast broadband and (b) 5G. (167356)
- 23 **Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect on the hospitality sector of support provided by the Government since the start of 2021. (167163)
- 24 Marion Fellows (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department is taking through the UK Cyber Council to improve online banking security. (167258)
- Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many officials in (a) his private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21.

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- 26N lan Mearns (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Government's Covid-19 Response and Roadmap and guidance on the re-opening of indoor fitness facilities and gyms; at what stage will one to one personal training or rehabilitation sessions be permitted to resume indoors.

 [Transferred] (166394)
- 27 Claudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Racial Equality in Cricket Report, published in 1997, what assessment he has made of the England and Wales Cricket Board's progress on the implementation of the recommendations in that report. (167362)
- 28 Claudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions he has had with the England and Wales Cricket Board on the (a) number of grievances raised against that Board on the grounds of (i) racial discrimination and (ii) victimisation since 2010 and (b) the number of those grievances in that period that were (A) upheld and (B) dismissed.

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- 29 Claudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many (a) African Caribbean and (b) Asian umpires have applied to be part of the England and Wales Cricket Board panel in the last 29 years; how many such applications were rejected; and on what basis those applications were rejected. (167364)
- Olaudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how much of the £60 million Sport England budget allocated to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) between 2009 and 2017 has been spent on achieving equality and diversity on that board; and if his Department will undertake a cost benefit analysis of the money spent to date. (167365)
- 31 Claudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps Sport England takes to ensure that funding provided to the England and Wales Cricket Board achieves sustainable diversity at all levels.

 (167366)
- 32 Claudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what the (a) ethnic and (b) gender breakdown is of the (i) management and (ii) staff of the England and Wales Cricket Board at all levels. (167367)
- Claudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what bullying, harassment and anti discrimination policies apply to members of the (a) England and Wales Cricket Board, (b) County Cricket Boards and (c) County and regional management; how many allegations concerning that policy have been made against members of those boards in the last five years; and how many of those allegations have been (i) upheld and (ii) rejected. (167368)
- Claudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of (a) unconscious bias and (b) anti-racism training for decision makers of the England and Wales Cricket Board and its delegated authority to its regional bodies. (167369)
- Claudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that (a) African, (b) Caribbean and (c) Asian (i) players, (ii) umpires, (iii) coaches (iv) and staff are protected when alleging (A) race discrimination, (B) ball tampering and (C) any other form of unlawful behaviour within the game.
- Claudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture,
 Media and Sport, if he will publish an annual report on the progress being made
 to achieve diversity and equality targets within cricket at all levels. (167371)
- 37 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether there is an exemptions from the requirement for children to attend school if they live with a parent who is clinically extremely vulnerable who is shielding during the covid-19 outbreak. (167335)

- 38 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of providing additional educational resources to schools to encourage children and young people to engage with COP26. (167224)
- 39 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he has taken to ensure children in primary and secondary schools are (a) educated on the sustainable development goals via the curriculum and (b) engaging with COP26. (167226)
- 40 Marion Fellows (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make a statement on the importance of financial education at primary level. (167382)
- Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many officials in (a) his private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21.
- 42 Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) higher and (b) further education establishments have adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism.

 (167338)
- 43N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Disabled Children Partnership's report, The Longest Lockdown, if the Government will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a cross-departmental covid-19 catch-up plan for disabled children covering (a) education and (b) health and wellbeing. [Transferred] (166390)
- 44 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effect on the level of pupil premium funding for (a) mainstream and (b) SEN schools as a result of the new calculations of eligible pupils using the October 2020 census instead of the January 2021 census. (167323)
- 45 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure that pupils who do not take covid-19 lateral flow tests continue to receive (a) good quality education and (b) face-to-face teaching. (167169)
- David Warburton (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the Government's timescale is for allowing the (a) reopening of residential outdoor learning centres and (b) recommencement of residential school trips as covid-19 restrictions are eased; and what plans he has to provide additional financial support to residential outdoor learning centres. (167274)
- 47 **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how the (a) UK and (b) Global carbon budget informs the Government's Climate Change mitigation strategy. (167361)

- 48 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, on what date he will publish the England Peat Strategy. (167325)
- 49 **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many officials in (a) his private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21.

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- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many trucks carrying fresh seafood products to the EU left Great Britain in each month from January 2020 to February 2021.

 (167305)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many tonnes of fish were caught in England's EEZ waters by EU vessels in (a) January and (b) February 2021. (167306)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many hours of at sea surveillance for fisheries protection was deployed in English waters in January and February 2021; and what did the sea surveillance cost. (167307)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many tonnes of non-quota stocks, by species, were caught by EU fishing vessels in England's territorial waters in each year between 2000 to 2020. (167308)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many tonnes of non-quota stocks were caught by EU vessels in England's exclusive economic zone waters by species in each year between 2000 and 2020. (167309)
- 55 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of fishing with fly-shooting fishing gear in UK waters. (167310)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many UK vessels are permitted to fish using fly-shooting fishing gear. (167311)
- 57 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many EU vessels are permitted to fish in UK waters with fly-shooting fishing gear. (167312)
- 58 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, at what stage of development is the Catch App catch monitoring system. (167313)

- 59 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect of bycatch on populations of (a) porpoises, (b) dolphins, (c) whales and (d) other sensitive species. (167314)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the ecosystem objective under section 1(4) of the Fisheries Act 2020, what target is in place to minimise and eliminate bycatch of (i) porpoises, (ii) dolphins, (iii) whales and (iv) other sensitive species; what the timeframe is for meeting that target; and what steps the Government plans to take to reduce that bycatch.
- 61 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to section 1(4) of the Fisheries Act 2020, what funding he has allocated from the public purse to deliver the (a) ecosystem objective on sensitive species bycatch and (b) Cetacean Bycatch Plan of Action.
- 62 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support he will make available to Plymouth fishing fleets to implement new measures to reduce porpoise and dolphin bycatch. (167317)
- 63 **Scott Benton** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps her Department has taken to recommence multilateral talks on the proposed Trade in Services Agreement. (167336)
- Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many officials in (a) his private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21.
- 65N Jane Stevenson (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what discussions she has had with her EU counterparts on removing tariff rate quotas on steel and aluminium products exported to the UK; and if she will make a statement.

 [Transferred] (166570)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, on what date he plans to publish the aviation recovery plan; and whether it is his policy to make Government support for the aviation industry dependant on commitments to reduce carbon emissions. (167324)
- Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many officials in (a) his private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21.

- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish the report by Deloitte on home working at the DVLA which was commissioned in June 2020. (167250)
- 69 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that Crewe station will be ready for the arrival of Phase 2a of HS2. (167372)
- 70 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans the Government has to include the connection to the high speed line north of Crewe in plans for HS2 Phase 2b. (167373)
- 71 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the number of responses (a) HS2 Ltd received to its consultation on HS2 Phase 2a and (b) received for other HS2 public consultations. (167374)
- 72 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has plans to bring further rail franchises under the operator of last resort.

 (167337)
- 73 Angela Richardson (Guildford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress has been made on the development of a southern link to Heathrow Airport. (167344)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on using the funding outlined in the Road Investment Strategy announced as part of Budget 2021 to fund upgrades to Gallows Corner in Romford. (167168)
- 75 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many businesses based have applied for the Kickstart scheme with less than 30 job placements on offer since the 30-placement minimum rule was removed in (a) Wakefield, (b) West Yorkshire and (c) England. (167354)
- 76 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans her Department has to reduce the time taken for child maintenance payment assessments. (167355)
- 77 **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many officials in (a) her private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21. (167281)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, of 9 March 2021, Official Report, column 822, if he will publish the ACAS report on the use of fire and rehire practice.

Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many employers have been fined under The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) Regulations 2020 for preventing an employee from adhering to the required self-isolation period.

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- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many covid-19 related complaints the Health and Safety Executive has received in each month since March 2020; and what proportion of those complaints resulted in (a) investigation, (b) improvement notices and (c) fines.
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many complaints have been lodged with the Health and Safety Executive pertaining to employees being asked to return to a workplace during the third covid-19 national lockdown; and how that number compares with such complaints in the previous two national lockdowns. (167240)
- 82 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many employers who have accessed the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme have made staff redundant in each month since April 2020. (167241)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with representatives of the live events sector on the Kickstart scheme. (167244)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what monitoring her Department is carrying out to ensure that approved jobs via the Kickstart scheme are made available and advertised. (167245)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March 2021 to Question 158103 on the Kickstart Scheme, if she will publish (a) a monthly breakdown of when the 140,000 jobs linked to the scheme were approved and (b) the timescale for those jobs being launched.
- 86 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what guidance her Department has published on advertising jobs via the Kickstarter scheme; and how long vacancies should be advertised for. (167247)
- 87 Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 3 March to Question 158103 on the Kickstart Scheme, to publish a breakdown by (a) location and (a) sector of the 30,000 jobs linked to the scheme.
 (167248)
- 88 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 4 March 2021 to Question 160753, what steps her Department is taking to support people who are unable to undertake a telephone assessment because of their health condition. (167270)

- 89 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of people who cannot receive a covid-19 vaccine for medical reasons. (167350)
- 90 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the speed of diagnosis and treatment of conditions which affect female reproductive health. (167358)
- 91 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his department's guidance is for extremely clinically vulnerable people who are shielding and have children who have returned to school as the covid-19 restrictions are eased. (167334)
- 92 **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether dentists will be able to return to normal working practices in (a) Step 3 or (b) Step 4 of the national covid-19 roadmap. (167158)
- 93N 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 improve the accessibility of £500 Test and Trace Support Payment. [Transferred] (166345)
- 94 **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many officials in (a) his private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21. (167282)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care,
 what plans his Department has to create more (a) training and (b) employment
 opportunities for student nurses.
- 96 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of turning the covid-19 financial support package for community pharmacies into a grant rather than a loan. (167271)
- 97 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to ensure that stroke teams follow up with stroke survivors during the covid-19 outbreak to support rehabilitation needs. (167326)
- 98 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has
 made of implications for Government policy of the findings of the report entitled
 The Uyghur Genocide: An Examination of China's Breaches of the 1948 Genocide
 Convention, published on 8 March 2021 by the Newlines Institute for Strategy and
 Policy.

 (167348)
- 99 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has
 of the potential effect of the formation of a unity government in Libya in March
 2021 on the prospects for long term peace that country. (167353)

- 100 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much and what proportion of the £11.4 million of UK aid to the Tigray region has been distributed; and what assessment he has made of the accessibility of that aid to civilians in Tigray. (167331)
- 101 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support peace talks and the end of conflict in Tigray. (167332)
- 102 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of reports of (a) Human Rights Watch and (b) the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission of the (i) massacre in Axum and (ii) potential scale of human rights abuses in Tigray.

 [R] (167333)
- 103 **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations
 to his counterpart in Pakistan on the arrest of UK citizen, Mr Yousuf Ali Khan in
 that country on 13 February 2021. (167161)
- 104 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 8 March
 2021 to Question 159292, on Israel: BBC Arabic Service, what assessment he has
 made of whether BBC World Service programming has met his Department's
 agreed objectives on matters relating to Israel. (167185)
- 105 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the answer of 8 March
 2021 to Question 159293, Israel: BBC Arabic Service, whether his Department's
 grant-in-aid to the BBC World Service is conditional on editorial impartiality; and
 what assessment he has made of the impartiality of that service's editorial line on
 matters relating to Israel.

 (167186)
- 106 Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many officials in (a) his private
 office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and
 promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20
 and (c) 2020-21.
- 107 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how the Government plans to vote at
 the upcoming 46th UN Human Rights Council on special agenda items motions
 concerning Palestine. (167180)
- 108 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps his Department
 is taking to help ensure that Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe can return to the UK safely
 from Iran.

 (167203)

- 109 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support anticorruption activities in Ukraine. (167159)
- 110 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing UK support to the OSCE. (167160)
- 111 Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking
 to support vulnerable women, children and the elderly in the Tigray region of
 Ethiopia. (167302)
- 112 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to

 promote a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. (167303)
- 113 Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking
 to ensure the supply of humanitarian, food, and medical assistance to people
 affected by the war in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. (167304)
- 114 Marion Fellows (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many cases of online banking fraud against individuals there were in each year since 2015. (167256)
- 115 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to strengthen protections for consumers against online banking fraud. (167257)
- 116N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of increasing
 the length of custodial sentences for people who have committed stalking
 offences.

 [Transferred] (166433)
- Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many officials in (a) her private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21. (167285)
- 118 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many properties are classified as (a) initial accommodation, (b) hostels and (c) hostel-like accommodation for asylum seekers in the borough of Enfield. (167269)
- 119 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that police officers retain the trust
 of the public to keep them safe while both on duty and off duty. (167172)

- Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many officials in (a) his private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21.
- 121 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when his Department plans to bring forward legislative proposals to give freeholders on private and mixed tenure estates equivalent rights to leaseholders to (a) challenge the reasonableness of estate rent charges and (b) have the right to apply to the First-tier Tribunal to appoint a new manager for the provision of services covered by estate rent charges; and what assessment he has made of the financial effect on freeholders of not having those same rights as leaseholders. (167178)
- Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many officials in (a) his private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21.
- 123 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the terms of agreement were between his Department and the Societies for the drawing of a new lease for Burlington House in 2018. (167152)
- 124 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, whether the Government is providing
 assistance to developers to help meet the increased demand for cladding
 remediation work and avoid delays in sales of leasehold property. (167170)
- 125 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

 Communities and Local Government, what measures he is taking to support local
 authorities to improve the safety of streets in their area at night. (167171)
- 126 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what criteria his Department used to
 determine that insufficient delivery progress and below expectation of value for
 money has been achieved in order to release further funds for the £100 million
 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Affordable Housing Programme. (167223)
- 127 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of assaults on prison staff in (a) young offenders institutions and (b) prisons were investigated by police forces external to the prison disciplinary system in (a) West Yorkshire and (b) England in 2019. (167345)
- 128 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of staff in the (a) prisons and (b) young offender institutions in West Yorkshire are employed by private contractors. (167346)

- 129 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners were segregated under Rule 45 of the Prison Rules for a period longer than three days in the last five years in (a) West Yorkshire and (b) England.

 (167347)
- 130 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a national scheme to provide written legal resources to prisoners. (167360)
- 131 Alberto Costa (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department has plans to increase the retirement age for magistrates.

 (167255)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many employment tribunal claims have been lodged in relation to the calculation of wages via the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme since March 2020.
 (167236)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many employment tribunal claims have been lodged relating to unfair redundancy processes where covid-19 self-isolation or sickness periods are a factor since March 2020. (167242)
- 134 Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many employment tribunal claims have been lodged for unfair dismissal due to sickness levels related to covid-19 self-isolation since March 2020.
 (167243)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions he has had with representatives of the Public and Commercial Services Union on safety concerns raised on covid-19. (167249)
- 136 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to the Answer of 1 March 2021 to Question 154939 on Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development: Public appointments, what discussions he had with the Australian Prime Minister on 27 October 2020 on UK support for Mathias Cormann to become secretary-general of the OECD. (167179)
- 137 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people are receiving support from the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme in Birmingham Hall Green constituency. (167320)
- 138 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has for extending the provision of funding for school breakfasts beyond July 2021. (167321)
- 139NPreet Kaur Gill (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what was the total cash value of Official Development Assistance Budget in 2020-21.

 [Transferred] (166511)

- 140 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether, if he will extend the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme registration date beyond 31 October 2020 to cover those workers taken on as covid-19 tier restrictions were relaxed but were subsequently let go without furlough payments from 30 December 2020.
- Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many officials in (a) his private office and (b) the wider Department have been allocated to the production and promotion of online content for use on social media in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21.
- 142 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with Welsh local authorities on the design of the Levelling Up Fund. (167292)
- 143 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he had with Welsh local authorities on the design of the Community Renewal Fund.

 (167293)
- 144 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his interview with Martin Lewis on 4 March 2021, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of limited company directors receiving furlough for PAYE income on the (a) ability of limited companies to (i) generate commercial revenue and (ii) retain or attract new customers and (b) future viability of limited companies; and what estimate his Department has made of the potential number of limited company directors receiving furlough for PAYE income whose businesses who will be in post in 12 months' time.
- 145NAndy McDonald (Middlesbrough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to ensure that employment law is enforceable for all employees within the freeports announced in the Government's Budget 2021 on 3 March 2021.

 [Transferred] (166447)
- 146 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 8 March 2021 to Question 162625, whether any new jobs will be created by the location of HM Treasury's Northern Campus in Darlington. (167210)
- 147 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to waive business rates for retail and leisure property until September 2021. (167322)
- 148 Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of equalising paternity and maternity leave rights. (167357)
- 149 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent discussions she had had with Cabinet colleagues on the increasing number of Black, Asian and ethnic minority people in the criminal justice system. (166634)

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- 1N **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will list the publications in which the Government's All Together insertions have been included; and if he will place a copy of each one of those insertions in the Library. (167235)
- 2N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to review the application of the Freedom of Information Act 2001 in designated freeports. (167214)
- 3N Rachel Reeves (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the total cost to the public purse of (a) refurbishments and (b) renovations to No.10 Downing Street since July 2019 has been notified to the Cabinet Secretary. (167191)
- 4N Olivia Blake (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect of state aid de minimis rule limits on businesses in commercial premises that are affected by cladding issues.

 (167376)
- 5N Peter Grant (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what specific steps his Department is taking in response to the statutory report filed with his Department by the Joint Administrators of Blackmore Bond plc on the conduct of the Directors of Blackmore Bond plc during the three years immediately prior to the company going into administration. (167260)
- 6N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to Answer of 4 March 2021 to Question 160543 on Paula Vennells, for what reason his Department made a different judgement on whether the costs of publishing the correspondence were disproportionate for (a) January to June 2013 and (b) July to December 2013.
- 7N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of rent increases at Burlington House on (a) STEM skills, (b) scientific research and (c) international scientific collaboration. (167153)
- 8N Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether ACAS has completed its work into fire and rehire practices; on what date ACAS shared its insights with officials at his Department; if he will publish the ACAS report's findings; and on what date he plans to publish the Government's response to that report's findings. (167213)
- 9N Anne McLaughlin (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what information his Department holds on the number of appeals to the First Tier Tribunal as a result of sanction notices issued

- in response to complaints which do not concern mis-selling as their subject matter but which are related to the activities of Home Energy & Lifestyle Management Ltd (HELMS). (167253)
- 10N Anne McLaughlin (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the total cost to the public purse is of expenditure by his Department on (a) Government Legal Department costs and (b) external legal advice on complaints related to the sale of Green Deal plans by Home Energy & Lifestyle Management Ltd (HELMS).
- 11N **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when the results of the consultation entitled, Aligning UK international support for the clean energy transition, which concluded on 8 February 2021, will be published. (167272)
- 12N Lucy Powell (Manchester Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business,
 Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate he has made of (a) number
 businesses eligible in each local authority for restart grants, and (b) how much
 funding each local authority area will receive through the restart grants. (167208)
- 13N Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the deadline for the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme on the development of sustainable jobs and skills. (167341)
- 14N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support consumer choice and (b) protect against overcharging during the rollout of gigabit capable broadband to rural properties in Wales. (167290)
- 15N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what (a) key dates by which key milestones will be met and (b) other metrics his Department has developed to measure progress of the UK Rural Gigabit Connectivity Programme in Wales. (167291)
- 16N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the cultural and heritage contribution of the Societies of Burlington House; and if he will make a statement. (167154)
- 17N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using dormant assets to fund the delivery of national primary financial education; and if he will make a statement. (167155)
- 18N Imran Ahmad Khan (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of establishing a system by which a negative PCR test for covid-19 can overrule a positive lateral flow test conducted at a school.

 (167359)

- 19N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he has made of the cost incurred by schools due to the decision to move the pupil premium eligibility date back from January 2021 to October 2020 by (a) Parliamentary constituency and (b) local authority area. (167217)
- 20N **Mr Mark Harper** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the evidential basis is for the policy that (a) a positive covid-19 lateral flow test taken on a test site in a school or college does not require a PCR confirmation and (b) where a PCR confirmation test is taken and is negative that test is not able to override the positive lateral flow test result.

 [R] (167173)
- 21N **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Turing Scheme will cover the (a) tuition fees, (b) travel costs, (c) cost of living for participants in programme; and whether those costs will be means tested.

 (167328)
- 22N **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Turing Scheme will be an international exchange programme. (167329)
- 23N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March to Question 164621 on Potatoes: UK Trade with EU, why does a maximum residue level apply to EU imports but not to potatoes produced in England. (167318)
- 24N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans her Department has to introduce a food recycling system across (a) the UK, (b) England and (c) in each local authority. (167204)
- 25N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the average waiting period for DVLA medical testing in the most recent period for which figures are available. (167265)
- 26N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March 2021 to Question 164471 on Travel: Coronavirus, whether foreign nationals visiting the UK are permitted to return home during the covid-19 outbreak; and whether that is an acceptable reason for travel for the purposes of travel declarations under covid-19 restrictions.
- 27N **Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make a comparative assessment of the level of pension credit uptake in Hackney South and Shoreditch in the financial years (a) 2019-20 and (b) 2020-21. (167174)

- 28N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many kickstart placements (a) have started and (b) are currently advertised as vacancies via Jobcentres in each (i) constituency, (ii) local authority district and (iii) region and nation as at 8 March 2021. (167206)
- 29N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many employers were participating in the kickstart scheme in each (a) constituency, (b) local authority and (c) each region and nation of the UK as at 8 March 2021.
- 30N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many additional staff her Department has employed during the covid-19 outbreak. (167195)
- 31N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many additional staff her Department has employed on fixed-term contracts during the covid-19 outbreak; and if she will list when each of those contracts will end. (167196)
- 32N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of care homes that will be unable to allow visitors due to lack of insurance cover during the covid-19 outbreak.

 (167205)
- 33N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he expects Sir Simon Stevens, Chief Executive at NHS England, to reply to the correspondence from the hon. Member for West Lancashire dated 20 November, reference za54586, on electronic prescriptions. (167176)
- 34N Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to (a) collect data on surgical implants and devices from (i) mesh-related and (ii) other procedures, from (A) National Health Service and (B)private provider organisations; (b) progress the roll-out of the Medical Device Information System (MDIS). (167296)
- 35N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a breakdown of (a) funding and (b) funding that has been allocated but not yet spent for NHS Test and Trace. (167259)
- 36N Julie Elliott (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations the Government
 has made to the Israeli authorities on the demolition of 100 Palestinian homes in
 Silwan in East Jerusalem. (167201)
- 37N **John Howell** (Henley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 8 March 2021 to Question 162544 on Occupied Territories: Humanitarian Situation, if he will take diplomatic steps to seek a vote on Item 7 at sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

- 38N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 25 February
 2021 to Question 156589, if he will publish an update on support provided to
 Tanveer Ahmed Rafique. (167327)
- 39N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that victims of rape, sexual abuse and sexual assault in (a) Coventry, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England receive support from an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor to help them navigate the criminal justice system. (167218)
- 40N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the (a) provision of and (b) access to (i) rape and sexual abuse and (ii) domestic violence support services in (A) Coventry, (B) the West Midlands and (C) England.
- 41N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the average waiting times for rape and sexual assault victims to access rape and sexual abuse support services in Coventry; and what (a) fiscal and (b) other steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for those services in Coventry.

 (167221)
- 42N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of reducing the income threshold for spousal visa applications where one of the spouses has worked for the NHS during the covid-19 outbreak.

 (167262)
- 43N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of whether the spouse visa income threshold should be reduced in the event that one of the spouses works in the NHS. (167263)
- 44N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the ability of families to earn enough to meet the increased income threshold requirements for a spouse visa following the covid-19 outbreak. (167264)
- 45N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to instruct all police forces in England to implement in full the recommendations of the Henriques Report, The Independent Review of the Metropolitan Police Service's handling of non-recent sexual offence investigations alleged against persons of public prominence, published in October 2019.
- 46N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the publication of site inspection findings by the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration, if her Department will make

an assessment of the potential merits of waiving the 1 per cent threshold requirement for special grant funding for policing costs relating to the temporary asylum accommodation sites at Penally training camp and Napier barracks. (167289)

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- 47N Taiwo Owatemi (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Leave to Remain private life applications were processed within six months in (a) 2019 and (b) 2020. (167330)
- 48N Olivia Blake (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will extend the section 21 notice period extension beyond 31 March 2021. (167375)
- 49N Olivia Blake (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what additional funding he will make available to businesses affected by a shortfall in funding as a result of the effect of state aid de minimis rules.
- 50N Sir Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will make it his policy to increase the number of caravans and tents permitted at site and locations certified for selfcatering holidays during 2021; and if he will make a statement. (167156)
- 51N Sir Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for Christchurch of 18 December 2020 on behalf of a constituent concerned about his inability to obtain an EWS1 Certificate for a flat in a three storey block; and if he will make a statement. (167157)
- 52N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to ensure that learned societies at Burlington House remain in their current location and are not priced out by rental charges. (167268)
- 53N Steve Reed (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what representations he has received on the ministerial determination of the application for development at Sandleford Park.
- 54N Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of including measures of (a) crime (b) barriers to housing and services (c) living environment deprivation and (e) inequalities within a local authority area when developing the index of economic resilience for the UK Community Renewal Fund and Levelling Up Fund. (167343)
- 55N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he has taken to consult judges on the potential effect of proposals to expand the use of video court hearings in the Police, Crime, Courts and Sentencing Bill. (167197)

- 56N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of cases offenders received less than the minimum sentence for (a) third-time convictions for domestic burglary and (b) second-time convictions for possession of a knife or offensive weapon in each of the last 5 years broken down by the age range of offenders. (167198)
- 57N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential for legal cases to be brought under the Equality Act 2010 as a result of people being denied access to businesses due to non-compliance with covid-19 related restrictions. (167183)
- 58N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether any legal cases have been brought under the Equality Act 2010 as a result of people being denied access to businesses due to non-compliance with covid-19 related restrictions; and how many of those cases have been upheld.
- 59N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) adequacy of (i) the current age of consent for marriage and (ii) parental or judicial consent to marry and (b) effect of that level of consent on the risk of 16 and 17 year olds being coerced into marriage.
- 60N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what plans his Department has to review the age of consent for marriage; and what steps is he taking to help protect young people from coercion and forced marriage.

 (167267)
- 61N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners are released into (a) homelessness, (b) temporary accommodation and (c) hostels in the most recent period for which figures are available. (167164)
- 62N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners had received a covid-19 vaccination prior to their release in each of the last three months. (167165)
- 63N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect on economic activity and investment of the corporation tax taper from 2023-24 on profits between £50,000 and £250,000. (167298)
- 64N Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has plans to offer a retention incentive to businesses who continue to employ furloughed workers following the withdrawal of the Job Retention Bonus.

 (167299)

- 65N Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to prevent larger businesses dividing into several smaller businesses in order to be eligible for the new small profits rate of corporation tax from 2023-24.

 (167300)
- 66N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the corporation tax super deduction on levels of fraud, abuse and tax avoidance relating to corporation tax.

 (167301)
- 67N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether there will be a 100 per cent Barnett consequential in respect of the £175 million provided for freeports in England. (167182)
- 68N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps he is taking to support rape and sexual abuse support services in (a) Coventry, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England. (167220)
- 69N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps his Department is taking to support businesses affected by the covid-19 outbreak in (a) Coventry North East constituency and (b) Coventry. (167222)
- 70N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of an advance payment system for people who are (a) facing financial hardship and (b) struggling financially following payment of self-assessment tax returns prior to the issuing of the fourth grant under that scheme.
- 71N Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Business Banking Resolution Service (BBRS), if he will take steps to (a) encourage the adoption of the BBRS by banks to ensure accessibility, (b) resolve the outstanding terms of reference including eligibility and insolvency, (c) finalise and publish the BBRS process to deliver the service specified by the terms of reference, (d) demonstrate the independence of the BBRS and (e) enable the BBRS to resolve historical complaints.
- 72N Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of providing grants to pharmacies to help cover additional costs accrued during the covid-19 outbreak; and how much and what proportion of the £370m emergency cashflow loans has been allocated to (a) pharmacies and (b) other NHS services. (167175)
- 73N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions his Department has had with the Development Bank of Wales ahead of the launch of the UK Infrastructure Bank. (167288)

- 74N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the design of the (a) Levelling Up Fund and (b) the Community Renewal Fund. (167294)
- 75N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will list the participants in each freeport announced in the Budget statement on 3 March 2021; and if he will publish the bid document for each. (167215)
- 76N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will list the publicly-owned sea ports which are included within the eight freeports announced as part of Budget 2021. (167216)
- 77N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether investment in technology and digital transformation is eligible for super-deduction. (167199)
- 78N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the planned (a) FTE and (b) headcount staffing numbers will be for the new National Infrastructure Bank; and what share of that number will be based in Leeds.

 (167192)
- 79N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether investment in plant and machinery intended to be subsequently leased is eligible for the new 130 per cent super deduction capital allowance. (167193)
- 80N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the effect the £50,000 threshold for the new small profits rate of corporation tax will have on incentives for corporations with profits just below that level to expand their worth. (167194)
- 81N Lucy Powell (Manchester Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the restart grants announced in the Budget 2021 statement on 3 March 2021, (a) how much funding each local authority will receive to administer the grants, and (b) what estimate he has made of the number of businesses that will be eligible for the grant in each local authority area. (167209)
- 82N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government has developed metrics to assess the progress of the its levelling up agenda in each (a) local authority area and (b) region. (167212)
- 83N **Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with relevant stakeholders on the potential merits of establishing an exemption process for freelance workers who will be subject to forthcoming IR35 legislation.

 (167339)
- 84N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, if there has been an economic impact assessment of establishing a freeport in Wales.

85N Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what progress the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities has made, including on their call for evidence on ethnic disparities and inequality in October 2020. (167342)

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Questions for Written Answer

1N Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending the temporary suspension of wrongful trading measures beyond April 2021 in order to align with other business support schemes extended beyond that date during the covid-19 outbreak.

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

1	Simon Fell (Barrow and Furness): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 17 March.	(913639)
2	Steve Double (St Austell and Newquay):	(913640)
3	Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North):	(913641)
4	Nick Fletcher (Don Valley):	(913642)
5	Andrew Jones (Harrogate and Knaresborough):	(913643)
6	Peter Grant (Glenrothes):	(913644)
7	Fiona Bruce (Congleton):	(913645)
8	Geraint Davies (Swansea West):	(913646)
9	Richard Burgon (Leeds East):	(913647)
10	Steve Brine (Winchester):	(913648)
11	Felicity Buchan (Kensington):	(913649)
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13	Sir Bernard Jenkin (Harwich and North Essex):	(913651)
14	Nickie Aiken (Cities of London and Westminster):	(913652)
15	Liz Twist (Blaydon):	(913653)