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Questions tabled on Friday 12 March 2021

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Questions for Answer on Monday 15 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of equalising paternity and maternity leave rights. [Transferred] (167357)
- 2 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 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. [Transferred] (167237)
- 3 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing re-opening grants for the live events sector. [Transferred] (167251)
- 4 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing Government-backed covid-19 cancellation Insurance for the live events sector. [Transferred] (167252)
- 5 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has for extending the provision of funding for school breakfasts beyond July 2021. [Transferred] (167321)
- 6 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made on the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the finances of households with one or more disabled residents. [Transferred] (167230)

- 7 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (167231)
- 8 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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 she has taken in response to that assessment. [Transferred] (167232)
- 9 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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 she has taken in response to that assessment. [Transferred] (167233)
- 10N **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of current low levels of covid-19 infection in the Azores on its status as a red list country. [Transferred] (166487)
- 11 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of the British Overseas Territories on preparations for COP26. [Transferred] (167352)
- 12 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, 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. [Transferred] (167179)
- 13 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions he has had with Welsh local authorities on the design of the Levelling Up Fund. [Transferred] (167292)
- 14 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions he had with Welsh local authorities on the design of the Community Renewal Fund. [Transferred] (167293)
- 15 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the increasing number of Black, Asian and ethnic minority people in the criminal justice system. [Transferred] (166634)

- 16 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many employers who have accessed the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme have made staff redundant in each month since April 2020.

[Transferred] (167241)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 16 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of the proposal of Scope for an emergency support package to protect disabled people, published on 18 January 2021. (167860)
- 2 **Dr Liam Fox** (North Somerset): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, who the line manager is of the Scottish Government's Permanent Secretary. (167831)
- 3 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how the £70m capital investment awarded to the Post Office for 2020-2021 was agreed to be spent. [R] (167952)
- 4 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if any of the £177m capital investment awarded to the Post Office for 2021-22 will be spent on franchising any Crown post office branches. [R] (167953)
- 5 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what amount of the £70m capital investment awarded to the Post Office for 2020-2021 will be spent on franchising any Crown post office branches. [R] (167954)
- 6 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if any Crown post office branches will be franchised under (i) the Post Office's multi-year Group Strategic Plan; and (ii) the Post Office's most recent 12 month Group Business Plan. [R] (167955)
- 7 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the levels of profitability of the Post Office's Crown office network during (a) 2019-20 and (b) 2018-19. [R] (167956)

- 8 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2021 to Question 161808, whether discussions for the next Smart Systems and Flexibility Plan considered the merits of a minimum electricity floor price for (a) pumped storage hydro and (b) other large scale storage schemes. (167893)
- 9 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2021 to Question 161808, what discussions his Department has had with the developers of (a) pumped hydro storage and (b) other long duration storage technologies to assess their respective merits; what potential barriers to deployment of those technologies were identified in those discussions; and if he will make a statement. (167894)
- 10 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when the Government plans to bring forward legislative proposals to amend the Electricity Act 1989 to define electricity storage as a distinct subset of generation. (167895)
- 11 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many outstanding decision notices there are for applications under the renewable heat incentive scheme for the installation of a biomass boiler for (a) non-domestic properties and (b) domestic applications. (167896)
- 12 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made about the estimated cost of the Eastern Link undersea electricity link between Scotland and England. (167922)
- 13 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to include hydrogen trains in the Transport decarbonisation plan; and what his timeframe is for ordering the first hydrogen train fleet. (167947)
- 14 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of trialling hydrogen trains on the Tees Valley line to help decarbonise the railway network. (167948)
- 15 **Paul Maynard** (Blackpool North and Cleveleys): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many small businesses rely on cash to function in the UK. (167845)
- 16 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what progress has been made on the creation of the Events Research Programme, as set out in the Government's COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021 roadmap published on 22nd February; what the timeframe is for the publication for the programme's conclusions; what factors are being assessed for the reopening of that sector; if he will announce the role of the business events industry within the programme; and if he will make a statement. (167862)

- 17 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what financial support his Department has allocated to providers of (a) arts and (b) sports training for children and young people during the covid-19 outbreak. (167951)
- 18 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to guidance, Covid-19 Response - Spring 2021, at what stage the Government plans that travelling showpeople will be able to proceed with (a) fairground rides and (b) other services at (i) events and (ii) festivals. (167958)
- 19 **Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department taking to encourage volunteers in engaging with local sports clubs. (167911)
- 20 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what factors the Events Research Programme will consider in producing a roadmap for the reopening of the events industry; and if he will make a statement. (167968)
- 21 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, when the Events Research Programme is expected to publish its roadmap for the reopening of the events industry; and if he will make a statement. (167969)
- 22 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, who is the membership of the Events Research Programme; and if he will make a statement. (167970)
- 23 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether he plans to amend the Tourism Sector Deal as a result of the Government announcing the covid-19 recovery strategy. (167945)
- 24 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if his Department will take steps with social media companies to tackle online abuse directed at supporters of the Indian farmers protests. (167980)
- 25 **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the use of Adult Education Budget funds by grant-funded adult education providers to deliver training and education. (167852)
- 26 **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what support his Department is making available to independent adult education training providers not in receipt of funding from the Adult Education Budget and who are meeting increased learner demand. (167853)
- 27 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of higher education students in England in the academic year 2020-21 have had applications for a full maintenance loan declined as a result of not

- being able to provide information about their parent or guardian's financial circumstances because the definition of estrangement, as outlined in the current Student Support Regulations, was not met. (167884)
- 28 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to increase fishing opportunities for UK fishing organisations in Icelandic waters ahead of full ratification of the trade continuity agreement between the UK and Iceland. (167929)
- 29 **Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage people to buy British-caught fish. (167916)
- 30 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the cost for Plant Health Agency inspections. (167889)
- 31 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to help ensure that chicken and chicken products containing salmonella is not imported to the UK. (167883)
- 32 **Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps her Department is taking to support small and medium sized enterprises to increase their exports. (167914)
- 33 **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the effect of the decision to reduce funding for Official Development Assistance on (a) securing and (b) enhancing future trade relationships; and if she will make a statement. (167830)
- 34 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what processes the Government has in place to (a) monitor the level of protections afforded to UK citizens' data by Japan and (b) respond to evidence of lower protections in that country than are accepted in the UK. (167837)
- 35 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential (a) merits and (b) disadvantages of recognising the APEC-CBPR as equivalent to the UK's data protection laws. (167838)
- 36 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many exports of pesticides banned in the UK have been supplied to (a) India and (b) other regions in the last two years; and what plans she has to prohibit exports of (a) Paraquet and (b) other pesticides that are banned in the UK to India. (167976)
- 37 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of prohibiting the sale of weapons including water cannons, tear gas and batons to India which could be used against peaceful protestors. (167977)

- 38 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, if her Department will take steps to reassess the Conceptual Framework on Agriculture in light of the farmers protests in India. (167978)
- 39 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, if her Department will take steps to reassess the UK-India Infrastructure Technical Co-Operation Facility in light of the farmers protests in India. (167979)
- 40 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans the Government has to enhance the connectivity of the Wolverhampton South West constituency to the rest of the rail network. (167950)
- 41 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the safety of smart motorways; how many fatal accidents have occurred on smart motorways since their introduction; and what guidance has been issued to motorists who break down on smart motorways and who are unable to reach a refuge area. (167835)
- 42 **Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress his Department has made on reversing the Beeching cuts and restoring stations in (a) East Ardsley and Thorpe and (b) more widely. (167910)
- 43 **Paul Maynard** (Blackpool North and Cleveleys): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reason public service obligation flights from Londonderry to London are transferring from Southend to Stansted airport. (167843)
- 44 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans the Government has to support the realisation of the Crewe Hub vision. (167989)
- 45 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of increasing the eligibility age of the Mobility Allowance. (167939)
- 46 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will routinely provide industrial injuries disablement benefit claimants with details of the medical qualifications of the healthcare professionals conducting their medical assessment. (167851)
- 47 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the evidence of the Senior Responsible Owner of Universal Credit at the Department for Work and Pensions at the joint meeting of the Lords Economic Affairs Committee and Commons Work and Pensions Committee on 9 March 2021, whether the figure of 1.4 million legacy benefit claimants who would benefit financially from moving to universal credit is calculated on the basis of the temporary £20 a week uplift in universal credit being retained. (167918)

- 48 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of providing access to covid-19 tests to early years practitioners and nursery workers in reducing covid-19 cases in those settings. (167938)
- 49 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of adding Operating Department Practitioners (ODP) to the Patient Group Directions (PGD) to enable those with the relevant medical experience to play an active role in the covid-19 vaccination programme. (167940)
- 50 **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to implement the guidance that every care home resident can nominate a single named visitor who will be able to enter the care home for regular visits. (167829)
- 51 **Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support research on the efficacy of covid-19 vaccines for people with low immunity. (167912)
- 52N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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. [Transferred] (167175)
- 53N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of prisoners had received a covid-19 vaccination prior to their release in each of the last three months. [Transferred] (167165)
- 54 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of respiratory syncytial virus among infants on (a) GP appointments, (b) A&E attendances and (c) hospital admissions in the latest period for which data is available. (167959)
- 55 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate has been made of the prevalence of respiratory syncytial virus among infants (a) under five years old, (b) under two years old and (c) in their first year of life. (167960)
- 56 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to address the burden of infant respiratory syncytial virus on the (a) NHS and (b) health of the population. (167961)
- 57 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to prevent cases of respiratory syncytial virus in infants. (167962)

- 58 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the Home Office on the progress of the distribution of the covid-19 vaccine to people awaiting determination of their asylum, visa and immigration applications. (167986)
- 59 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the Home Office on the progress of the distribution of the covid-19 vaccine to UK residents with No Recourse to Public Funds. (167987)
- 60 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the Home Office on the progress of the distribution of the covid-19 vaccine to undocumented migrants. (167988)
- 61 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment on the potential effect on The Inter-Agency Misconduct Disclosure Scheme of planned reductions in UK aid. (167842)
- 62 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect of the US Administration's imposition of global Magnitsky sanctions and visa restrictions against Chen Quanguo in response to his role in perpetrating human rights violations against Muslim minorities in Xinjiang; and what plans he has to impose Magnitsky sanctions on Chen Quanguo. (167949)
- 63 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with Prime Minister on condemning the state violence against the farmers protestors in India. (167973)
- 64 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for International Trade on prohibiting the sale of weapons including water cannons, tear gas and batons which could be used against peaceful protestors in India. (167974)
- 65 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for International Trade on the export of (a) Paraquat and (b) other pesticides that are banned in the UK to India. (167975)
- 66 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce levels of knife crime. (167941)

- 67 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's response to the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration's Report on modern slavery published 4 March 2021, what the proposed timescale is for the review accepted in Recommendation One; and when its findings will be published. (167897)
- 68 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to recommendation two of her Department's response to the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration's Report on modern slavery published 4 March 2021, what the proposed timescale is for delivering new BICS specific guidance on the identification, reporting and pursuit of perpetrators of modern slavery and human trafficking. (167898)
- 69 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to recommendation four in her Department's response to the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration's Report on modern slavery published 4 March 2021, what the proposed timescale is for providing details of key findings, clarifying roles and responsibilities and streamlining governance on organised immigration crime; and when details of the new streamlined governance will be published. (167899)
- 70 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, who sits on the Illegal Migration Strategy Board; and when it plans to publish reports of its activities. (167900)
- 71 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, who sits on the Clandestine Threat Board; and when it plans to publish reports on its activities. (167901)
- 72 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what planning permissions are required in relation to the new Hassockfield Immigration Removal Centre; and whether those permissions have been obtained. (167902)
- 73 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of detainees' ability to access appropriate legal advice in the area surrounding the new Hassockfield Immigration Removal Centre. (167903)
- 74 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what training will be provided to staff at the new Hassockfield Immigration Removal Centre in response to its planned use to detain only women. (167904)
- 75 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the effect of the hostile environment policy on the rollout of the covid-19 vaccine. (167981)

- 76 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the distribution of the covid-19 vaccine to undocumented migrants. (167982)
- 77 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the distribution of the covid-19 vaccine to UK residents with No Recourse to Public Funds. (167983)
- 78 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the distribution of the covid-19 vaccine to people awaiting determination of their asylum, visa and immigration applications. (167984)
- 79 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of granting (a) undocumented migrants, (b) people with no recourse to public funds, and (c) people awaiting determination of their asylum, visa and immigration applications indefinite leave to remain to help ensure a complete roll-out of the covid-19 vaccine. (167985)
- 80 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the barriers to immediate publication of the methodology used to calculate the index employed to categorise places for the (a) Levelling Up Fund and (b) UK Community Renewal Fund. (167855)
- 81 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how the measure of household income used for the index of economic resilience for the UK Community Renewal Fund differs from the Income Deprivation Domain used in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. (167856)
- 82 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using the Indices of Multiple Deprivation to prioritise investments through the UK Community Renewal Fund. (167857)
- 83N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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. [Transferred] (167376)
- 84N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the design of the (a) Levelling Up Fund and (b) the Community Renewal Fund. [Transferred] (167294)

- 85 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to Answer of 3 March 2021 to Question 157189, when the Government will consider the findings of the Cambridge University's report. (167890)
- 86 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for what reasons the Government does not plan to publish immediately the methodology used to calculate the index employed to categorise places for the Levelling Up Fund and UK Community Renewal Fund. (167919)
- 87 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how the measure of household income used for the index of economic resilience for the UK Community Renewal Fund differs from the Income Deprivation Domain used in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. (167920)
- 88 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using the Indices of Multiple Deprivation to prioritise investments through the UK Community Renewal Fund. (167921)
- 89N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Government has developed metrics to assess the progress of its levelling up agenda in each (a) local authority area and (b) region. [Transferred] (167212)
- 90 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what his Department's timeframe is for the outcome of each Building Safety Fund application. (167905)
- 91 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the average time taken to approve applications to the Building Safety Fund. (167906)
- 92 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans his Department has made in response to the potential future identification of residential buildings being found not to be fire safe. (167907)
- 93 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment the Government has made of the effectiveness of new fire extinguishing technologies, such as internal ventilation systems, to delay or prevent fires from spreading. (167908)
- 94 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much Government funding has been provided for the development of new fire extinguishing technologies. (167909)
- 95 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether prison transfers are being accepted to (a) HMP Spring Hill and (b) HMP Coldingley. (167957)

- 96N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his 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. [Transferred] (167218)
- 97N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he 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. [Transferred] (167219)
- 98N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he 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 he is taking to reduce waiting times for those services in Coventry. [Transferred] (167221)
- 99 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 10 March 2021 to Question 161718, on Ivory: Smuggling, under which category of offence in his Department's Court Proceedings Database have offences related to ivory smuggling been recorded in the last five years; how many people have been prosecuted for this category of offence in each of the last five years; how many of those prosecutions have resulted in (a) convictions, (b) custodial sentences, and (c) non-custodial sentences; and what the average fine was for people receiving a non-custodial sentence for this category of offence in the last five years. (167839)
- 100 **Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to support money advice organisations in communities. (167913)
- 101 **Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of reintroducing the Eat Out to Help Out scheme, once hospitality businesses are allowed to reopen. (167915)
- 102 **Paul Maynard** (Blackpool North and Cleveleys): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of bank closures on local communities. (167844)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 17 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the level of demand on the UK Research and Innovation budget. (167832)
- 2N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 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. [Transferred] (167297)
- 3N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has made an estimate of the potential number of job losses (a) in the UK and (b) overseas as a result of the reduced Official Development Assistance allocations to UK Research and Innovation. (167930)
- 4N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on funding for the UK's association to Horizon Europe. (167885)
- 5N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans his Department has to support the post-pandemic career development of early career researchers. (167886)
- 6N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the level of demand on the UK Research and Innovation budget. (167887)
- 7N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on the maintenance of the science and research funding in the international aid budget. (167888)
- 8N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when he plans to confirm the levels of Government funding for music education hubs in England for the 2021-22 financial year. (167863)
- 9N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress he has made on the development of a refreshed national plan for music education; and what his timeframe is for the publication of that plan. (167864)

- 10N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the long-term funding needs of early years education and care. (167963)
- 11N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he has made of the number of nurseries that closed (a) in the two years prior to March 2020, (b) during the covid-19 outbreak and (c) in the most deprived areas of England. (167964)
- 12N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effect of the introduction of the 30 hours free childcare policy on the number of nurseries in England. (167965)
- 13N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of providing specific financial support for nurseries during the covid-19 outbreak. (167966)
- 14N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the need for early years teachers to be provided with personal protective equipment during the covid-19 outbreak. (167967)
- 15N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many incidents involving (a) serious injury and (b) death occurred between Junctions 32 and 35A of the M1 in (i) each year since March 2017 and (ii) each of the three years before March 2017. (167875)
- 16N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many incidents in which a vehicle was stranded in a live lane have taken place between junctions 32 and 35A of the M1 in the three years prior to March 2017. (167876)
- 17N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential economic effect on the UK in the event that Eurostar services permanently ceased as a result of the financial effect of the covid-19 pandemic. (167937)
- 18N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has he made of the role of the National Infrastructure Bank in decarbonising the rail network. (167936)
- 19N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in EU countries on driving licence reciprocation. (167846)
- 20N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of the inland port and connectivity concept of Sefton Council. (167861)

- 21N **Huw Merriman** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reason a new design of surveillance camera has been installed at the (a) A55 near Chester and (b) A158 at Wragby; and which agencies access the data obtained by those cameras and for what purposes. (167891)
- 22N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many adults seeking to upskill have been referred by work coaches to adult education courses in each of the last 12 months; and what assessment her Department has made of the effect of undertaking adult education courses on employment outcomes for unemployed adults seeking work. (167865)
- 23N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the average length of time from Kickstart placement applications to Kickstart placement approvals. (167866)
- 24N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average number of applications is from eligible young people for each Kickstart placement. (167867)
- 25N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what representations she has received on the potential merits of (a) Kickstart gateways and (b) participating employers being able to advertise Kickstart placements in addition to their promotion in jobcentres. (167868)
- 26N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what calculation is used to determine the appropriate capital threshold limits for welfare benefits which are means tested and which are not payable in the event that a claimant holds savings or capital above the set threshold. (167854)
- 27N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit claims relating to work-related chest disease and Dupuytren's contracture have been (a) considered and (b) awarded since that condition was included on the list of prescribed industrial diseases. (167847)
- 28N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many new claims for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit have been determined in the last 12 months. (167848)
- 29N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many claims for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit are pending a decision. (167849)
- 30N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to ensure that healthcare professionals conducting medical assessments for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit have (a) adequate medical qualifications and (b) experience in the field that relates to a claimant's conditions. (167850)

- 31N **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the availability of NHS dental appointments currently, and if he will make a statement. (167833)
- 32N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the stigma experienced by the trans and non-binary communities in accessing HIV (a) prevention, (b) testing and (c) care. (167932)
- 33N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the (a) quality and (b) quantity of HIV research on trans men. (167933)
- 34N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle potential health inequalities experienced by trans people after they have been diagnosed HIV positive. (167934)
- 35N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions the UK Representative to the UN Human Rights Council has had with relevant stakeholders on the alleged human rights abuses in (a) Uganda, (b) Ethiopia, (c) Eritrea, (d) Tanzania and (e) Nigeria in the last three months. (167869)
- 36N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the change in the level of total Official Development Assistance to eligible Commonwealth member states in the last reporting year. (167870)
- 37N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the change in the level of total Official Development Assistance to eligible Commonwealth member states in Sub-Saharan Africa in the last reporting year. (167871)
- 38N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) security and (b) Official Development assistance the UK provided to Mozambique in each of the last three years. (167872)
- 39N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) promote cooperation between and (b) draw on the expertise of NHS and other clinical and academic expertise on global health issues in pursuit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. (167873)
- 40N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the proposed reduction in UK aid to Yemen, Syria and other countries where there is

- ongoing conflict; on trends in the number of (a) migrants and (b) asylum seekers from these countries where aid is reduced to (i) the UK and (ii) other European countries. (167917)
- 41N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his Department's future funding plans are for the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) programme. (167935)
- 42N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Inter-Agency Misconduct Disclosure Scheme. (167840)
- 43N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to aid charities on joining the Inter-Agency Misconduct Disclosure Scheme. (167841)
- 44N **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the UK was represented at the reported demarche meeting in Tel Aviv on 25 February 2020 on transfer of ballistic missiles. (167892)
- 45N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what engagement he has had with the Armenian Government following recent protests in that country. (167924)
- 46N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the Minsk Protocol as a basis for a long-term settlement to the conflict in Ukraine. (167925)
- 47N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that Departmental staff deployed outside the UK have access to covid-19 vaccines. (167926)
- 48N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the durability of the ceasefire agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan. (167927)
- 49N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what engagement he has had with the Irish Government following the end of the transition period. (167928)
- 50N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to clauses 148-150 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, what constitutes a positive requirement; and what assessment she has made of the effect of the positive requirements for registered sex offenders imposed would make to the police's ability to manage sex offenders. (167874)

- 51N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department is taking steps with the Department of Health and Social Care to ensure that people responsible for the production or distribution of misleading material about the covid-19 vaccine are prosecuted. (167882)
- 52N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance has been issued to (a) prison and (b) probation services throughout the UK to help people in custody either on remand or serving a sentence to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme. (167971)
- 53N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will issue guidance that will allow for imprisonment as a reasonable ground for a late EU Settlement Scheme application. (167972)
- 54N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many project licences granted under The Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 were amended as a result of developments in the 3Rs between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2020. (167946)
- 55N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure the right to peaceful protest during the covid-19 lockdown. (167931)
- 56N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress her Department is making on agreeing a youth mobility scheme with the EU. (167834)
- 57N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department has taken to work with homeless accommodation providers to ensure covid-secure provision. (167879)
- 58N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of homeless people who have tested positive for covid-19. (167880)
- 59N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to work with (a) the Department of Health and Social Care and (b) public health teams to ensure homeless people receive the covid-19 vaccine. (167881)
- 60N **Mr Mark Harper** (Forest of Dean): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to paragraph 118 of the Government's Covid-19 Response - Spring 2021 Command Paper CP398, published in February 2021, what premises are able to be used to hold (a) weddings, (b) wedding receptions and (c) commemorative events including wakes. [R] (167836)

- 61N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether investment in software can qualify for 130% super-deduction capital allowance in 2021-22 and 2022-23 under section 815 of the 2009 Corporation Tax Act. (167942)
- 62N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to increase the uptake of the Social Investment Tax Relief. (167943)
- 63N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps are being taken by HMRC to ensure there is uniform interpretation of customs rules at different entry points into the UK. (167944)
- 64N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Build Back Better: our plan for growth, dated March 2021, and the target set out on page 14 of that publication to relocate 22,000 civil servants out of London by 2030, whether that target is to relocate those civil servants out of (a) London or (b) London and the South East; and if he will confirm the exact boundaries of the areas he would denote by the terms (i) London, (ii) the South East and (iii) London and the South East. (167858)
- 65N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the level of profit shifting into the UK as a result of the corporation tax super deduction in (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23. (167859)
- 66N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish data underpinning the selection of areas for capacity funding under the Levelling Up Fund for each priority tier against each metric listed in the Levelling Up Methodology Note. (167877)
- 67N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish the data used to assess (a) need for improved transport connectivity (in England only) and (b) need for regeneration and (c) need for economic recovery and growth to select areas for priority funding as part of the Levelling Up Fund. (167878)
- 68N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has undertaken an assessment of the (a) number of jobs that would be created by a freeport in Wales, (b) type of jobs that freeport would create and (c) other economic impacts of that freeport. (167923)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 18 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Atherton** (Wrexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department is taking to support charities during the covid-19 outbreak. (913604)
- 2N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent discussions he has had with the Attorney General on the safety of jury trials as covid-19 restrictions are eased. [Transferred] (913661)