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# **Questions tabled on Friday 14 May 2021**

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

## Questions for Answer on Monday 17 May

### **Questions for Written Answer**

Dawn Butler (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to prevent directors paying themselves dividends and forcing companies into administration to avoid consumer redress.

[Transferred] (1022)

- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps the Government is taking to better understand the changing risks from the expansion of small satellite constellations that use cheaper commercial components and the increased reliance on space-enabled technologies, to allow the Government to better plan for and mitigate the impact of severe space weather.

  [Transferred] (1168)
- 3 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to ban fire and rehire practices. [Transferred] (1169)
- 4 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if his Department plans to extend the scope of Additional Restrictions Grants. [Transferred] (1161)
- Richard Fuller (North East Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect on (a) businesses and (b) employment of the proposed advertising restrictions on products high in fat, sugar and salt.

  [Transferred] (1038)

- 6N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to provide ringfenced funding for local authorities to support early years speech and language therapy. [Transferred] (818)
- 7 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Government plans to widen the scope of exemptions for quarantine on compassionate grounds to include people who have recently suffered a bereavement.

  [Transferred] (627)
- Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will fund catch-up support targeted at babies born (a) during and (b) soon before the outbreak of covid-19 to (i) enable additional contact with families with very young babies, (ii) fulfil health visitor and GP appointments that have been missed and (iii) identify risks, issues and offer support.

  [Transferred] (824)
- 9 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the level of demand is for refuge spaces in England; and how many refuge spaces there are. [Transferred] (1181)
- 10 Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the effect on families of the two-child limit on Child Tax Credit in Northern Ireland.

  [Transferred] (931)
- 11 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if the Government will consider the potential merits of a tax on pollution to support environmental objectives.

  [Transferred] (1162)

# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 18 May

### **Questions for Written Answer**

- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, (a) what assessment he has made of adequacy of communication on the need for students to complete Census forms for both their home and term-time address, and ((b) whether fines will be administered to students who have not completed both versions of the Census. (1332)
- Bob Blackman (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including wholesalers in the guidance for local authorities for the administration of the new business rates relief fund. (1294)
- Bob Blackman (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, , whether his Department plans to include wholesalers in the guidance for local authorities for the administration of the new business rates relief fund.

  (1295)

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- 4 Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will list the capacity market contracts awarded for fossil fuel generation. (1331)
- 5N **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps the Government is taking to support low income families that are unable to afford green energy improvements to make their homes energy efficient and contribute to the Government's net zero target.

[Transferred] (1024)

- 6N **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to redirect biomass subsidies to solar and wind.

  [Transferred] (978)
- 7 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the (a) potential merits of an extension to the Trade Credit Reinsurance Scheme beyond 30 June 2021 and (b) potential effect of that extension on the hospitality sector. (1323)
- Steve Double (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including wholesalers in the guidance for local authorities on the administration of the new business rates relief fund. (1328)
- 9 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his department has plans to include wholesalers in the guidance for local authorities for the administration of the new business rates relief fund. (1329)
- Julian Sturdy (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent estimate his Department has made of the average length of time a first registration of a property with the Land Registry takes to complete; and what steps his Department is taking to reduce that time. (1311)
- 11N Dawn Butler (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture,
  Media and Sport, whether the Government plans to launch an investigation into
  (a) the collapse of Football Index and (b) the Gambling Commission's regulation of
  Football Index.

  [Transferred] (1019)
- 12 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the prevalence of online harms occurring in the comments sections of recognised news publisher websites. (1373)
- 13 Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of moderator systems of comments sections on recognised news publisher websites. (1374)

- 14 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what data his Department holds on the volume of harmful comments appearing in comments sections of recognised news publisher websites. (1375)
- 15 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with newspaper proprietors, editors, or staff on the moderation of recognised news publisher websites.

  (1376)
- 16 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what plans he has to introduce transparency reports for recognised news publisher websites in respect of harm occurring on their comments boards. (1377)
- 17 Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether the responsibility for assessing gambling affordability following the recent Gambling Commission consultation has been transferred from the regulator to his Department; and what the statutory basis is for that responsibility. (1338)
- Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will ensure that steps are taken in the forthcoming gambling review to ensure gambling operators are required follow a strict affordability criteria when accepting payments from customers. (1339)
- 19 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what support the Government plans to provide to the UK Safer Internet Centre. (1288)
- 20 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the upgraded York exchange to provide fibre to the cabinet service, how many cabinets in York have not yet been upgraded to deliver fibre to households and businesses. (1333)
- 21 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he is taking with local authorities throughout the country to facilitate the reopening of parkrun events in the context of the covid-19 outbreak. (1379)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Answer of 29 April 2021 to Question 188088, how much good cause income was generated through National Lottery sales and placed into the National Lottery Distribution Fund in each year since 1994.

- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Answer of 29 April 2021 to Questions 188087 and 188086, how much Camelot UK Lotteries Limited has spent on advertising in each year since 1994.
- **Ms Diane Abbott** (Hackney North and Stoke Newington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he plans to take specific steps to increase the recruitment of Black and Asian teachers. (1267)
- **Ms Diane Abbott** (Hackney North and Stoke Newington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he is taking steps to (a) support, (b) retain and (c) support the promotion of Black and Asian teachers. (1268)
- **Ms Diane Abbott** (Hackney North and Stoke Newington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which (a) institutions and (b) stakeholders he has met with recently to discuss diversifying the curricula. (1269)
- **Ms Diane Abbott** (Hackney North and Stoke Newington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what policies his Department is consideing in relation to diversifying the curricula. (1270)
- **Ms Diane Abbott** (Hackney North and Stoke Newington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he has made of the proportion of the Education Recovery Package fund that will be allocated to supporting the needs of Black and Asian children and students. (1271)
- **Ms Diane Abbott** (Hackney North and Stoke Newington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department is planning to take specific steps to support the educational experiences and outcomes of Caribbean heritage students, other than the measures that his Department is taking to support disadvantaged pupils generally; and if he will make a statement. (1272)
- **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance his Department has issued to universities on safeguarding the mental health of (a) students on placements and (b) other students. (1349)
- **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to improve mental healthcare provision for students in the context of the covid-19 outbreak. (1350)
- **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information his Department holds on the number of university students on placements who took their own lives between in (a) 2019 and (b) 2020. (1351)
- **Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he has conducted an impact assessment of the decision to change the reconciliation threshold rate for Education and Skills Funding Agency grant funded AEB adult skills. (1276)

- 34 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will agree ambitious targets for ocean recovery with the devolved Adminstrations. (1357)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many permit fees were paid to the Environment Agency in the financial year 2019-20. [R] (1386)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many permit fees were paid to the Environment Agency in the financial year 2020-21. [R] (1387)
- 37 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what revenue the Environment Agency received from permit fees in the financial year 2019-20. [R] (1388)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what revenue the Environment Agency received from permit fees in the financial year 2020-21.

  [R] (1389)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of reductions in funding allocated to the Environment Agency in the financial year 2021-22 on its ability to undertake enforcement work.

  [R] (1390)
- 40 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce food waste. (1309)
- 41 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the Answer of 29 April 2021 to Question 175773, for what reason it took her Department four months to provide Japan with the list of 77 additional products for which it is seeking Geographical Indication protection under the terms of the UK-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership which came into effect on 1 January 2021.
- 42 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the Answer of 29 April 2021 to Question 175773, what estimate she has made of when Geographical Indication protection will be confirmed by the Japanese government for the 77 UK products provided to Japan on 30 April 2021. (1280)
- 43 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, with reference to the Answer of 29 April 2021 to Question 175776, whether she plans to correct or provide an addendum to paragraph 51 of her Department's response to the House of Commons International Trade Committee report UK-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, HC 1163, published on 25 January 2021, to correct the record. (1281)

- 44 Margaret Ferrier (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department plans to publish the criteria being used for the traffic light system for reopening international travel including the assigning of countries to the amber list. (1319)
- 45 **Margaret Ferrier** (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of how the limited number of countries being given green light status during the covid-19 outbreak will affect the aviation, travel and tourism industries. (1320)
- 46 Margaret Ferrier (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department's traffic light system for reopening international travel will include an island policy to reopen routes to relatively low risk regions of nations as was implemented in Summer 2020. (1321)
- 47 **Chris Grayling** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to instruct South Western Railway to reinstate pre-covid-19 outbreak levels of service between Epsom to London Waterloo. (1275)
- 48 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department plans to work with Railcard to extend the expiration date of railcards which have expired during the period of national covid-19 lockdown restrictions. (1378)
- 49 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the timeframe is for a decision on proposals to four-track Leicester Station. (1408)
- Claudia Webbe (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, dependent on a positive business case, when construction of the Leicester Station four-tracking scheme would commence. (1409)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) men and (b) women (i) built up a qualifying year towards the state pension by paying National Insurance Contributions, (ii) built up a qualifying year towards the state pension through National Insurance credits and (iii) did not build up a qualifying year towards the state pension in (A) 2011-12 and (B) the latest year for which figures are available.
- 52 **Stephen Crabb** (Preseli Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to increase data sharing with local authorities on universal credit. (1283)
- 53 **Stephen Crabb** (Preseli Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of sharing universal credit data with local authorities to help improve local responses to poverty. (1284)

54 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference Demos' report entitled the economic cost of uncontrolled asthma, published February 2021, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people with asthma are able to stay in work.

(1366)

- 55 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Answer of 21 April 2021 to Question 179362, if she will make an assessment of the causes of inequality in pay and job prospects for people with severe asthma.
- 56 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the economic benefits of assisting people with severe asthma to participate fully in the labour market. (1368)
- Adam Afriyie (Windsor): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control criticism of a harm reduction approach to tobacco control implemented by the UK, what plans he has to maintain the current level of UK funding for the WHO. (1285)
- 58 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report published in September 2020 by the Alzheimer's Society entitled Worst hit: dementia during coronavirus, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the increased deterioration of symptoms experienced by people with dementia during the covid-19 outbreak; and what steps his Department is taking to tackle the decline in dementia diagnosis rates during that outbreak. (1346)
- 59 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the article published in the Lancet in November 202 entitled Anti-psychotic prescribing to people with dementia during covid-19, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the increase in the number of people with dementia who have been prescribed anti-psychotic drugs during the covid-19 outbreak; and what steps his Department plans to take to increase the number of medication reviews for those people. (1347)
- Or Rosena Allin-Khan (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will commit to (a) undertaking and (b) publishing a review of the prescription of anti-psychotic drugs to people with dementia during the covid-19 outbreak.
- 61 Paul Blomfield (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps EU citizens with Settled Status or non-EU family members with Settled Status should take to evidence that status and the date on which it was received; and what steps EU citizens with Settled Status or non-EU family members who have applied for Settled Status but not yet received it should take to evidence the date of their application to the EU Settlement Scheme upon receiving NHS treatment or care.

- 62 Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for its policies of the findings of Marie Curie's Better End of Life report, published on 8 April 2021, and what plans he has to improve the resourcing of palliative and end of life care in the community. (1398)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether people who are required to quarantine after travel are permitted to attend a covid-19 vaccination centre during their quarantine period under the exceptional circumstances provision; and if he will publish updated guidance on that matter on the NHS vaccination booking website.
- 64 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether unpaid NHS charges of over £500 from EU citizens and non-EU family members who do not apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by the 30 June 2021 deadline will be reported to the Home Office; and whether such unpaid fines will affect EU Settlement Scheme application decisions. (1411)
- 65 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether EU citizens and non-EU family members eligible for the EU Settlement Scheme who do not make an application by the 30 June 2021 deadline will be chargeable for NHS treatment (a) after the deadline until a late application is submitted and (b) after a late application is submitted. (1412)
- 66 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department are taking to improve waiting times for patients seeking consultation with their GP. (1371)
- 67 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of legal protection for patients who have suffered from complications after receiving a covid-19 vaccination. (1372)
- 68 Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the arrangements for the commissioning of clinical treatment for gambling disorders in proposals for a new Health and Care Bill. (1335)
- 69 Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether proposals for the introduction of a new medical examiner system are planned to make provision for recording the number of deaths where gambling disorder is a factor. (1336)
- 70 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the criteria for accrediting suppliers to the Health Systems Support Framework. (1287)

- 71 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle the surge in the Indian covid-19 variant while ensuring that social distancing restrictions can continue to ease. (1403)
- 72 **Mr Owen Paterson** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to reply to the correspondence from the hon.

  Member for North Shropshire of 2 December 2020, 5 March 2021 and 25 April 2021 on his constituent Richard Liver. (1273)
- Table 13 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the planned phasing is of the £600 million in funding for the rebuild of Derriford Hospital in Plymouth. (1393)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much of the £600 million in funding allocated to the rebuild of Derriford Hospital in Plymouth will be committed by 2023. (1394)
- 75 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to publish a strategy on the diagnosis and treatment of long-covid. (1395)
- Julian Sturdy (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) steps his Department is taking and (b) resources have been allocated to reduce NHS endoscopy waiting times. (1307)
- 77 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's timetable is for publishing proposals for social care reform. (1310)
- 78 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Asthma UK's report, Asthma Care in a Crisis, Annual Asthma Survey 2020, what plans he has to improve the percentage of people with asthma who are receiving all elements of basic asthma care. (1362)
- 79 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Asthma UK's report entitled Asthma Care in a Crisis, Annual Asthma Survey 2020, if he will take steps to help ensure that people who are most at risk of having an asthma attack are prioritised and seen face-to-face when clinically necessary.
- 80 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to restore normal levels of respiratory care. (1364)
- Liz Twist (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 19 April 2021 to Question 179363, (a) what steps his Department is taking to expedite guidance on medicines that have taken longer than the 90 days to receive final guidance from NICE, and (b) whether his Department will prioritise appraisals of medicines for clinically extremely vulnerable groups.

- Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps are being taken to vaccinate
  his Department's staff in missions overseas.

  (1404)
- Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking in
  response to the military trial, detention and reported ill-treatment of Palestinian
  children by Israeli authorities. (1358)
- Stephen Farry (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether funding for front-line charities to support vulnerable EU citizens and non-EU family members to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme will continue beyond September 2021. (1413)
- Stuart Anderson (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what requirements are in place to ensure that local people are fully consulted prior to previously developed land that is part of the green-belt is built on. (1396)
- 86 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to simplify and
  homogenise across local authorities the process of applying for business rates
  relief under the Government's new £1.5 billion for businesses affected by the
  covid-19 outside outside the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors. (1296)
- 87 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions he has had with businesses which have applied for the Additional Restrictions Grant; and if he will apply lessons learnt from the process to the new £1.5 billion business rates relief fund for businesses affected by the covid-19 outbreak outside the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors.
- Steve Double (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to simplify and homogenise across local authorities the process of applying for business rates relief under the Government's new £1.5bn for businesses affected by covid-19 outside the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors. (1327)
- 89 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will bring forward legislative proposals on proposed limits on the cost of extending a lease; and if he will make a statement.
- Julian Sturdy (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what central government grants or other provisions are available to assist householders in replacing domestic lead water pipes beyond the stopcock; and what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of current support for householders to replace lead water pipes. (1308)

- John Nicolson (Ochil and South Perthshire): To ask the Prime Minister, on what dates the renovation work on the Number 11 Downing Street flat took place. (1322)
- 92 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential economic effect on the wholesale sector of the length of time taken to the start the new business rates relief fund.

  (1291)
- 93 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has plans to bring forward legislative proposals to enable the provision of business rates support to businesses affected by covid-19 outside the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors. (1292)
- 94 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will meet representatives of the Federation of Wholesale Distributors to discuss the practicalities involved in developing a business rates support system for businesses affected by covid-19 outside the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors. (1293)
- 95 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the economic effect on the wholesale sector of the time taken to start the new business rates relief fund. (1324)
- 96 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when his Department plans to bring forward legislative proposals for business rates support to be granted to businesses affected by covid-19 outside the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors. (1325)
- 97 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he we will meet with the Federation of Wholesale Distributors to discuss practicalities involved with developing a business rates support system for businesses affected by the covid-19 outside the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors.
- 98N Colum Eastwood (Foyle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue has been generated by the Soft Drinks Industry Levy in the last three years; and how much of that revenue has been provided to Northern Ireland through Barnett consequentials.

  [Transferred] (1220)
- 99 Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of proposals to mandate the provision of spending blocks for gambling activity for current accounts. (1337)
- 100 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if his Department will increase investment in new forms of finance to fund ocean recovery.

  (1356)
- 101 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what financial support his Department is providing to businesses in the travel industry during the period of covid-19 travel restrictions. (1359)

- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what consultation meetings relating to the Comprehensive Spending Review his Department (a) has held and (b) plans to hold with the Environment Agency.

  [R] (1391)
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has plans to provide funding to mitigate changes in the level of income of the Environment Agency in the fiscal year 2021-22. [R] (1392)

## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 19 May

#### **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N Virginia Crosbie (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential for the new hydrogen hub on Ynys Môn to contribute to the decarbonisation of the transport sector particularly through the use of hydrogen-powered heavy trucks. (1414)
- 2N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, which Minister will be responsible for reviewing the application for development consent on the Aquind Interconnector Pipeline between the UK and France. (1266)
- 3N Virginia Crosbie (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he is taking to provide financial support to (a)

  MônFM on Anglesey and (b) other community radio stations which have provided a vital service to the community during the covid-19 outbreak. (1416)
- 4N Kate Green (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many designated Sure Start children's centres there were in Kirklees District Council area in (a) 2010 and (b) 2020. (1313)
- 5N Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the number of seasonal workers employed annually within the fishing industry in (a) UK ports in total, (b) Ardglass and (c) Kilkeel ports.
- 6N Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of the new immigration rules on the fishing industry. (1406)
- 7N Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending immigration exemptions for seasonal workers to the fishing industry.

  (1407)

- 8N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the volume of crops that went unpicked in fields in 2020. (1385)
- 9N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what plans the Government has to include provisions in the announced in the Queen's Speech 2021 to provide for the implementation of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement on Trans-Pacific Partnership. (1282)
- 10N lan Mearns (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, on what dates his Department wrote to the Public Accounts Committee regarding the progress of franchise termination negotiations since 4 November 2020; and whether that correspondence will be published.

  (1289)
- 11N lan Mearns (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, under the terms of the contracts between Hitachi, the Government and Train Operators, who is liable for the financial costs of the disruption resulting from the recent withdrawal of services after the discovery of cracks in electric and electro-diesel trains constructed by Hitachi Rail.
- 12N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the total level of expenditure on Emergency Recovering Measures Agreements for train operating companies is since October 2020. (1352)
- 13N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to his Answer of 5 March 2021 to Question 158995, (a) when Network Rail will deliver a costed plan for a wider roll out of platform edge tactiles for stations, where tactiles are not being delivered under another programme, and (b) whether a faster roll out of tactiles at stations is possible. (1353)
- 14N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to reduce the backlog of assessments for universal credit. (1334)
- 15N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason the paper entitled Insights on transmission of COVID-19 with a focus on the hospitality, retail and leisure sector, published by the EMG Transmission Group on 30 April 2021, was not disclosed by his Department during the case of R (On the Application of Sacha Lord and Hugh Osmond) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care; and if he will make a statement.

  [R] (1306)
- 16N Paul Blomfield (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to issue guidance to NHS trusts on ensuring that care is not withheld from EU citizens and non-EU family members who are eligible for the EU Settlement Scheme but have not made an application (a) before and (b) after the 30 June 2021 deadline.

- 17N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide the data on the number of (a) covid-19 vaccinations that have been administered and (b) people eligible for those vaccinations, by ethnicity, for each of the wards in Waltham Forest where available over the last five months.
- 18N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce the prevalence of foetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD); and what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of services for people with FASD. (1301)
- 19N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish details of contracts with Ansell Ltd for the supply of personal protective equipment to the NHS, including (a) when those contracts were awarded and (b) when those contracts will expire. (1302)
- 20N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish details of contracts with Supermax Healthcare Ltd for the supply of personal protective equipment to the NHS, including (a) when those contracts were awarded and (b) when those contracts will expire. (1303)
- 21N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish details of contracts with Aurelia Ltd for the supply of personal protective equipment to the NHS, including (a) when those contracts were awarded and (b) when they will expire. (1304)
- 22N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish details of the contracts with Unispace Global Ltd to supply the NHS with personal protective equipment including (a) when those contracts were awarded and (b) when they will expire. (1305)
- 23N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to make PCR covid-19 testing kits more (a) affordable and (b) widely available for the purpose of international travel. (1330)
- 24N **Anne Marie Morris** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans mandate care home covid-19 guidance to ensure that care homes do not prohibit visitors without good cause as restrictions are lifted. (1314)
- 25N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish statistics on the (a) number of infections, (b) deaths and (c) hospital admissions by each covid-19 variant of concern. (1265)
- 26N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what engagement he is planning with eating disorder groups on proposed mandatory calorie labelling. (1345)

- 27N Lloyd Russell-Moyle (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for its policies of the reported (a) Turkish military campaign in Iraq and (b) plans to open Turkish military bases in Zap, Metina and Avashin.
- 28N Lloyd Russell-Moyle (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the humanitarian situation for Kurdish civilians in Northern Iraq in the context of the current Turkish military campaign which began on 24 April 2021. (1361)
- 29N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, which countries have been selected to succeed the UK and Argentina as co-chairs of the Equal Rights Coalition; and when their terms in office will begin. (1277)
- 30N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when his Department's five year strategy for the Equal Rights Coalition will be (a) agreed with other members and (b) published.

  (1278)
- 31N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of recent reports that Azerbaijani forces have entered Armenian territory; and whether he has raised this matter with the (a) Armenian and (b) Azerbaijani governments.
- 32N Paul Blomfield (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that no EU citizen who has lived in the UK for more than the five years required for Settled Status and is unable to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by the June 30 2021 deadline because they were not aware of that scheme and deadline or did not realise they were required to apply will lose their status and rights.
- 33N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 13 April 2021 to Question 174856 on Domestic Abuse: Homicide; when the Government plans to publish its review on the collation of data from Domestic Homicide Reviews. (1410)
- 34N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many EU citizens have been detained in advance of deportation from the UK in each month since the signing of the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement. (1340)
- 35N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many EU citizens have been deported from the UK in each month since the signing of the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement. (1341)

36N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether EU citizens detained and held in immigration removal centres are able to secure consular assistance from their home country whilst in the UK.

(1342)

37N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether EU citizens detained and held in immigration removal centres are able to access legal advice; and how many EU citizens have been deported before speaking to a lawyer since the signing of the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement.

(1343)

- 38N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will (a) set out details of and (b) publish protocols between her Department and Police Scotland on policing of the enforcement of immigration issues. (1400)
- 39N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will (a) set out details of and (b) publish protocols on the enforcement of immigration issues in Scotland. (1401)
- 40N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions officials in her Department have had with (a) representatives of Police Scotland and (b) the Scottish Government prior to the attempted removal of asylum seekers in Kenmure Street, Glasgow on 13 May 2021.
- 41N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how many buildings have been allocated
  funding to pay for the costs of installing an alarm system in buildings with unsafe
  cladding from the £30 million Waking Watch relief fund. (1380)
- 42N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate he has made of the number of buildings outside London over 17.7 metres in height with (a) unsafe cladding and (b) other fire safety issues that have had waking watches put in place since 15 March 2021.
- 43N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many buildings in (a) Greater London, (b) Greater Manchester, (c) Birmingham, (d) Leeds, (e) Liverpool, (f) Bristol, (g) Newcastle and (h) Sheffield have (i) applied for funding to pay for the costs of installing an alarm system in buildings with unsafe cladding and (ii) were granted that funding.
- 44N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how many eligible buildings applied for the
  fund to pay for the costs of installing an alarm system in buildings with unsafe
  cladding.

  (1383)

- 45N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how much funding on average has been
  paid out per building from the £30 million fund to pay for the costs of installing
  an alarm system in buildings with unsafe cladding.

  (1384)
- 46N **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, if he publish a timescale for allowing choral
  singing and performance to resume in English cathedrals and churches as covid-19
  restrictions are eased; and if he will make a statement.

  [Transferred] (608)
- 47N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, what role his Department will have in the

  preparation of the Levelling Up White Paper. (1315)
- 48N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the
  potential effect of the proposed new permitted development right to enable
  the change of use from the new Class E to residential on the workload of local
  authority planning departments.

  (1316)
- 49N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer of 26 April
  2021 to Question 185381 on Local Government Finance, if he will confirm the
  actual spending power of English local government for the financial year 2021-22
  based on confirmed council tax rates.

  (1317)
- 50N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer of 28 April
  2021 to Question 186174, on Planning, if his Department will publish details of
  (a) which Ministers have undertaken training and (b) when that training was
  undertaken.

  (1318)
- 51N Virginia Crosbie (Ynys Môn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to make housing more affordable for young people. (1417)
- 52N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions his Department has had with (a) the Department for Work and Pensions and (b) the Welsh Government on the distribution of the Investment Reserve arising from the Miners' Pension Scheme. (1369)
- 53N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the efficacy of Mineworkers' Pension Scheme for its members. (1370)
- 54N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will provide immediate financial relief to all 250,000 families in closed mortgage books.

  (1354)

- 55N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he makes of the merits of providing a direct grant of up to £30,000 to each small brewer in England to compensate for the costs of the covid-19 outbreak.
  - (1355)
- 56N Virginia Crosbie (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of a freeport on Anglesey on (a) jobs and (b) employment opportunities (i) on Anglesey and (ii) in North Wales. (1418)
- 57N Virginia Crosbie (Ynys Môn): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to bring forward legislative proposals on the legal recognition of British Sign Language; and what steps she has taken to ensure local authorities raise awareness of British Sign Language. (1415)