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Questions tabled on Friday 21 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 24 May

Questions for Written Answer

- Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what advice he received from the Chief Medical Office on preventing amateur choral singing in groups of more than six people under covid-19 restrictions; and what plans he has for that advice to be reviewed.

 [Transferred] (4593)
- 2 Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the value of (a) buildings, (b) nuclear power stations and (c) other UK assets owned outside the UK; and which countries' residents rank highest in terms of their ownership of such UK assets.

 [Transferred] (4681)
- 3 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential immunological risks of covid-19 status certification. [Transferred] (4665)
- 4 Angus Brendan MacNeil (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans he has to make arrangements for the Scottish people to demonstrate their (a) consent and (b) opposition to the Union.

 [Transferred] (3819)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he has had with relevant stakeholders on determining the number of attendees allowed at a wedding ceremony by how many people the venue can safely accommodate and not a numerical limit in line with funeral restrictions during the covid-19 outbreak.

 [Transferred] (4553)

Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Ellesmere Port and Neston of 8 March 2021 on pilotage legislation.

[Transferred] (3924)

- 7 Carla Lockhart (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the prevalence rate of autism amongst the compulsory school age population in England in the latest period for which that data is available.

 [Transferred] (4750)
- 8 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that people are not overcharged for private covid-19 tests.

 [Transferred] (4559)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support his Department has provided to the family of Mayra Zulfiqar who was murdered in Pakistan on 3 April 2021.
 [Transferred] (3871)
- Siobhan Baillie (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Pet Theft Taskforce is taking to tackle the challenges of gathering data on pet theft from police forces, including the (a) inconsistent data collection and recording methods and (b) lack of specific data collection on pet theft.

[Transferred] (4741)

- Sir Mike Penning (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of utilising the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to ensure that companies are not overcharging for covid-19 tests.

 [Transferred] (4560)
- Stuart Anderson (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he has plans to provide financial support to help community groups (a) create new pocket parks and (b) refurbish existing parks.

 [Transferred] (4702)
- 13 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions he has had with the Minister for Women and Equalities on improving access to women's refuges.

[Transferred] (4000)

- 14N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps the Government is taking to prevent Richmond House on Whitehall from being demolished. [Transferred] (3077)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what discussions he has had with
 representatives of local authorities on (a) making sufficient provision for Gypsy,
 Roma and Traveller communities and (b) increasing the number of sites for those
 communities in their local authority areas.

 [Transferred] (3964)

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- 16N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what the outcomes were of his recent
 discussions with representatives of the National Railway Museum. [Transferred] (3969)
- 17N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what discussions he has had on the York
 Central project with representatives of the National Railway Museum. [Transferred] (3970)
- 18N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, what discussions he has had with
 representatives of (a) the National Railway Museum and (b) Network Rail on
 working with the local community in York on plans relating to the York Central
 project.

 [Transferred] (3971)
- 19 Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will ensure that any proposed reforms to the Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020, will apply equally to (a) same-sex marriages, (b) heterosexual marriages and (c) civil partnerships.

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 May

Ouestions for Written Answer

- Mr Steve Baker (Wycombe): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people under the age of 35 without a co-morbidity have died from covid-19 in English hospitals since the outbreak of covid-19; and if he will make a statement.
 [R] [Transferred] (4585)
- 2N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people under the age of 35 have died from covid-19 in English hospitals since the outbreak of covid-19; and if he will make a statement.

 [R] [Transferred] (4586)
- 3N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the immunological limits of covid-19 status certification. [Transferred] (4616)
- 4 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to allow packaged and loose goods to be displayed in imperial measurements only. (5169)
- Paul Blomfield (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with broadcasters on suspending betting adverts during the European Championships to protect people at risk of gambling-related harm. (5190)

- 6 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with the Home Secretary on the potential merits of expanding the scope of the proposed online safety Bill to tackle online scams and fraud. (5215)
- 7 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with representatives from Royal Mail on the Royal Mail delivery fee text message scam. (5216)
- 8 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he is taking to raise awareness of online scams. (5218)
- 9 Jack Dromey (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of easing covid-19 restrictions for amateur choirs.
 (5176)
- 10N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will issue guidance on the safe reopening of Parkrun events under covid-19 regulations.

 [R] [Transferred] (4642)
- 11 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital,
 Culture, Media and Sport, what evidence has been used to reach a decision
 that community singing cannot commence at Step 3 of the covid-19 lockdown
 easement roadmap. (5211)
- 12 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what the clinical evidence was for the decision to lift the covid-19 social distancing restrictions on choral singing groups from 17 May 2021.
- Janet Daby (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress he has made on reducing the attainment gap between children receiving pupil premium funding and those not receiving it. (5266)
- 14 Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the difference in average per pupil funding was between (a) 5 to 16 year olds and (b) 16 to 19 year olds in each of the last 5 years. (5277)
- Peter Dowd (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the number of farmer who will be eligible for the proposed lump sum exit scheme and delinked payments. (5200)
- Peter Dowd (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the cost of the proposed lump sum exit scheme and delinked payments for farmers. (5201)

- Neil Parish (Tiverton and Honiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) Government buying standards for food are in line with the UK's targets for net zero emissions and (b) top-quality British farmers and producers can benefit from public sector contracts.
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if the Animal Sentience Committee announced in the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill will be independent of Government.
 (5261)
- 19 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he expects the Pet Theft Task Force to report their findings. (5262)
- 20 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he will publish the findings of the consultation on the compulsory microchipping of cats. (5263)
- 21 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing the post-rabies vaccination wait time from the three to 12 weeks before which a puppy can enter the UK, to further reduce puppy smuggling. (5264)
- 22 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, further to plans announced in the Action Plan for Animal Welfare, what animal cruelty offences could be penalised with a Fixed Penalty Notice. (5265)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 7 October 2020 to Question 98205 on roads: noise, when his Department plans to publish the results of the initial trials of a prototype acoustic camera. (5181)
- 24 Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many UK commercial pilots have had to re-qualify for a CAA licence since the airline transport pilot licence ceased to be recognised. (5274)
- 25 Sam Tarry (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of the UK's departure from the EU on the (a) number and (b) turnover of Civil Aviation Authority qualified commercial pilots. (5275)
- 26 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate she has made of the level of child poverty in (a) Wales and (b) Ceredigion. (5250)

- 27 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effect of the £20 uplift in universal credit on levels of child poverty in (a) Wales and (b) Ceredigion. (5251)
- 28 Ian Lavery (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the impact of the £20 uplift in universal credit on levels of child poverty in (a) England and (b) Wansbeck. (5195)
- 29 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate she has made of the level of child poverty in (a) England and (b) Wansbeck. (5196)
- 30N Zarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on steps taken in response to the Trussell Trust's State of Hunger report, published on 12 May 2021.

 [Transferred] (4722)
- 31 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to include arrangements for the commissioning of clinical treatment for gambling disorder in proposals for a new health and care Bill. (5189)
- Rosie Cooper (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire of 31 March 2021 on face coverings, reference ZA56046. (5166)
- Rosie Cooper (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire of 31 March 2021 on smear tests, reference ZA56134. (5167)
- Rosie Cooper (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire of 1 April 2021 on vaccine passports, reference ZA56156. (5168)
- 35 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which NHS trusts have been allocated transformation funding for the eating disorders pathway since 2019-20. (5170)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what additional funding has been provided for NHS eating disorders services to support schemes aimed to reduce increased inpatient admissions throughout the covid-19 outbreak. (5171)
- 37 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure consistency in the quality and funding of eating disorders services in different areas of the country in the context of devolution to CCGs. (5172)

- 38 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that funding allocated to CCGs for eating disorder services for children and young people are ringfenced.

 (5173)
- 39 Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to publish the preliminary results from the four week waiting time pilot for adult community mental health services.
 (5174)
- 40 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to tackle the increase over the last 10 years in the number of people with eating disorders. (5175)
- 41 Carla Lockhart (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the prevalence of cancer diagnosis among children and young people. (5276)
- 42 **Mr Jonathan Lord** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what lessons he has learned from the covid-19 vaccine deployment that can be applied to the routine childhood immunisation programme. (5192)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the correspondence since March 2020 between the Minister for Patient Safety, Suicide Prevention and Mental Health and the (a) Ombudsman and (b) Chair of the Parliament and Health Service Ombudsman on the use of the severity of injustice scale. (5205)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the shortfalls in the clinical radiology workforce as identified in the Royal College of Radiologists' clinical radiology workforce census 2020. (5206)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has plans to allocate additional funding to the clinical radiology workforce. (5207)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what comparative assessment he has made of the number of (a) clinical radiology trainees and (b) vacant clinical radiology consultant posts in hospitals.
 (5208)
- 47 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is for women experiencing mental ill health to be admitted to a community-based mother and baby unit (a) during or (b) in the year following their pregnancy. (5238)

- 48 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the new Office for Health Promotion will take to

 (a) improve outcomes and (b) reduce inequalities in the mental and physical wellbeing of children aged under two.

 (5242)
- 49 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of placing a statutory duty on Integrated Care Systems to deliver a strategy that improves outcomes and reduces inequalities in the mental and physical wellbeing of children aged under two. (5243)
- 50 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of mandated health visiting checks missed since covid-19 lockdown began in March 2020; and what steps he is taking in response to those mandated health visiting checks being missed as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. (5244)
- 51 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the level of funding required to deliver the two additional health visiting checks recommended in the Healthy Child Programme commissioning guidance published by Public Health England on 17 March 2021.
- 52 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of emerging Public Health England data indicating that the likelihood of babies receiving mandated health visiting checks varies based on ethnicity and level of deprivation.
- Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to improve accountability for delivering mandated health visiting checks in response to evidence from the Children's Commissioner's Best Beginnings in the Early Years report that indicated up to 65 per cent of children were not receiving the two and a half year old check in some local areas.
- 54 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the NHS Long Term Plan goal that all children who need specialist mental health care can access it, what steps he has taken to ensure that the youngest children can access specialist mental health care. (5248)
- 55 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to finding by the Parent-Infant Foundation in 2019 that 42 per cent of CCGs reported local CAMHS services would not accept a referral for a child aged two and under, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that NHS CAMHS services do not turn away children under two. (5249)

- 56N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with (a) the Welsh Government and (b) Cabinet colleagues on developing alternatives to the hotel quarantine system for international students travelling to Wales from red list countries during the covid-19 outbreak, including controlled isolation conditions in university-managed accommodation.

 [Transferred] (4648)
- Rosie Cooper (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to respond to the letter from the Hon. Member for West Lancashire of 17 March 2021 on foreign aid in India, reference ZA55927.

(5165)

- Dr Matthew Offord (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what practical assistance his
 Department is providing to the Government of Nepal in tackling the covid-19
 pandemic. (5184)
- 59 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what practical assistance his Department is providing to the Government of Afghanistan in tackling the covid-19 pandemic. (5185)
- Or Matthew Offord (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what practical assistance his
 Department is providing to the Government of Somaliland and in tackling the
 covid-19 pandemic. (5186)
- Or Matthew Offord (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what practical assistance his
 Department is providing to the Government of Sri Lanka in tackling the covid-19
 pandemic. (5187)
- 62 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what practical assistance his
 Department is providing to the residents of Camp Ashraf 3 in Albania in tackling
 the covid-19 pandemic. (5188)
- Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential effect of widespread forced labour in the Xinjiang cotton industry on the global cotton industry; and what steps she plans to take to raise that matter at the (a) upcoming discussion on trade on trade-related matters affecting cotton and (b) other relevant forums of the World Trade Organization. (5178)
- 64N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect of global equitable access to covid-19 vaccines on the emergence of viral variants of covid-19.

 [Transferred] (4617)

be spent.

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65	Stuart Anderson (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to improve community safety.	(5267)
66	Bob Blackman (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment the Government has made of difference in fees in visa applications applying to some EEA and EU member state nationals; and what steps the Government is taking to improve equal treatment of all EEA/EU nationals under the current visa regime.	(5183)
67	Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the National Cyber Security Centre Suspicious Email Reporting Service in tackling online scams and frauds.	(5217)
68	John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many personnel will make up the new Security Force Assistance Brigade.	(5149)
69	John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding will be allocated to the new Security Force Assistance Brigade	(5150)
70	John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what specific training will be provided to personnel as part of the new Security Force Assistance Brigade.	(5151)
71	John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with counterparts in the Scottish Government on the military-commercial uses of future spaceports in Scotland.	: (5152)
72	John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 56 of the Government's Defence Command Paper, where	

73 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the engine for Tempest will be built. (5154)

the £2 billion allocated by his Department to the Future Combat Air System will

- 74 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the wing for Tempest will be built. (5155)
- 75 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the fuselage for Tempest will be built. (5156)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the announcement of a £2 billion investment by his Department in the Future Combat Air System, how many jobs that investment will support over the next (a) five years and (b) decade.

 (5157)

- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which components of Tempest will be built in (a) Sweden and (b) Italy. (5158)
- Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has plans to encourage private companies that levy car parking charges to introduce clearer signage for the public on the charges and potential consequences of parking in private car parks. (5219)
- Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has made an assessment of the implications for its policies of the practice of car parking companies (a) sending letters threatening legal action and (b) passing details to debt collection agencies in cases of unpaid parking charges. (5220)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, how many jobs Network Rail and Homes
 England estimate have been (a) lost and (b) displaced within the York Central
 Development Outline Planning redline area since March 2019; and of those how
 many are rail jobs.

 (5210)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
 Communities and Local Government, for what reasons more than 30 people are
 allowed to attend a worship service while weddings are restricted to 30 people
 during stage three of the covid-19 roadmap for easing lockdown restrictions; and
 if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of lifting that limit in line
 with worship service restrictions.

 (5213)
- 82 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, which women's prisons provide facilities for women and their children to spend time together overnight. (5236)
- 83 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) women and (b) children can access overnight accommodation in HMP (i) Drake Hall, (ii) Styal and (iii) Askham Grange. (5237)
- 84 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, on how many occasions facilities enabling women and their children to spend time together overnight at (a) HMP Drake Hall, (b) HMP Styal and (c) HMP Askham Grange operated at full capacity in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019 and (iii) 2020. (5239)
- 85 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average length of time spent in prison by women has been since March 2020. (5240)
- 86 Ellie Reeves (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much funding was allocated to the (a) women's services lot and (b) accommodation services lot in the Dynamic Purchasing Framework for probation services.

 (5241)

- 87 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the methodology used for the calculation of payments under the Equitable Life Payment Scheme; and if he will make a statement. (5202)
- 88 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to ensure the retention and maintenance of the data his Department requires to make further payments to Equitable Life policyholders. (5203)
- Peidre Brock (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had (a) with Cabinet colleagues and (b) with his officials on compensation and support for people affected by the Equitable Life scandal.
- 90N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of the introduction of IR35 on the employment (a) status and (b) rights of offshore energy workers in the (i) oil and gas and (ii) renewables sector.

 [Transferred] (4596)
- 91 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the effect of a £100 operational contactless card limit on (a) retail industry losses and (b) violence and abuse against retail staff. (5228)
- 92 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the level of consumer and retail industry support for an increase of the operational contactless card limit to £100 on 15 October 2021. (5229)
- 93 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what representations he has received from industry on increasing the contactless card limit in 2021; and if he will make a statement. (5230)
- 94 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment has he made of the impact on (a) merchants and (b) consumers of the fees levied on businesses for accepting payment card transactions. (5231)
- 95 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has he made of the impact on (a) merchants and (b) consumers of the payment card scheme fee increases since 2014. (5232)
- 96 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment the Government has made of the effectiveness of the Payment Systems Regulator's existing powers to regulate payment card scheme fees in the UK. (5233)
- 97 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he made of the impact on (a) merchants and (b) consumers of the payment card interchange fee increases announced by Visa and Mastercard as a result of the UK leaving the EU. (5234)

- 98 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government has taken in response to the joint call of business organisations the British Retail Consortium, British Independent Retailers Association, Association of Convenience Stores, Federation of Small Business and UK Hospitality last year to tackle excessive card costs. (5235)
- 99 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the announcement in the Queen's Speech that the Government plans to introduce a Bill to ban conversion therapy, when that draft Bill will be published; and when the consultation on that draft Bill will open. (5268)
- 100 Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, when she plans to publish the findings of her Department's research into conversion therapy practices in the UK. (5269)
- 101 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make it her policy that there should be no exemption for religious practices when the draft Bill to ban conversion therapy is introduced. (5270)
- 102 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what weighting her Department plans to give to responses from (a) survivors of conversion therapy and (b) organisations that support those survivors to the consultation on draft legislation to ban conversion therapy. (5271)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 26 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Grahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to paragraph 5 the Civil Service management code, if he will provide details of all legislation that Ministers have undertaken to apply as if it were binding on the Crown. (5182)
- 2N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department has made an assessment of the effect of the UK's departure from the EU on staffing levels in the hospitality industry.

 (5224)
- 3N Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with (a) Ministers and (b) officials at HM Treasury on the need for continued financial support for taxi drivers at risk of vehicle repossession. (5179)

- Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with (a) Ministers and (b) officials at the Department for Transport on the need for continued financial support for taxi drivers at risk of vehicle repossession.
 - (5180)
- Kevin Brennan (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent representations he has received on changing the law to ensure greater earnings for artists and composers when recorded music is streamed online. (5160)
- Kevin Brennan (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether he has plans to meet artists and songwriters following their open letter to the Prime Minister on 19 April 2021 on changing the law in respect of online streaming of recorded music. (5161)
- 7N Dr Rupa Huq (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, on what date indoor rehearsals of amateur singing choirs of more than six people will be permitted. (5221)
- 8N Dr Rupa Hug (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, for what reason the guidance for the performing arts sector recently published by his Department diverges from previous guidance which stated that non-professional music activity could take place outdoors and indoors in England from 17 May 2021. (5222)
- 9N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, for what reasons the limit on the number of people singing together is different for professional and amateur singers in step three of the roadmap easing covid-19 lockdown restrictions. (5212)
- 10N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing more than 30 people in a community choir to sing outside as covid-19 lockdown restrictions are eased. (5214)
- 11N Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what the clinical evidence is for the decision to not to allow amateur choral singing groups of more than six people to meet. (5253)
- 12N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 21 May 2021 to Question 709 on Telecommunications: Infrastructure, for what reason legislative proposals were required in respect of a matter for private negotiation between operators and site providers; and if he will undertake an assessment on whether the fall in rents reflects the impact assessment. (5194)
- 13N Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, when he intends to (a) publish the Terms of Reference and (b) appoint the independent expert for the independent review of Football Index. (5260)

- 14N **Ms Nusrat Ghani** (Wealden): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, if the Government will make it its policy to refuse to negotiate trade deals with any country that has sanctioned hon. Members of the UK Parliament. (5209)
- 15N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps her Department is taking to resolve customs delays at the UK-EU border. (5225)
- 16N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether UK firms that import components under the new tariff suspension scheme would be eligible for tariff preferences on their exports under UK trade deals that contain prohibitions on duty drawback and exemption.

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- 17N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether UK importers will (a) automatically have duty suspended on any imported component covered by the new tariff suspension scheme or (b) be able to choose whether or not to have the duty suspended on a case-by-case basis.
- 18N Mike Kane (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to take steps to (a) establish a long-term price support mechanism for sustainable aviation fuels and (b) create a sustainable aviation fuel industry. (5197)
- 19N **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to hold a consultation on establishing a long-term price support mechanism for sustainable aviation fuels. (5198)
- 20N **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when his Department plans to update air passenger forecasts following the covid-19 pandemic. (5199)
- 21N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effect of the £20 uplift in universal credit on levels of child poverty in (a) England and (b) Oxford West and Abingdon constituency. (5254)
- 22N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the levels of child poverty in (a)
 England and (b) Oxford West and Abingdon constituency. (5255)
- 23N **Mr John Baron** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the letter dated 25 February 2021, with follow up letters of the 25 March 2021 and 25 April 2021 from the hon. Member for Basildon and Billericay regarding constituent with reference JB31634.

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- 24N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that NHS England respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire to the Chief People Officer, dated 26 February 2021, on the NHS restructure, ref number MR/za55752. (5164)
- 25N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the evidential basis is for the guidance issued his Department on the use of facemasks in gyms. (5223)
- 26N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many hospitals in England provide joint replacement treatment within the 18 week target time. (5226)
- 27N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that joint replacement surgeries are prioritised in the NHS. (5227)
- 28N Zarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the full easing of lockdown restrictions on 21 June 2021 on the health and wellbeing of people under 30 who have not been vaccinated. (5272)
- 29N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the effect of reducing Official Development Assistance funding to the Mines Advisory Group on the people's lives in countries where that charity operates. (5257)
- 30N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department made an assessment of the potential effect of suspending Official Development Assistance funding to the UK Partnerships for Health Systems programme on efforts to tackle the covid-19 pandemic in developing countries prior to that decision being taken.
- 31N Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the
 UK Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization (WTO) on the
 effect of widespread forced labour in the Xinjiang cotton industry on the global
 cotton industry; and what steps he plans to take to raise that matter at the
 upcoming discussion on trade-related matters affecting cotton at the WTO. (5177)
- 32N Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will support President Macron's
 call for Azerbaijan to withdraw forces which have breached the Armenian border
 in the Syunik Province. (5259)

- 33N **Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government report entitled An evaluation of the Government's Drug Strategy 2010, whether the Government has developed an updated evaluation framework to assess the effectiveness and value for money of the Drugs Strategy 2017; and when she plans to publish the evaluation of that strategy.

 [R] (5140)
- 34N Crispin Blunt (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government report entitled An evaluation of the Government's Drug Strategy 2010, which reported a lack of robust evidence as to whether capture and punishment serves as a deterrent for drug use, for what reason drug users continue to be criminalised given that lack of robust evidence.[R] (5141)
- 35N Crispin Blunt (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government report entitled An evaluation of the Government's Drug Strategy 2010 which reported the finding that drugs market violence is an unintended consequence of enforcing drug laws, for what reason that finding was not tackled in the Drug Strategy 2017; and what steps the Government is taking to (a) monitor and (b) evaluate the ongoing effects of enforcement on market violence in the UK.
- 36N **Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 29 September 2020 to Question 92900 on Drugs: Smuggling, what assessment her Department has made of the (a) short-term and (b) long-term effects of Operation VENETIC on the (i) availability, (ii) price and (iii) purity of drugs in the illegal drugs market since the date of that answer. [R] (5143)
- 37N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 May 2021 to Question 725 on asylum: housing, how the budget for weekly support payment for an asylum seeker is calculated; and how much is expected to be allocated to (a) food, (b) transport, (c) clothing and (d) cleaning products. (5193)
- 38N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the Defence Cyber Academy will be located. (5144)
- 39N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the timeframe is for the establishment of the Defence Cyber Academy. (5145)
- 40N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget for the Defence Cyber Academy is in each financial year between 2021-22 and 2024-25. (5146)
- 41N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his Department plans to deliver the proposed warfighting division. (5147)

- 42N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his Department plans to decide on the number of Lightning II F-35 aircraft to order in addition to those aircraft already ordered. (5148)
- 43N Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to bring forward proposals to repeal the Vagrancy Act 1824 in the 2021-22 parliamentary session. (5256)