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# **Questions tabled on Friday 10 September 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 13 September

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

- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many business in Ellesmere Port and Neston Constituency placed a bid for a public contract in (a) 2020 and (b) 2021; and what proportion of those bids were successful. [Transferred] (45857)
- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on pay and conditions in the haulage sector in the context of the shortage of HGV drivers. [Transferred] (45916)
- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps he has taken to promote better pay and conditions in the haulage sector in the context of the shortage of HGV drivers.

  [Transferred] (45917)
- 4 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to make available long-term zero interest loans to people who cannot afford the upfront costs of managed covid-19 hotel quarantine but need to travel to a red list country for the purposes of (a) seeing a terminally ill loved one, (b) attending a funeral and (c) other compassionate grounds to be assessed on a case by case basis; and if he will make a statement.

[Transferred] (45833)

# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 September

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

- Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the President of COP26, whether there are plans for UK civil servants to travel to Glasgow for COP26 by air. (47020)
- 2N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the effect on levels of fuel poverty of the removal of the £20 universal credit uplift in the Scottish Highlands. [Transferred] (45869)
- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with businesses and trade unions on supply chain issues in (a) Newport West constituency and (b) Wales. (47043)
- 4 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to help tackle supply chain issues affecting businesses in (a) Newport West constituency, (b) Wales and (c) the UK. (47044)
- Futh Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to support high street businesses in Newport West constituency. (47045)
- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to support manufacturing in (a) Wales and (b) the UK.
- 7 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the future of exploration of oil and gas in the North Sea. (47047)
- 8 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to support the generation of green hydrogen. (47048)
- 9 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to extend employment rights to all workers in Newport West constituency. (47049)
- 10 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he has taken to review the terms and conditions of employment in sectors of the economy experiencing labour shortages. (47050)
- 11 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to strengthen rights to flexible working for workers in Newport West constituency. (47051)

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- 12 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to prioritise science and research in the levelling up agenda in (a) Newport West constituency, (b) Wales and (c) the UK. (47052)
- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to promote a green recovery from the covid-19 pandemic in Newport West constituency. (47053)
- 14 Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will publish the details of any sponsorship agreements which exist between the East of England Energy Group and (a) his Department and (b) the Oil and Gas Authority. (47021)
- 15N John Penrose (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of access to justice for small companies affected by anti-competitive behaviour that are ineligible (a) for the Competition Appeal Tribunal fast track procedure and (b) to have their cases taken up by the Competition and Markets Authority.
- Richard Thomson (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the need for hydrogen storage to manage fluctuations in (a) production and (b) consumption in supporting the Government's pathways to net zero. (47066)
- 17 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department has a preferred option for securing cost-effective UK hydrogen storage; and what assessment it has made of the potential merits of (a) repurposing existing salt caverns, (b) repurposing depleted gas fields and (c) building new storage capacity. (47067)
- Richard Thomson (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of hydrogen storage on (a) price volatility and wholesale natural gas prices, (b) the liquidity of the gas market, (c) security of supply and dependency on gas imports, (d) regional economies and integration and (e) the cost of mothballing and/or decommissioning existing depleted gas fields. (47068)
- 19 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential role that the Rough reservoir in the Southern North Sea could play in meeting hydrogen storage demand. (47069)
- 20 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what regulatory models he is considering to underpin investment in hydrogen storage. (47070)

- 21 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether (a) his Department and (b) Ofgem have made an assessment of the potential effect of the mutualisation of costs from energy supplier failures on low-income consumers. (47071)
- 22 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will ask Ofgem to make an estimate of the costs of energy supplier failure in (a) Scotland and (b) the UK, including (i) managing the supplier of last resort process, (ii) covering the cost of consumer credit balances and (iii) unpaid renewables obligations, since January 2018. (47072)
- 23 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make representations to Ofgem on the need for any new rules proposed under the Supplier Licencing Review to ensure that suppliers are not able to use an uninformed line of credit in the form of customer credit balances. (47073)
- 24 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with Ofgem on protecting consumers from higher bills as a direct result of energy supply company failures, where credit balances and unpaid renewables obligations are thereafter mutualised across other suppliers. (47074)
- 25 Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with (a) YouTube and (b) other social media companies about whether their harmful or dangerous content policies should be extended to cover content including (i) breaking and entering and (ii) vandalism to personal property. (47057)
- 26 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent progress he has made on delivering the Loneliness Strategy. (47015)
- 27 **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to improve the provision of specialist after-school and holiday clubs for children with disabilities. (47022)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate has has made of the number (a) secondary and (b) primary school-aged children who were not enrolled for education in a school or home setting in York in (i) September 2019 and (ii) September 2021. (46998)
- 29 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he made of the effectiveness of the Wellbeing for Education Return scheme in academic year 2020-21; and how much funding been allocated to the city of York under that scheme. (46999)

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- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) teaching staff and (b) support staff were trained in the city of York as a result of Wellbeing for Education Return scheme funding in academic year 2020-21; and what training those people received. (47000)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate he made of the number and proportion of young people requiring mental health support at (a) primary school and (b) secondary school in (i) York and (ii) nationally. (47001)
- 32 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what indicators and metrics are used by his Department to monitor and evaluate the impact of the Wellbeing for Education Return scheme. (47002)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what comparative assessment he has made of the demand and availability of mental health and wellbeing support under the Wellbeing for Education Return scheme.

  (47003)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate he has made of how many and what proportion of (a) primary and (b) secondary school children have access to (i) IT equipment and (ii) broadband (A) in York and (B) nationally. (47004)
- 35 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate he has made of the proportion of (a) primary school and (b) secondary school pupils who have access to (a) IT and (b) internet outside of school. (47005)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he take steps to ensure that all pupils at (a) primary and (b) secondary school have access (i) home IT equipment and (ii) an internet connection. (47006)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he has made of the number of pupils who had received free school meals by the end of the 2020-21 summer term in York; and how many of those pupils were in receipt of food support during the 2021 school summer holidays through their (a) school and (b) local authority.

  (47007)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he has made of the number of pupils engaged with (a) academic teaching and (b) enrichment activities as part of the 2021 summer school activity programme in York.

  (47008)
- 39 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 July 2021 to Question 33200, what the evidential basis is for his Department's decision to use byelaws to manage fishing in Marine Protected Areas rather than fishing vessel licences to further site conservation objectives; and what assessment he has made of how

- that approach will deliver (a) recovery of the whole marine ecosystem within Marine Protected Areas and (b) the Government's commitment to protect 30 per cent of land and sea for nature by 2030. (46971)
- 40 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the implications for South Africa's status as a covid-19 red list country of data and genetic sequencing from that country showing the relative prevalence of the Beta and Delta variants of covid-19. (46927)
- 41N Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if his Department will take steps to review the Airports National Policy Statement in light of the Government's commitment to net-zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2050.

  [Transferred] (45908)
- 42 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the EU on the number of heavy goods vehicle drivers in the UK. (47079)
- 43 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to review the status of Turkey on the traffic light covid-19 travel list.(47080)
- 44 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the evidential basis is for his Department's decision to assign Turkey to the red travel list for covid-19, and what criteria Turkey needs to meet to move to the amber covid-19 travel list. (47081)
- 45 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with his Turkish counterpart on the status of Turkey on the traffic light covid-19 travel list. (47082)
- 46 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish the Government's timetable for its plans to tackle pavement parking in response to his Department's 2020 consultation on that matter. (47030)
- 47 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people over the age of 50 can access personalised (a) financial and (b) careers advice. (47054)
- 48N Virginia Crosbie (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of retaining the £20 uplift to the standard allowance of universal credit. [Transferred] (45952)
- 49 Marion Fellows (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what support is available through the Child Maintenance Service for parents-with-care who have evidence that a non-resident parent is working when they have claimed they are not. (46996)

- Kate Osamor (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when her Department plans to stop the universal credit and legacy benefit claims of individuals who qualify for EU Settled Status but have not yet applied for that scheme.

  (47029)
- Mr Steve Baker (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a breakdown of the cost of £2285 for Government-approved covid-19 quarantine hotels.

  [R] (46976)
- Mr Steve Baker (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his timetable is commencement of the national flu immunisation programme for 2021 to 2022. [R] (46979)
- 53N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) net and (b) percentage change in total NHS funding has been in each of the ten years up until 31 March 2021. [Transferred] (45806)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy for children aged 12-15 who are eligible for the covid-19 vaccination due to clinical vulnerability to isolate at home for 3 weeks after their first vaccine. (47055)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 19 July 2021 to Question 32520, when British citizens who received their covid-19 vaccinations overseas will be able to register their vaccine status for access to an NHS Covid Pass. (47056)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report by the Professional Standards Authority entitled Bad apples? Bad barrels? Or bad cellars? Antecedents and processes of professional misconduct in UK Health and Social Care: Insights into sexual misconduct and dishonesty, published in 2017, what steps his Department has taken to implement the recommendations in that report. (47058)
- 57 Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to implement the recommendations of the report by the Professional Standards Authority, Sexual Misconduct In Health And Social Care: Understanding Types Of Abuse And Perpetrators' Moral Mindsets, published in September 2019. (47059)
- Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to answer Question 33279, tabled by the hon.

  Member for Linlithgow and East Falkirk on 14 July 2021. (47018)
- Fachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of issuing all hospitals an energy efficiency assessment and score. (47009)

- Sir Mike Penning (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to reply to correspondence from the hon. Member for Hemel Hempstead of 19 April 2021, case no MP68181, on specialist services for spinal cord injury.

  (46955)
- Gareth Thomas (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many families with no recourse to public funds his Department is supporting through the Healthy Start scheme as a result of the extension of eligibility for that scheme announced on 30 June 2021. (46926)
- 62 Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide people on low incomes with financial assistance to pay for the removal of earwax build-up. (47032)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many lateral flow device testing kits the UK Health Security Agency (a) has purchased, (b) has distributed and (c) holds in storage; and how much has been spent to date on those testing kits. (47063)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many consultants are employed by UK Health Security Agency; and what the maximum day rate pay is for those consultants. (47064)
- 65 **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the report of the United Nations' Secretary-General on the human rights situation in Iran published on 4 August 2021. (46949)
- Stephen Crabb (Preseli Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of a short transition period from the 1 October 2021 deadline to allow for EU citizens to travel to the UK using a national ID card. (46956)
- 67 **Stephen Crabb** (Preseli Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with her European counterparts on the potential merits of a short transition period from 1 October 2021 to allow for EU citizens to travel to the UK using a national ID card. (46957)
- 68N Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

  Department, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve
  conviction rates in cases of fraud.

  [Transferred] (903416)
- 69 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has recruited additional staff to assist with the potential increased workload from the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy. (47025)
- 70 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the administration of the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy on her Department's existing application processing times. (47026)

- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff in her Department are working on the Windrush Compensation Scheme. (47027)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether caseworkers who were previously working on the Windrush Compensation Scheme have been re-allocated as a result of the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy. (47028)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Leader of the House, if he will publish the (a) available data on carbon dioxide levels in locations in the House of Commons and (b) risk assessment of the effect of levels of carbon dioxide in the House of Commons on the transmission of covid-19.
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Leader of the House, if he will reassess the requirement to wear face coverings in (a) the House of Chamber, (b) voting lobbies, (c) Members' lobby and (d) Westminster Hall during the covid-19 outbreak.
- **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the condition of Royal Air Force (a) single living accommodation, (b) mess accommodation and (c) service families accommodation; and if he will make a statement. (46981)
- **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of the condition of Royal Air Force service accommodation on (a) flight safety, (b) operational effectiveness and (c) morale; and if he will make a statement. (46982)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated total cost is of the new trials which have recommenced at Millbrook on the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle; and from which Top Level Budget the funding for those trials will come. (46935)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the total cost is of the trials programme for the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle to date; and what proportion of those costs has been funded by (a) General Dynamics, (b) his Department and (c) other funding sources. (46936)
- **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the total cost to his Department is of the trials of the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle; and from which top level budget those trials have been funded.

  (46937)
- 80 Mr Mark Francois (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the armed forces personnel injured during the trials of the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle programme will be entitled to compensation under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme. (46938)

Mr Mark Francois (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the maximum amount payable under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme is for (a) temporary hearing loss and (b) permanent hearing loss, as a result of injuries sustained during military service.

(46939)

- 82 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether armed forces personnel may be required under their terms of service to have steroid injections for hearing damage or loss sustained during their service.

  (46940)
- 83 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the maximum recommended dose of steroids is which can be administered to armed forces personnel for temporary hearing loss caused by participation in the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle programme. (46941)
- 84 Mr Mark Francois (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many members of the Army Reserve have been involved in the trials of the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle programme to date. (46942)
- 85 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many medical personnel have been involved in the trials of the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle programme as at 10 September 2021; and of what ranks those personnel were. (46943)
- 86 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Armed Forces personnel have been involved in the trials programme for the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle as at 10 September 2021. (46944)
- 87 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost is of a single round of 40mm armoured piercing ammunition for the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle. (46945)
- 88 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many rounds of ammunition were included in the £150 million contract for 40mm ammunition signed with the contractor CTA in 2015-16. (46946)
- 89 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Ministerial Statement of 9 September on Ajax Armoured Vehicle Procurement, in what year did DSTL recommend the mandating of a 40mm main armament for the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle. (46947)
- 90 Mr Mark Francois (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Ministerial statement on Ajax Armoured Vehicle Procurement on Thursday 9 September, what estimate he has made of the total estimated export market for the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle; and when he expects the first export sales to be achieved. (46948)
- Jonathan Gullis (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Military Aid to the Civil Authorities requests have been received for assistance on operations in the English Channel in the last 12 months. (47078)

- 92 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veterans ID cards his Department has issued in phase 2 of the rollout.(47041)
- 93 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veterans' railcards have been issued since the launch of that railcard. (47042)
- 94 James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what powers local authority monitoring officers have to impose sanctions on parish councillors. (47065)
- 95 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the finding of the Report on an unannounced inspection of HMP & YOI Low Newton by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, published on 7 September 2021, that the prison was not the appropriate place for six acutely mentally unwell women as it was not properly resourced to manage their risks and needs, if he will make an assessment of the reasons for those woman to be sent to that prison as a place of safety during the two months preceding the inspection. (46959)
- 96 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Report on an unannounced inspection of HMP Wormwood Scrubs by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, published on 9 September 2021, for what reason approval to convert cells designed for one into single accommodation has not been granted by HMPPS. (46960)
- 97 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to sections six and seven of Report on an unannounced inspection of HMP Wormwood Scrubs by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, published on 9 September 2021, what steps he is taking to help ensure that progress is made against the recommendations made in that report. (46961)
- 98 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made for the implications of his policy of the independent review of the Dynamic Framework of the National Probation Service, published by Richard Oldfield on 23 August 2021; and if he will make a statement. (46962)
- 99 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the independent review of the Dynamic Framework of the National Probation Service, published by Richard Oldfield on 23 August 2021, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the finding that 85 per cent of approved organisations did not bid for any Day 1 contracts. (46963)
- 100 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the independent review of the Dynamic Framework of the National Probation Service, published by Richard Oldfield on 23 August 2021, what estimate he has made of the average cost to (a) an applicant organisation of making an application for Dynamic Framework approval and (b) his Department of vetting an application for Dynamic Framework approval; and what estimate he has made of the total cost to his Department of the Day 1 Dynamic Framework vetting process.

- **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the independent review of the Dynamic Framework of the National Probation Service, published by Richard Oldfield on 23 August 2021, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the finding that in more than half of the competitions held there was initially either one or zero bidders. (46965)
- **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the letter from the Director General of Probation and Wales, HMPPS, to Clinks, in response to the publication of the independent review of the Dynamic Framework of the National Probation Service, published by Clinks on 23 August 2021, what his timetable is for the (a) publication of and (b) consultation on the new set of competition documents.
- **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the letter from the Director General of Probation and Wales, HMPPS, to Clinks, in response to the publication of the independent review of the Dynamic Framework of the National Probation Service, published by Clinks on 23 August 2021, what his timeframe is for the comprehensive lessons learned exercise to aid future commissioning and procurement. (46967)
- **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the letter from the Director General of Probation and Wales, HMPPS, to Clinks, in response to the publication of the independent review of the Dynamic Framework of the National Probation Service, published by Clinks on 23 August 2021, what his timetable is for publication of the new criteria for the presumptive use of grants rather than contracts for awards less than £1 million in value. (46968)
- **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the letter from the Director General of Probation and Wales, HMPPS, to Clinks, in response to the publication of the independent review of the Dynamic Framework of the National Probation Service, published by Clinks on 23 August 2021, how the Government plans to monitor the proportion of Dynamic Framework contract values that are subcontracted to (a) voluntary community and social enterprises and (b) small and medium-sized enterprises. (46969)
- **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the letter from the Director General of Probation and Wales, HMPPS, to Clinks, in response to the publication of the independent review of the Dynamic Framework of the National Probation Service, published by Clinks on 23 August 2021, what proportion of the Dynamic Framework awards in future years he plans to take the form of (a) grants and (b) contracts. (46970)
- 107 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish the (a) terms of reference and (b) names of members of the carbon markets working group announced in Budget 2021. (46972)

- 108 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has for parliamentary oversight of the carbon markets working group established by Dame Clara Furse; and what progress has been made by that working group to date.

  (46973)
- 109 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he plans to publish a decision on bids to the Levelling Up Fund; and if he will make a statement. (47040)

# Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 September

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

- 1N Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to answer Question 38276 tabled by the hon. Member for Ashton-under-Lyne on 22 July 2021. (46995)
- 2N **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the President of COP26, which Cabinet members will be attending the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Glasgow. (47031)
- 3N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the average capital cost per megawatt of capacity is for UK offshore wind farms is that (a) were commissioned in the last five years, (b) are due to be commissioned in the next five years and (c) was assumed in his Department's 2020 Cost of Electricity Generation report.

  [R] (46975)
- 4N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions his Department has had with the Competition and Markets Authority on monitoring for unfair market practices in construction materials supply chains while there is a shortage of construction materials. (46997)
- 5N Anne Marie Morris (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of new national lottery terminals offering additional services such as cash withdrawals.

  (46988)
- 6N Kate Green (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether Government plans to fund a full roll out of mental health support teams to all schools and colleges. (46986)
- 7N **Kate Green** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding has been allocated for mental health support teams in schools and colleges for each year between 2018-19 and 2023-24; and what proportion of schools and colleges were covered by those team in each from 2018-19 to date. (46987)

- 8N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the impact of the planned increase in NICs of the Health and Social Care levy on the budget for (a) early years providers, (b) schools, (c) FE colleges and (d) universities. (47023)
- 9N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the impact of the planned Health and Social Care levy on the budgets of (a) early years providers, (b) schools, (c) FE colleges and (d) universities. (47024)
- 10N **Jeremy Hunt** (South West Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on introducing a deposit return scheme. (46958)
- 11N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) dogs and (b) cats were imported under the Balai Directive in each month of 2021 to date. (47060)
- 12N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) dogs and (b) cats were imported using the Pet Travel Scheme in each month of 2021 to date. (47061)
- 13N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which countries exported dogs commercially into the UK in the first eight months of 2021. (47062)
- 14N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of (a) trends in SF6 gas emissions and (b) the effect of the continued use of SF6 gases in electrical switchgear on SF6 gas accumulation in the atmosphere. (46922)
- 15N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent estimate he has made of the amount of SF6 gas that is (a) manufactured in the UK, (b) imported in to the UK and (c) exported from the UK. (46923)
- 16N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of phasing out the use of SF6 gas in electrical switchgear in response to its high global warming potential. (46924)
- 17N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will remove Pakistan from the covid-19 red list of countries; and if he will make a statement.

  [R] (46980)
- 18N **Mr Richard Holden** (North West Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which local authorities are members of the National Register of Taxi and Private Hire Licence Revocations and Refusals scheme (NR3). (47077)

- 19N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the ICE discussion paper: public transport funding post-covid, published 21 June, what plans he has to transition future (a) investment and (b) spending on public transport post-covid-19. (47033)
- 20N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will bring forward legislative proposals on national minimum standards for taxi and PHV licensing to improve safety for passengers. (47036)
- 21N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will extend the period in which the holders of foreign driving licences may drive lawfully in the UK to reflect delays in availability of driving tests.

  (46921)
- 22N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what impact assessment her Department has undertaken of the potential effect of the end of the £20 uplift to universal credit on young women. (46952)
- 23N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the two-monthly report on the status of the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 published on 21 July 2021, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits and demerits of maintaining powers under (a) section 51 and (b) Schedule 21 of that Act. [R] (46977)
- 24N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the two-monthly report on the status of the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 published on 21 July 2021, what recent assessment he has made of the merits and demerits of maintaining powers under (a) section 52 and (b) Schedule 22 of that Act.
- 25N **Simon Baynes** (Clwyd South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the benefit of music-based interventions in the care of people living with dementia. (47075)
- 26N **Simon Baynes** (Clwyd South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to include in the National Dementia Strategy recognition of the benefits of music-based interventions in the care of people living with dementia. (47076)
- 27N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of music-based interventions on people living with dementia; and if he will make a statement. (46928)
- 28N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will include within the National Dementia Strategy explicit recognition of the benefits of music-based interventions in the care of people living with dementia. (46929)

- 29N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will set a minimum wage for care workers. (47010)
- 30N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps has taken to help ensure long term career development for people employed in social care; and what assessment he has made of the correlation between career development and (a) recruitment and (b) retention of social care staff.
- 31N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for new training initiatives to support recruitment and retention of social care staff. (47012)
- 32N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on increasing carer's allowance in respect of forthcoming proposals for social care. (47013)
- 33N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of the length of the covid-19 outbreak on plans to reduce the NHS backlog. (47014)
- 34N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that public health services are physically accessible to disabled people, who may be more frequent users of such services.
- 35N **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to reply to correspondence from the hon. member for Hemel Hempstead of 19 April 2021, case no MP36023, on mystery disease in a care home.

  (46953)
- 36N **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to reply to correspondence from the hon. Member for Hemel Hempstead of 19 February 2021, case no MP68189, on Emergency Carers Support Fund. (46954)
- 37N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to answer question 31421 tabled by the hon. Member for Ashton-under-Lyne on 12 July 2021. (46994)
- 38N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what step the Government plans to
  take to help ensure compliance by Iran with the recommendations of the United
  Nations' Secretary-General's report on the human rights situation in that country,
  published on 4 August 2021. (46950)
- 39N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government plans to take in response to the recommendation by the UN Special Rapporteur on

- human rights in Iran for an independent inquiry into allegations of state-ordered executions of thousands of political prisoners in 1988 and the alleged role played by members of the current Iranian government. (46951)
- 40N **Dr Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether places on the Afghan citizens' resettlement scheme will be prioritised according to the degree of risk faced by applicants; for what reason at-risk applicants accepted for inclusion in the scheme will not all be brought to the UK during its first year; and by what means at-risk applicants for the scheme who are still in Afghanistan will be expected to keep themselves safe while awaiting the second and third years of the scheme. (46919)
- 41N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to facilitate the departure from Afghanistan of UK citizens and Afghan nationals eligible for relocation to the UK on international flights currently being allowed to depart from Kabul Airport. (46983)
- 42N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many people were helped to be evacuated from Afghanistan by the UK at the request of other countries or authority, broken down by requesting country or authority. (46984)
- 43N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department made an assessment of the potential implications for (a) the UK and (b) Afghanistan of the Agreement for Bringing Peace to Afghanistan signed by the United States of America and the Taliban in February 2020 before that Agreement was signed. (46985)
- 44N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development, what steps he is taking to promote (a) girls' education and (b) family planning in developing countries in light of COP26 presidency.

  [Transferred] (45831)
- 45N **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of Written Question 41845, whether any of the people deported on the charter flight to (a) Zimbabwe on 21 July 2021 and (b) Jamaica on 11 August 2021 or any of those who were scheduled for deportation on those two flights but were not placed on the planes on the day were under the age of 12 when they came to the UK. (46974)
- 46N **Dr Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what comparative assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of (a) turning back illegal immigrants at sea in the English Channel and (b) picking up illegal migrants and returning them France; and if she will make a statement. (46920)

- 47N Mr Mark Francois (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Defence Procurement of 9 September 2021, Official report, column 485, whether Ajax Crews will only be permitted to engage enemy targets in battle with single round bursts of 40mm ammunition. (46931)
- 48N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Defence Procurement of 9 September 2021, Official report, column 485, whether he plans to publish the programmatic review of the Ajax programme. (46932)
- 49N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, who the Senior Responsible Owner for the Le Tacsis programme is; and whether that person is employed (a) part-time or (b) full-time on Le Tacsis. (46933)
- 50N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the out of service date is for the Bowman tactical communications system. (46934)
- 51N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with cabinet colleagues on potential use of the armed forces to transport seasonal flu vaccines in the event that the shortage of HGV drivers continues. (46930)
- 52N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has to provide support to families in Afghanistan who followed instructions to go to Kabul Airport for military evacuation but were unable to enter the Airport before the evacuation ended.

  (46925)
- 53N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to support those with mental health problems to navigate the social housing system.

  (47035)
- 54N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 12 July 2021 to Question 29058, on Permitted Development Rights, whether work has commenced on the regulatory impact assessment referred to in that answer. (46989)
- 55N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information his Department holds on the number of checks undertaken by local authorities of road bridges. (46990)
- 56N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department holds information on the number of recycling sites currently operated by each local authority in England. (46991)

- 57N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,

  Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the

  effectiveness of pest control services provided by local authorities. (46992)
- 58N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department holds figures on the amounts spent by councils in England on older people's leisure activities. (46993)
- 59N **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to tackle the backlog of cases in the family courts.

  (47037)
- 60N **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to help ensure that accurate information is provided to the family courts by the criminal courts when allegations of abuse or criminal convictions are made in family court proceedings. (47038)
- 61N Bambos Charalambous (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to help ensure the prompt rectification of any errors that are identified in reports submitted in family court proceedings. (47039)

## Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 September

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

1N Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish legal advice her Department has received on the compliance of the policy of turning certain boats back in the Channel with international maritime law. (47019)