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# **Questions tabled on Tuesday 7 December 2021**

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 8 December

- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department is taking steps to secure annual covid-19 vaccinations beyond 2021.

  [Transferred] (87673)
- 2 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what the value has been of defence exports to Chile in the last 20 years, by export.

  [Transferred] (87620)
- 3 **Christian Matheson** (City of Chester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the allocated expenditure is for the rental of shipping containers by the Government or its agents to store unused personal protective equipment for the 2021-22 financial year. [Transferred] (87693)
- 4 Christian Matheson (City of Chester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the allocated expenditure is by the Government or its agents on the rental of storage space to store unused personal protective equipment in the 2021-22 financial year.

  [Transferred] (87694)
- Christian Matheson (City of Chester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many shipping containers the Government or its agents have rented for the storage of unused personal protective equipment since the start of the covid-19 outbreak.

  [Transferred] (87695)

6 **Christian Matheson** (City of Chester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will list the sites that have been used by the Government or its agents for the purpose of storing unused personal protective equipment.

[Transferred] (87696)

- 7 Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that relevant health, education and local authorities take account of the specific needs of people with Down Syndrome.

  [Transferred] (87587)
- Mick Whitley (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the number of frontline NHS staff opting (a) to not work overtime and (b) to reduce the number of overtime hours worked as a result to the potential impact that overtime pay might have on their eligibility for the High-Income Child Benefit Tax Charge and level of household income.

  [Transferred] (87842)
- Julian Sturdy (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether her Department plans to meet
  representatives of the Government of Spain in February 2021 to agree reciprocal
  arrangements to allow UK nationals to travel to Spain visa-free beyond the 90
  days in a 180 day period set out in the Schengen Borders Code for third-country
  nationals.

  [Transferred] (87666)
- 10N Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions she has had with her Israeli counterpart on ending the occupation of the occupied Palestinian territories in the course of negotiating the new Trade and Defence Pact. [Transferred] (86659)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what his planned timetable is for assessing the success of the Community Access to Cash Pilots.

  [Transferred] (87704)

# Questions for Answer on Thursday 9 December

- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) the Department for Health and Social Care and (b) other government departments in tackling backlogs resulting from the covid-19 outbreak. (88729)
- Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the President of COP26, what steps he taking to reach an international agreement on carbon pricing. (88767)

- 3 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the President of COP26, what steps he is taking to implement the Glasgow Agreement at a grassroots level. (88638)
- 4 Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the President of COP26, what assessment he has made of grassroots sustainability initiatives in towns, cities, and communities as a way of empowering individuals to tackle climate change. (88639)
- Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when the Government plans to bring forward its planned consultation on the implementation of a net-zero-consistent cap for the UK emissions trading scheme. (88768)
- Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will consult on expanding the UK Emissions Trading Scheme to incorporate the 67 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions that are not currently covered by that scheme. (88769)
- 7 Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to finalise hydrogen business models; and when he plans to publish those models. (88770)
- Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of placing all credible hydrogen production projects under Track-1 of the Cluster Sequencing Process. (88771)
- 9 Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to finalise the development of comprehensive regulatory frameworks for hydrogen. (88772)
- Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when he plans to publish the outcome of the consultation on designing a UK low carbon hydrogen standard. (88773)
- Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to help ensure that a decision on blending 20 per cent hydrogen into the gas grid is delivered in 2023.
- Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to launch a consultation on mandating hydrogen-ready boilers. (88778)
- 13N Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate he has made of the amount the NHS paid in 2021 for the Pfizer/BioNTech covid-19 vaccine; and what estimate he has made of the projected price for that Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023.

[Transferred] (87816)

- 14N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the level of accessibility to Covid Recovery Scheme loans for small and medium-sized businesses that are requesting amounts of less than £50,000. [Transferred] (87626)
- Julian Knight (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the Government has plans to create a domestic sovereign cloud capability similar to the European Gaia-X project. (88748)
- Mark Menzies (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential contribution of nuclear energy in (a) improving the UK's energy security and (b) achieving net zero; and what steps he plans to take to raise awareness of that contribution. (88689)
- 17 Mark Menzies (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what policy framework his Department plans to implement to support the development of modular reactors to ensure that nuclear energy is part of a low-carbon hydrogen production mix. (88690)
- 18 Mark Menzies (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to increase the production of green hydrogen from nuclear energy. (88691)
- 19 Mark Menzies (Fylde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if his Department will commit to using UK fuel for reactors in the UK and provide certainty to organisations through the nuclear supply chain. (88692)
- 20 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department set targets for the number of households that will apply for Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive for (a) biomass boilers, (b) solar water heating and (c) heat pumps. (88832)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to help manufacturing companies manage rising costs of (a) raw materials and (b) energy. (88727)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how the Government intends to build on its strategies in the Path to Zero and Heat and Building to deliver UK energy-efficient homes. (88851)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the Government's long-term strategy is for incentivising owner-occupiers, that have means and access to finance, to make their properties low carbon and more energy-efficient. (88852)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps the Government will take to ensure that an EPC regime based on real performance informs the retrofit strategies of all homes that need upgrading before 2035. (88853)

- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what lessons his Department has learned from the Green Homes Grant for the development of future retrofit incentive schemes. (88854)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to (a) increase investment in the retrofit market and (b) create a sustainable supply chain, jobs, and skills in that sector. (88855)
- 27 Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, (a) how many customer suicides have been reported by gambling operators for the past three years, (b) which operators have reported these and (c) how many of these suicides have been investigated by the Gambling Commission.
- 28 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent estimate she has made of the number of qualified youth workers. (88787)
- 29 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of training places for youth workers. (88788)
- 30 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of supply of volunteer youth workers to meet demand on youth services. (88792)
- 31N **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what additional support she will give to the tourist sector in response to covid-19 restrictions on travel to the UK. [Transferred] (87738)
- 32 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many Sure Start centres have closed or been downgraded in each of the last 10 years in (a) Enfield North, (b) London and (c) England. (88834)
- 33 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps he has taken to support nurseries, childminders, and other early years providers in (a) Enfield North, (b) London and (c) England. (88835)
- Feryal Clark (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on promoting the uptake of the Tax-Free Childcare scheme. (88836)
- Feryal Clark (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many students have been supported by the National Tutoring Programme in (a) Enfield North and (b) the London Borough of Enfield since November 2020. (88837)
- 36 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools have been supported by the School Rebuilding Programme in (a) Enfield North constituency and (b) the London Borough of Enfield since June 2020. (88838)

- 37 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps his Department has taken to (a) support schools in Enfield North constituency and (b) tackle regional inequality in school outcomes in the London Borough of Enfield. (88839)
- 38 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps his Department has taken to encourage the uptake of apprenticeships in (a) Enfield North constituency, (b) the London Borough of Enfield and (c) Greater London. (88840)
- Feryal Clark (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of provision of work experience and careers advice in secondary education in (a) Enfield North constituency, (b) the London Borough of Enfield, and (c) England. (88841)
- 40 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to (a) protect and (b) support school staff from (i) abuse and (ii) aggression from parents and others in the school community. (88859)
- 41N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many applications to adopt children have been declined each year since 2010 on the grounds that the prospective adoptive parents are not British even though their child was born in the UK.

  [Transferred] (87742)
- 42 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he plans to take to ensure stability in the social worker workforce. (88794)
- 43 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to develop strong leadership in children's social work. (88795)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to attract (a) people and (b) mature students into social work careers with children and young people.

  (88796)
- 45 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the caseload for social workers working with children (a) nationally and (b) in York. (88797)
- 46 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the reach of the Schools Holidays and Activities Programme was over summer 2021; and what proportion of children on free school meals accessed that programme. (88798)
- 47 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much his Department is currently spending on television advertising on E4. (88693)
- 48 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of young people in the constituency of Houghton and Sunderland South are in receipt of the 16-19 Bursary, and whether that proportion has increased since 2010. (88706)

- 49 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of the continued provision of free school meals to children whose families are subject to the no recourse to public funds condition. (88857)
- Anthony Browne (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that bonuses paid to senior water company management are aligned with their company's requirements to meet environmental objectives. (88833)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference page 43 of the Digest of UK Energy Statistics Annual Data for the UK, 2020, Chapters 1 to 7, published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 29 July 2021, where his Department published the study on domestic wood consumption referred to in Note 7 on page 43.
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department holds a register of conflicts of interest declared by certification bodies in the wood stove industry. (88609)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the conclusions of the HETAS report, A review of the impact of domestic combustion on UK air quality, published in September 2019. (88610)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he provide details of when Defra has agreed revisions to application fees for the exemption of an appliance or appliances under the Clean Air Act 1993 in each of the last three years. (88611)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has reviewed audits of application fees for the exemption of an appliance or appliances under the Clean Air Act 1993 in each of the last three years. (88612)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken protect (a) consumers and (b) public health by standards set by certification bodies in the wood stove industry.

  (88613)
- 57 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he will take to ensure that only the cleanest wood-burning stoves will be available for sale by 2022. (88614)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to inform consumers of new requirements for wood burning appliances under the Ecodesign Regulations that will enter into force from 1 January 2022. (88615)

- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether consistency with British Standard PD6434:1969, Recommendations for the design and testing of smoke reducing solid fuel burning domestic appliances is considered in assessments of applications for appliance exemptions under the Clean Air Act 1993.
- 60 Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether there are limits on (a) individual pollutants and (b) emissions from appliances that can be granted exemptions under the Clean Air Act 1993.
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Environment Act 2021 amends the emission limits for appliance exemptions in the wood stove industry. (88618)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps are taken to test solid fuel appliances under the Ecodesign Regulations. (88619)
- 63N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of establishing a national nature service, as proposed by the Wildlife and Countryside Link, to (a) create jobs and (b) help meet nature recovery targets; whether he has had discussions with (i) Cabinet colleagues and (ii) his counterparts in the devolved Administrations on those proposals; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (87807)
- 64 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of river safety. (88779)
- 65 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 June 2021 to Question 13877 on Farms: Finance, if he will publish an update on the membership of the co-steering group.

  (88660)
- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment has he made of the effectiveness of the UN Sustainable Development Goals in providing a framework for towns, cities, and communities in the UK to become more sustainable in policy areas for which his Department is responsible.
- 67 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what comparative assessment he has made of the support received by rural areas under (a) EU structural funds and (b) the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- 68 Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on financial support for rural communities. (88741)

- 69 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, when she intends to answer Questions 80249, 80250, 80251, 80252 and 80253. (88675)
- 70 Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the success of district councils on implementing the Everyone In campaign in the early stages of the covid-19 outbreak.

  (88830)
- 71 Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling
  Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to support
  sustainability initiatives in towns, cities, and local communities across the UK. (88630)
- 72 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to support new sustainability initiatives in towns, cities, and local communities across the UK. (88631)
- 73 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in providing a framework for towns, cities, and communities to become more sustainable. (88632)
- 74 Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to use the Sustainable Development Goals to help communities become more sustainable. (88633)
- Matt Vickers (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the oral contribution of the former Secretary of State of 11 January 2021, Official Report, column 131-132WH, what progress has been made on implementing the recommendations on leasehold reform referred to in that oral contribution; and what steps his Department is taking to tackle the imposition of unregulated fees on freehold homes. (88845)
- Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department plans to offer incentives to support individuals and organisations to purchase hydrogen vehicles. (88776)
- 77 Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he is taking steps to reform the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation to stimulate investment in hydrogen production. (88777)
- 78 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to create a dedicated HGV driver task force to tackle challenges facing that industry. (88820)
- 79 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to reduce DVLA application waiting times in Solihull constituency. (88751)

- 80N Sarah Owen (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of reforming the Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations 1989 to allow volunteer emergency first responders use of green flashing lights.

  [Transferred] (87868)
- Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when she plans to bring forward amendments to the gas management safety regulations to facilitate blending of hydrogen in the gas network by up to 20 per cent. (88775)
- 82 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether alternative provision is in place for pension credit applicants who are unable to apply online. (88801)
- Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what support her Department provides to assist blind and partially sighted people when applying for pension credit. (88802)
- Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what provision is in place to enable blind and partially sighted people to access large print forms when applying for pension credit. (88803)
- 85 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 2 December 2021 to Question 80405 on Work Capability Assessment, whether her Department has plans to start capturing that data.

  (88804)
- 86 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 2 December 2021 to Question 80405 Work Capability Assessment, for what reason her Department does not hold that data.

  (88805)
- 87 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits for Solihull constituency of her Department's new office at Jago House, Solihull. (88750)
- Jessica Morden (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of working universal credit recipients are paid by their employers on a non-monthly cycle. (88677)
- 89 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had discussions with people who are (a) receiving personal independence payments and (b) over the age of 65 on the provision of mobility vehicles. (88843)
- 90N Hilary Benn (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance he is making available to travellers wishing to come to the UK who have recently recovered from covid-19 and are deemed no longer to be contagious about the need to take a test given that it may show a positive result.

[Transferred] (87590)

- **Sir Paul Beresford** (Mole Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is the Government is taking to restore routine meningococcal immunisation programmes following disruption caused by the covid-19 outbreak.

  (88602)
- **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to help ensure eligible people with migraines can access NICE-approved calcitonin gene-related peptide antibody medicines. (88648)
- 93 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the inquiry into the Government's handling of the covid-19 pandemic will include the Government's strategy to secure global access to vaccines and other pandemic health tools. (88800)
- **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will ask NICE to undertake an analysis of whether its proposed new methods for assessing medicines will improve the access of NHS patients to new treatment in comparison to other developed countries in Europe. (88743)
- **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the NICE Methods Review, if he will hold discussions with NICE in the event that its new methods for appraising medicines impact on the number of patients receiving access to promising treatments. (88744)
- 96 Chris Green (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will hold discussions with NICE on ensuring that their Methods Review achieves the Government's commitment for life sciences as set out in the Life Sciences Vision, published in July 2021. (88745)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the level of capacity within the NHS for (a) workforce and (b) equipment and facilities to meet the demand for ear wax removal services. (88672)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the (a) number of people presenting to the NHS with injuries suffered as a result of treating ear wax by self-removal and (b) the cost to the public purse of treating those patients, in each of the last five years. (88673)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the impact of patients being unable to access ear wax services through the NHS on the cost of treating patients for associated conditions relating to a lack of ear wax removal provision. (88674)

- 100 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that young people with asthma and other respiratory problems, who received their first and second covid-19 vaccination early are prioritised for the booster dose having now waited over six months between doses. (88850)
- Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2021 to Question 53847 on Mental Health Services: Autism and Learning Disability, what engagement he has had with (a) autistic people, (b) people with learning disabilities and (c) the organisations which advocate for those people on informing the development of his Department's action plan to implement Building the Right Support. (88680)
- 102 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to assist travellers who are required to hotel quarantine as a result of returning to the UK from a covid-19 red list country in the event that those people have insufficient funds to pay the full cost of that quarantine upfront. (88780)
- 103 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what payment options are available to travellers who are required to quarantine in a hotel on returning to the UK from a covid-19 red list country. (88781)
- 104 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the emergence of the omicron covid-19 variant on rates of long covid. (88782)
- 105 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to assess the potential impact of new variants of covid-19 on the risks of developing long covid. (88783)
- 106 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the level of winter flu (a) infection, (b) hospitalisation and (c) mortality. (88784)
- 107 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of public health messaging and its impact on community and personal compliance. (88785)
- 108 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has a workforce plan for social work for (a) adults and (b) children. (88793)
- 109 Holly Mumby-Croft (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of potential effective treatments for MND; and what assessment he has made of the impact of funding levels on research into effective treatments for MND. (88856)

- 110 Caroline Nokes (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Ministers in his Department will meet with hon. Members and INFACT to discuss the impact of Sodium Valproate in pregnancy; and for what reason Ministers were previously advised to disregard meeting requests with this campaign group. (88708)
- 111 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of ambulance waiting times in (a) London and (b) Hendon constituency. (88695)
- 112 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support unpaid carers can access for respite care support. (88686)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people were vaccinated against the hepatitis D virus in the last three years.
  (88728)
- 114 Julian Sturdy (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in the context of Spain's change in vaccination status requirements for incoming travellers of 1 December 2021, what steps his Department is taking to expedite the creation of the NHS COVID Pass travel letter programme to facilitate travel by 12 to 16 year olds who cannot otherwise show their covid-19 vaccination status.
- 115 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that delivery of day two covid-19 PCR tests are not affected by the disruption to postal services over the Christmas period. (88844)
- 116 Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she has taken to ensure that
  the humanitarian response in South Sudan is scaled to meet the needs of those
  affected. (88710)
- 117 Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what additional funding she has
  allocated to the emergency flood response in South Sudan. (88711)
- Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she has taken to ensure that
  basic water and sanitation services are available in the Bentiu camp for internally
  displaced persons in South Sudan.

  (88712)
- 119 Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has
  received of the level of malnutrition observed in the Bentiu camp for internally
  displaced people in South Sudan; and what nutritional and primary health
  assistance she is providing to those affected.

  (88713)

- 120 Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she has taken to address the humanitarian situation in South Sudan following the recent floods as outlined in the UNOCHA Global Humanitarian Overview; and if she will make a statement. (88714)
- **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the Colombian government's progress in investigating alleged police killings of protesters during protests in that country in April and May 2021. (88644)
- **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to hold to

  account those responsible for the recruitment and use of children in conflict. (88664)
- **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will prioritise the children and
  armed conflict agenda within the Government's updated approach to conflict. (88665)
- **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential positive impact of GCHQ's cloud computing contract with Amazon Web Services on the domestic cloud sector. (88746)
- **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential ways the UK cloud sector can become involved in the supply chain for Amazon Web Services' cloud computing contract with GCHQ. (88747)
- Julian Knight (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what safeguards are in place to protect the data of UK citizens in the event that Amazon Web Services becomes subject to a US law enforcement request in relation to the data its servers will hold as part of the recently reported GCHQ cloud computing services contract. (88749)
- **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment her
  Department has made of the security situation for shipping in the Gulf of Guinea,
  West Africa. (88694)
- **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to support towns, cities and communities in the UK that are conducting voluntary local reviews; and if she will meet with relevant UN officials to raise awareness of reviews submitted from UK towns, cities, and communities. (88634)
- **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many meetings she has had since
  her appointment with UN officials on voluntary local reviews of progress towards
  the SDGs submitted from UK towns, cities, and communities. (88635)

- 130 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals in domestic policymaking. (88636)
- 131 **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of Turkish Businessperson visa applications received be her Department in the last five years were successful. (88734)
- 132 Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the current processing time is for the determination of a decision on a spousal visa application. (88765)
- 133 Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average processing time has been for the determination of a decision on a spousal visa application in each year from 2010. (88766)
- 134 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the annual saving to the public purse of the no recourse to public funds policy. (88858)
- 135 Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the proposed number of 20,000 people for the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme will include those already evacuated to the UK. (88823)
- Jacob Young (Redcar): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department,
   what steps her Department is taking to protect Border Force and Immigration
   Enforcement officers from being targeted with legal action by political activists
   during the performance of their duties.
- 137 **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that child protection is embedded in all UK peacekeeping and military training. (88667)
- 138 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the 14 Signals Regiment is deployed; and whether the Regiment has any armoured vehicles. (88655)
- 139 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the speech by the First Sea Lord on 19 May 2021, what steps he plans to take to double the number of deployable destroyer and frigate days between 2020 and 2030 in the context of the RDEL budget being reduced in the Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021.
- 140 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the export value of the Type 26 frigate in the latest period for which figures are available. (88657)

- **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent comparative assessment his Department has made of the efficiency of shipyards in (a) the UK and (b) Europe. (88658)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Royal Air Force plans have crashed in the last 3 years. (88726)
- **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what consultations his Department has had with prison officers before raising their retirement age to 68. (88626)
- **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what baseline assessment is used to judge improvements in basic numeracy and literacy rates of offenders in prison. (88698)
- **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to assist offenders to obtain employment after their release from prison. (88699)
- **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many convicted offenders entered the prison estate in the last three years who lacked basic literacy and numeracy skills comparable to Key Stage 4 qualifications. (88700)
- **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many convicted offenders left the prison estate in the last three years who possessed basic literacy and numeracy skills comparable to Key Stage 4 qualifications. (88701)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to increase women's confidence in the Police. (88725)
- 149 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Prime Minister, for what reasons he wore a police uniform during televised media interviews on 6 December 2021; and whether he sought (a) permission from (i) the Chief Constable of Merseyside Police or (ii) other relevant police authorities to wear police uniform during media interviews and (b) advice from officials on potential implications for the separation of Ministerial and police roles of a Minister (A) wearing and (B) widely publicising the wearing of police uniform; and if he will make a statement. (88687)
- **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what his Departments total overall spending was in 2020-21. (88757)
- **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much his Department spent on communications in 2020-21. (88758)
- **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, (a) how much his Department spent on communications staff and (b) how many communications staff were employed by his Department in 2020-21. (88759)
- **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many staff were employed by his department in 2020-21. (88760)

- 154 **Mhairi Black** (Paisley and Renfrewshire South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much his Department spent on advertising in 2020-21. (88761)
- 155 **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Green Book recommended discount rate of 1.5 per cent per annum for policies that impact health or life outcomes, if he will have discussions with NICE on reducing the discount rate of 3.5 per cent that it applied in its recent Methods Review consultation. (88742)
- 156NDrew Hendry (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including water and power companies and other utility providers in the list of organisations entitled to use red diesel and rebated biofuels. [Transferred] (87741)
- 157 **John Nicolson** (Ochil and South Perthshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what his planned timetable is for passing on the remaining £31 million allocated to the Scottish Government as a consequential of the £300 million Culture Recovery Fund uplift in the Budget of March 2021. (88756)
- 158 Caroline Nokes (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what standards or criteria are used by HMRC to assess whether to apply a discretionary exemption from tax collection for a person who has been a victim of fraud.

  (88707)
- 159 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what the consultation period is for The Cass Review; and if she will make a statement.(88696)
- 160 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make it her policy to publish all responses received to The Cass Review. (88697)

# Questions for Answer on Friday 10 December

- 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 reply to the letter from Lord Pickles, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments, of 9 July 2021, bringing to his attention a breach of the Government's Business Appointment Rules. (88733)
- 2N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that people in the Weaver Vale constituency are receiving their post delivered by Royal Mail on time; and if his Department will make an assessment on the potential merits of further Government steps on this matter. (88824)

- 3N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment has he made of the level of disruption to postal services as a result of covid-19 related absences. (88825)
- 4N Hilary Benn (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the extent of the practice whereby companies commission work from sub-contractors and then liquidate that company in order to avoid paying for the work only for the directors to establish a new business under a different name; and if he will make a statement.

  (88640)
- 5N Hilary Benn (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many company directors have been struck off for (a) wrongful trading, (b) fraudulent trading and (c) unfit conduct in (i) England and (ii) Yorkshire in each of the last five years.
- 6N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with the Climate Change Committee on its UK Health Expert Advisory Group report entitled Sustainable Health Equity: Achieving a Net Zero UK before publication of the Sixth Carbon Budget in December 2020. (88605)
- 7N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to tackle digital exclusion in (a) Coventry North East constituency and (b) Coventry. (88737)
- 8N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has established a ratio for youth worker to young people to deliver safe services. (88789)
- 9N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he is taking to ensure that voluntary sector organisations working with young people are adequately funded. (88790)
- 10N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the (a) adequacy of funding for and (b) effectiveness of youth services. (88791)
- 11N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of No Recourse to Public Funds on children's ability to access (a) the internet and (b) a computer to complete school work. (88813)
- 12N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to increase awareness in schools of (a) British Sign Language, (b) Welsh, (c) Ulster Scots, (d) Irish, (e) Shelta, (f) Cornish, (g) Polish, (h) Punjabi, (i) Urdu, (k) Arabic and (l) other languages used in the UK. (88811)

- 13N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support the Government is providing to the UK lamb sector in preparation for January 2022 when exports to the US can resume.

  (88651)
- 14N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the latest estimate of the proportion of the UK's primary emissions of fine particulate matter that came from burning wood and coal in domestic open fires and solid fuel stoves in 2019. (88603)
- 15N Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
  Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Climate Change
  Committee on its UK Health Expert Advisory Group report entitled Sustainable
  Health Equity: Achieving a Net Zero UK before publication of the Sixth Carbon
  Budget in December 2020. (88604)
- 16N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what research the Government has commissioned in the last five years to estimate the percentage domestic wood burning contributes to primary emissions of fine particulate matter. (88607)
- 17N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of negotiations on the Northern Ireland Protocol on the prospects of a trade deal with the US. (88846)
- 18N Colum Eastwood (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what recent discussions she has had with her US counterpart on the Northern Ireland Protocol; and what effect concerns raised by the US administration on the Northern Ireland Protocol and Article 16 have on the Government's negotiating position in respect of EU proposals which would lead to an 80 per cent reduction in checks on food products arriving in Northern Ireland. (88848)
- 19N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many new home builds have been (a) started and (b) completed in (i) Coventry North East constituency and (ii) Coventry in each of the last five years; and what recent assessment his Department has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the rate of home building in those areas. (88736)
- 20N Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department plans to take to increase the supply of specialist housing for older people, including integrated retirement communities, following the commitments made by the Government in the Adult Social Care Reform white paper. (88681)
- 21N Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department plans to take to introduce sector-specific regulation and legislation for housing-with-care. (88682)

- 22N Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he plans to implement a cross-Government task force on housing for older people following the commitments made by the Government on specialist housing in the Adult Social Care Reform white paper. (88683)
- 23N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
  Housing and Communities, what plans he has to bring forward proposals for the
  licensing of Airbnb and other short term holiday let providers. (88786)
- 24N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to ensure that there is a safe, alternative pedestrian access provided between St Leonards and St Ives Parish and Ringwood during the bridge works to the A31; and if he will make a statement. (88620)
- 25N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he expects the DVLA laboratory for urine samples to reopen; how many cases are currently outstanding at that laboratory; when he expects that backlog to be cleared; and if he will make a statement. (88621)
- 26N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December to Question 85389 on Travel: Coronavirus and with reference to the guidance of 2 December 2021 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention entitled Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19, what assessment he has made of the feasibility of travel to the United States for families with children older than two but younger than 16 years where those children have recently recovered from covid-19 and therefore still produce a positive result on a PCR test, but cannot access to a recovery certificate from his Department. (88829)
- 27N **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many of the 10,500 temporary visas the Government has offered to hauliers and food poultry workers. (88819)
- 28N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Answer of 21 July 2021 to Question 34458 on Kickstart Scheme, when he expects the evaluation process of Kickstart participants to conclude.
- 29N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to prevent poverty among those with No Recourse to Public Funds. (88814)
- 30N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to prevent families falling into poverty as a result of rising inflation above wage growth. (88815)

- 31N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help prevent people in insecure work experiencing poverty during winter 2021-22. (88816)
- 32N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to (a) tackle the backlog and (b) reduce resolution times in outstanding Child Maintenance Service complaints. (88764)
- 33N Hilary Benn (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his oral contribution of 6 December 2021, Official Report, column 64, whether he has any further advice for UK citizens who have contracted and recovered from covid-19 overseas on testing to demonstrate their negative status.
- 34N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will introduce incremental targets in the years up to 2030 for the purposes of trying to reach the objective of a smoke free country by that date.

  (88649)
- 35N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to his oral contribution of 6 December 2021, Official report, column 70, when the review of the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme began; when that review is planned to conclude; and what assessment he has made of the role of that scheme in promoting confidence in vaccines. (88622)
- 36N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of people who have arrived in the UK in 2021 and claimed asylum have been given (a) one, (b) two and (c) three covid-19 vaccinations; and what estimate he has made of the number of those people that contracted covid-19 within two weeks of their arrival. (88623)
- 37N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will set a deadline for the completion of the work on assessing Ivermectin treatment for covid-19; and if he will make a statement. (88624)
- 38N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will ask the Chief Executive of NHS England to respond to the letter dated 1 October 2021 from the hon. Member for West Lancashire, regarding bowel cancer screening, ref ZA56476. (88676)
- 39N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he had with the Climate Change Committee on its UK Health Expert Advisory Group report entitled Sustainable Health Equity: Achieving a Net Zero UK before publication of the Sixth Carbon Budget in December 2020.

  (88606)
- 40N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase S gene regional testing capacity to identify cases of the omicron variant of covid-19. (88668)

- 41N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of local authority funding deficits on regional public health outcomes. (88669)
- 42N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what urgent steps his Department is taking to reschedule planned surgeries that were cancelled during October and November 2021 as a result of shortages of beds and staff. (88670)
- 43N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase hospital bed capacity over the winter months. (88671)
- 44N **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help increase the number of covid-19 walk-in centres in Bristol aimed at vaccinating 12 to 15 year olds. (88818)
- 45N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) collect and (b) analyse data on the impact in clinical settings of women requiring medical intervention following the use of medication related to early medical abortions at home; and if he will make a statement.
- 46N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of instituting the regular central collection of data in respect of early medical abortions at home with a view to improving policy decisions; and if he will make a statement. (88662)
- 47N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to introduce an advanced medical priority dispatch system code specifically for medical and ambulatory interventions following early medical abortions at home. (88663)
- 48N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many opioid prescriptions were handed out in County Durham in the year to August 2021. (88653)
- 49N Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2021 to Question 53847 on Mental Health Services: Autism and Learning Disability, what his timetable is for the implementation of the Building the Right Support Action Plan. (88678)
- 50N Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2021 to Question 53847 on Mental Health Services: Autism and Learning Disability, what assessment he has made of the success of the Building the Right Support policy as of 7 December 2021.
- 51N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate he has made of the number of unpaid carers. (88684)

- 52N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support is available to unpaid carers. (88685)
- 53N James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time from referral to discharge for child neurodevelopment services was in (a) Norfolk and (b) England in each of the last five years.

  (88831)
- 54N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his French counterpart on reversing the French authorities' decision announced on 6 December 2021 before a Europa League football game in Lyon on 9 December 2021 to overturn permission for UK citizens who had booked to travel to the game.
- 55N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the Colombian government's progress in investigating alleged police killings during protests in that country in September 2020. (88643)
- 56N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the timetable is for the

  publication of the Government's updated approach to conflict. (88666)
- 57N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral statement of her predecessor on 12 January 2021 on Xinjiang: Forced Labour, what progress has been made on the urgent review of export controls as they apply, specifically geographically, to the situation in Xinjiang; and whether changes have been introduced as a result of that review.
- 58N **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of the implications for UK Government obligations to the people of Kurdistan of the Treaties of Sèvres and Lausanne. (88763)
- 59N **Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to respond to correspondence dated 8

  September 2021 from the Rt Hon. Member for Newcastle upon Tyne East. (88646)
- 60N **Allan Dorans** (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to Section 90 Police Act 1996, who authorised the Prime Minister's possession and wearing of articles of police uniform when appearing in a televised interview on 6 December 2021. (88828)
- 61N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the level of knife crime in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England in each of the last three years. (88735)

- 62N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on trends in the (a) number of and (b) number of victims of online scams; and what steps her Department is taking to help protect (i) people and (ii) businesses from cyber crime.
- 63N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) police officers and (b) PCSOs West Midland Police Force had in each year since 2010. (88739)
- 64N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate she has made of the number of key workers with no recourse to public funds. (88812)
- 65N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis on her meeting with the Colombian Defence Minister in December 2021.
- 66N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Afghan nationals who were evacuated under Operation Pitting will form part of the 5,000 target set for the first year of the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme. (88730)
- 67N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many places remain on the first round of the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme as of 7 December 2021. (88731)
- 68N Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 2 December 2021 to Question 81016 on Refugees: Afghanistan, what criteria her Department will use to identify eligible people to be prioritised and referred for resettlement to the UK. (88822)
- 69N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many travellers are currently arriving in the UK each day on average.

  [Transferred] (87767)
- 70N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the level of need for international agreement on the limits on the development of AI weapons systems, including AI decision-making over the use of nuclear weapons. (88688)
- 71N **Chris Evans** (Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with which company he has placed the contract for headsets used by army personnel on the (a) Ajax, (b) Warrior and (c) CVRT family of armoured fighting vehicles. (88702)
- 72N **Chris Evans** (Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there is still a time restriction placed on personnel using the (a) Ajax, (b) Warrior and (c) CVRT family of armoured vehicles in response to concerns over the headsets. (88703)

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- 73N **Chris Evans** (Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the investigations into the concerns that headsets used by personnel in armoured fighting vehicles were causing hearing problems have concluded; and what the results of the investigation have been to date. (88704)
- 74N Chris Evans (Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many army personnel have been medically downgraded as a result of hearing loss in each year for the last 10 years. (88705)
- 75N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many interviews have been conducted by Kenyan authorities with (a) current and (b) former UK armed forces personnel in relation to the death of Agnes Wanjiru. (88627)
- 76N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2021 to Question 83247, on what date did he last have discussions with counterparts in the countries that make up the Joint Expeditionary Force on the security implications of climate change in the Arctic region. (88628)
- 77N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2021 to Question 79285 on Ministry of Defence: Staff, what the average cost to his Department is of employing a civilian personnel including (a) basic pay, (b) employer National Insurance and (c) pension.

  (88629)
- 78N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many personnel were assigned to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy team as of 7 December 2021. (88732)
- 79N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much it has cost to remove the British Army footprint from Germany since 2010 to date.

  (88654)
- 80N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department plans to continue to use the terminology in the water as a milestone in capability for naval vessels. (88659)
- 81N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, in the context of magistrate recruitment for 2022, whether the (a) recruitment application form, (b) assessment framework, (c) situational judgment test and (d) interview format have been assessed to ensure that they do not adversely impact groups under-represented in the magistracy. (88715)
- 82N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, in the context of magistrate recruitment for 2022, whether his Department has recruitment targets for groups under-represented in the magistracy, including from (a) black and ethnic minority communities and (b) younger people. (88716)

- 83N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, in the context of magistrate recruitment in 2022, what plans his Department has to evaluate the new approach to recruitment. (88717)
- 84N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will publish (a) his Department's recruitment strategy for the planned magistrates' recruitment drive in 2022 and (b) any independent assessments of or research on the recruitment tools and materials in that strategy. (88718)
- 85N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data his Department holds on the number of defendants who are accused of (a) harassment or (b) assault on an emergency worker are unrepresented at any stage of court proceedings. (88719)
- 86N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will ensure that disabled people are referenced in the Terms of Reference of the inquiry into the Government's handling of the covid-19 pandemic. (88752)
- 87N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will ensure that the inquiry into the Government's handling of the covid-19 pandemic is accessible to allow disabled people to participate. (88753)
- 88N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will ensure that the panel leading the inquiry into the Government's handling of the covid-19 pandemic (a) includes and (b) hears from disabled people. (88754)
- 89N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what effect the continuation of the imposition of the 25 per cent tariff on US imported whiskies has had on the Government's negotiating position on proposals by the EU to resolve issues in respect of the Northern Ireland Protocol. (88849)
- 90N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will issue a response to Early Day Motion 734, Barnett Consequentials from the Culture Recovery Fund. (88762)
- 91N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what due diligence his Department has carried out on the proposed Aquind Interconnector project and its owners, with particular reference to illicit finance and funds reported in the Pandora Papers; and whether his Department has made an assessment of whether any of those funds were used in political donations to Government ministers. (88821)

### Questions for Answer on Monday 13 December

- 1N Colum Eastwood (Foyle): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress the Government has made on negotiations with the EU on the Northern Ireland Protocol; and what effect concerns raised by the US administration have on the Government's negotiating position with regards to the EU's proposals to reduce custom checks and supply chain issues in Northern Ireland.
- 2N Wayne David (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9 November 2021 to Question 69076, what assessment he has made of the level of uptake of the RightCare Headache and Migraines Toolkit by local clinical commissioning groups; and if he will make a statement. (88647)
- 3N Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he made of the number of housebound people in (a) Bath and (b) England who have yet to be offered their covid-19 booster vaccination. (88817)
- 4N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the current average time is for registering the results of day 2 covid-19 PCR tests. (88806)
- 5N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of day two covid-19 PCR tests do not have results registered by the end of (a) day three and (b) day four in the latest period for which that data is available. (88807)
- 6N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of international travellers, taking into account any exemptions, have not had their day 2 covid-19 PCR test result registered by the end of day 4. (88808)
- 7N Wes Streeting (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) private and (b) NHS Test and Trace labs conducting day two travel tests are able to conduct S-gene target failure (SGTF) assay. (88809)
- 8N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the average length of time required to upgrade covid-19 testing labs which do not have S gene target failure capabilities.

  (88810)
- 9N Michael Fabricant (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to correspondence from her Department to the hon. Member for Lichfield's office dated 7 December 2021 on a constituent's communication on immigration, which stated that her Department's Private Office Direct Communications Unit would not reply due to their judgment that the constituent's email was of a racist and offensive nature, what her policy is

on whether (a) Ministers are shown all correspondence from Members and (b) officials can make the decision not to respond to a constituent's communication passed on by a Member. (88625)

#### **Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**

- 1 Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): What steps her Department is taking to tackle child poverty. (904699)
- 2 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): Whether she has made an assessment of the effect of ending the £20 universal credit uplift on trends in the level of homelessness. (904700)
- John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): What plans she has to work with employers and skills providers at a local level to help more jobseekers into work. (904701)
- 4 Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): What steps her Department is taking to support benefit claimants in meeting increased living costs. (904702)
- 5 **Ben Bradley** (Mansfield): What plans she has to work with employers and skills providers at a local level to help more jobseekers into work. (904703)
- Jack Dromey (Birmingham, Erdington): What assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report on her Department's communication of changes to the women's State Pension age. (904704)
- 7 **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): What steps her Department is taking to support benefit claimants in meeting increased living costs. (904705)
- 8 **Kate Hollern** (Blackburn): What steps her Department is taking to support benefit claimants in meeting increased living costs. (904706)
- 9 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): What assessment she has made of the impact of removing the £20 uplift to the standard allowance of universal credit on household budgets. (904707)
- 10 **Mr Marcus Fysh** (Yeovil): What plans she has to work with employers and skills providers at a local level to help more jobseekers into work. (904708)
- 11 **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): What recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the State Pension in tackling pensioner poverty; and if she will make a statement. (904709)
- 12 **Mark Fletcher** (Bolsover): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure cross-Government delivery of the National Disability Strategy. (904710)
- 13 **Nick Fletcher** (Don Valley): What steps her Department is taking to support progression out of low paid jobs. (904711)

- 14 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): What recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the State Pension in tackling pensioner poverty; and if she will make a statement. (904712)
- 15 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): What assessment she has made of the impact of removing the £20 uplift to the standard allowance of universal credit on household budgets. (904713)
- 16 Andrew Bridgen (North West Leicestershire): What plans she has to work with employers and skills providers at a local level to help more jobseekers into work.

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- 17 **Karl M<sup>c</sup>Cartney** (Lincoln): What assessment she has made of the impact of the universal credit taper rate reduction on household budgets. (904715)
- 18 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley): What support her Department is providing to young jobseekers. (904716)
- 19 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of legacy benefits for people with severe disabilities. (904717)
- 20 Sarah Green (Chesham and Amersham): What steps her Department is taking to ensure that new universal credit recipients, who were previously entitled to severe disability premium, do not experience a reduction in benefit payments when they transition to universal credit. (904718)
- 21 **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): What assessment she has made of the potential effect of her Department's employment schemes on labour market shortages. (904719)
- 22 Mary Glindon (North Tyneside): What assessment she has made of the impact of removing the £20 uplift to the standard allowance of universal credit on household budgets. (904720)
- 23 Margaret Ferrier (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): What estimate she has made of the number of jobs created by the Kickstart scheme in Rutherglen and Hamilton West constituency. (904721)
- 24 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): What steps her Department is taking to support benefit claimants in meeting increased living costs. (904722)
- 25 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): What steps she is taking to support British pensioners overseas during winter 2021-22. (904723)

#### **Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**

- T1 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (904724)
- T2 Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): (904725)
- T3 Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): (904726)

T4	Jane Hunt (Loughborough):	(904727)
T5	Duncan Baker (North Norfolk):	(904728)
Т6	Sir David Evennett (Bexleyheath and Crayford):	(904729)
T7	Kim Leadbeater (Batley and Spen):	(904730)
T8	Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North):	(904731)
Т9	Steve Brine (Winchester):	(904732)
T10	Chris Law (Dundee West):	(904733)

### Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 December

- 1N Julie Elliott (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent estimate she has made of the number of children accessing online commercial pornography sites. (88723)
- 2N **Julie Elliott** (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the level of risk and harm to children and young people from accessing commercial non-user to user generated pornography. (88724)
- 3N Julie Elliott (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the environmental impact of the Halliwell Banks Landfill site on the surrounding area. (88720)
- 4N Julie Elliott (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the potential costs of mitigating potential negative impacts of the Halliwell Banks Landfill site on the surrounding area (a) as at 7 December 2021, (b) in 10 years and (c) in 20 years. (88721)
- 5N Julie Elliott (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the risk to public health as a result of the Halliwell Banks Landfill site. (88722)
- 6N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to improve the outcomes of BAME men in the criminal justice system. (88826)
- 7N Afzal Khan (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of the extent to which BAME people are over-represented in the prison system. (88827)

### Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 December

### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Scotland

- 1 Bill Esterson (Sefton Central): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on supporting renewable energy generation in Scotland. (904684)
- 2 Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on supporting renewable energy generation in Scotland. (904685)
- 3 Steven Bonnar (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): What recent assessment he has made of the implications of allegations of standards impropriety for his Department's work on strengthening the Union. (904686)
- Andrea Leadsom (South Northamptonshire): What steps his Department is taking to strengthen the Union. (904687)
- 5 Dr James Davies (Vale of Clwyd): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on improving transport connections between Scotland and the rest of the UK. (904688)
- 6 Andrew Jones (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the future of the oil and gas sector in Scotland. (904689)
- 7 Matt Hancock (West Suffolk): What discussions he has had with (a) NHS Scotland and (b) the Scottish Government on the rollout of the covid-19 booster vaccine programme across Scotland. (904690)
- 8 Scott Benton (Blackpool South): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the implications for Scotland of plans to restructure the British Army. (904691)
- 9 Chris Elmore (Ogmore): What recent steps the Government has taken to help support the Scottish economy. (904692)
- 10 Sally-Ann Hart (Hastings and Rye): What assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of support for the Scottish tidal power sector. (904693)
- Deidre Brock (Edinburgh North and Leith): What assessment his Department has made of the effect of the (a) Levelling Up Fund and (b) Shared Prosperity Fund on the devolution settlement for Scotland. (904694)
- 12 **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of support provided by the Government to people in Scotland affected by Storm Arwen. (904695)

- 13 Robert Halfon (Harlow): What steps he is taking to increase the number of apprentices in his Department. (904696)
- 14 Margaret Ferrier (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): What discussions he has had with his Cabinet colleagues on the impact of energy price rises on Scottish businesses. (904697)
- 15 Tom Randall (Gedling): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the implications for Scotland of plans to restructure the British Army. (904698)