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Questions tabled on Tuesday 14 December 2021

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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 Kate Griffiths (Burton): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of knife crime in Burton in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (92090)
- 2 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions he has had with OFCOM on the (a) affordability of current broadband contract prices and (b) the ease of switching between broadband providers.

 [Transferred] (92095)
- 3 Chris Loder (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what proportion of people have access to reliable 4G coverage in (a)

 London and (b) Dorset. [Transferred] (92074)
- 4 **Chris Loder** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate he has made of the number of people in Dorset who live in areas without 4G mobile network coverage. [Transferred] (92075)
- 5 **Chris Loder** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the potential redundancy of broadband infrastructure following 5G rollout. [Transferred] (92076)
- 6 Chris Loder (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of (a) broadband infrastructure and (b) 5G infrastructure on the rural landscape. [Transferred] (92077)

- 7 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Integrated Rail Plan, whether the Midlands will receive the same amount of public transport funding per head as London and the South East. [Transferred] (91908)
- Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the economic benefits for the Midlands from the roll-out of smart ticketing as outlined in the Integrated Rail Plan.

 [Transferred] (91909)
- 9 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the economic impact of the potential agglomeration of Nottingham and Birmingham, which will be made possible by the introduction of high speed trains.

 [Transferred] (91910)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 December

Questions for Written Answer

- Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, whether (a) she or (b) the Crown Prosecution Service have set a maximum limit on the amount of time criminal cases should await trial, to act as a target for capping and reducing the increase in waiting times. (92850)
- 2N Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate his Department has made of the potential number of business deaths during Q1 2022. [Transferred] (91974)
- 3N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent progress his Department has made on its review of veteran deaths through suicide in the last ten years.

[Transferred] (92050)

4N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent progress his Department has made on developing new ways to measure loss of veteran lives through suicide.

[Transferred] (92051)

Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many officials are working on the Cabinet Secretary's investigation into social events in 10 Downing Street and the Department for Education in November and December 2020, broken down by civil service grade.

(92952)

- 6N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the President of COP26, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of the UK becoming a signatory to UNICEF's Intergovernmental Declaration on Children, Youth and Climate Action.

 [Transferred] (92001)
- 7 Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when he plans to publish the Government's proposed Employment Bill. (92983)
- Sir David Evennett (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many businesses have received Government support during the ongoing covid-19 outbreak in (a) Bexleyheath and Crayford constituency, (b) Bexley Borough, (c) Greater London and (d) the UK.

 (92827)
- 9 Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of temporarily cutting VAT on energy to assist vulnerable households with rising energy costs. (93074)
- 10 Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions his Department has had with Ofgem on support for households most affected by the rise in the cost of energy prices. (93075)
- Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what additional steps his Department has taken to help support households most affected by the rise in the cost of energy prices. (93076)
- 12 **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2021 to Question 41970 on Liquefied Petroleum Gas: Bottles, what recent discussions officials in his Department have had with Liquid Gas UK on the (a) effectiveness of their Customer Charter in identifying vulnerable customers and (b) stock of liquified petroleum gas bottles within the market as of 14 December 2021.
- Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what proportion of businesses in the UK's hospitality sector have taken part in the Government's Kickstart scheme. (92949)
- 14 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will provide a breakdown of Innovate UK expenditure during the financial year ended 5 April 2021 of (a) employees, (b) individual contractors and consultations, excluding KTN, (c) other Innovate UK operational spending and overheads, (d) Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund grants, (e) other R&D grants, (f) SBRI contracts, excluding contract funding coming from other parts of the public sector, (g) loans to businesses, (h)

- core funding of catapults, (i) KTN operations, (j) other Innovate UK programmes and (k) other expenditures; and if he will make an estimate of how those annual expenditures are planned to change over the Spending Review. (92927)
- Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will provide a breakdown of innovation policy expenditure during the financial year ended 5 April 2021 of (a) employees, (b) individual contractors and consultations, excluding KTN, (c) other Innovate UK operational spending and overheads, (d) Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund grants, (e) other R&D grants, (f) SBRI contracts, excluding contract funding coming from other parts of the public sector, (g) loans to businesses, (h) core funding of catapults, (i) KTN operations, (j) other Innovate UK programmes and (k) other expenditures; and if he will make an estimate of how those annual expenditures are expected to change over the next three years.
- David Warburton (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the maximum number of years is following the cutting down of trees used to make wood pellets for the Drax power station within which replanting must (a) start and (b) match the number of trees felled.
- 17 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the remaining coal plants at the Drax power station will close in September 2022. (93002)
- Sir David Evennett (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many and what proportion of properties have access to superfast broadband in (a) Bexleyheath and Crayford constituency, (b) Bexley Borough, (c) Greater London and (d) the UK. (92826)
- 19 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent steps she has taken to help protect children in Newport West constituency from online harms. (93043)
- 20 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on her plans to publish a white paper on the Gambling Review. (93044)
- 21 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent progress she has made on supporting touring musicians to continue to work in Europe. (93045)
- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what level of funding her Department plans to allocate to Ofcom to support the duties proposed for that organisation in the Online Safety Bill.
 (93054)

- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to include provisions in the Online Safety Bill to extend to (a) WhatsApp and (b) one-to-one voice messages shared on social media platforms.

 (93055)
- 24 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of Ofcom's proposed enforcement powers in the Online Safety Bill. (93056)
- 25 Chris Loder (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what mechanism Ofcom use to test the accuracy of information reported to them by mobile operators in relation to Universal Service Obligations.
 (93060)
- Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the research commissioned by her Department from Plum Consulting, entitled Research into recent dynamics of the press sector in the UK and globally, published in May 2020, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the findings of that research on the impact of the decline of local press on the scrutiny of democratic functions. (93037)
- 27 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the role local newspapers play in keeping residents informed on local planning decisions, including those who either (a) don't use or (b) have access to the internet. (93038)
- 28 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Unsocial Spaces report, published by Refuge in October 2021, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the finding by Refuge that one in three women in the UK have suffered online abuse. (92957)
- 29 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure that providers of online platforms are legally obliged to prioritise the prevention and investigation of abuse against women occurring on their platforms. (92958)
- 30 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure that statutory regulation of online platforms explicitly reflects the harms and impact of online abuse and other forms of online violence against women and girls. (92959)
- 31 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure that online platforms are obliged to cooperate with the police and with other platforms to pursue perpetrators of abuse on their platforms. (92960)

- 32 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to (a) ensure that providers of online platforms consider how their products can be used to perpetrate online abuse and (b) place a responsibility on those providers to embed safety by design in their technology. (92961)
- 33 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to (a) ensure that providers of online platforms are regulated by a robust, independent regulator and (b) require those providers to (i) monitor and (ii) report on abuse taking place on their platforms.
- 34 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure that social media companies (a) invest in human moderation to support reporting and content moderation systems and (b) provide training and support to enable staff to respond effectively to abuse taking place on their platforms. (92963)
- 35 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure that social media companies do not rely solely on artificial intelligence or algorithm systems to protect users from abuse taking place on their platforms. (92964)
- Kirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital,
 Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure that social media
 companies (a) invest in raising awareness of online abuse and (b) routinely
 develop and promote safety guidance for users.

 (92965)
- 37 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to tackle text scams. (92938)
- Thangam Debbonaire (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent progress his Department has made on reviewing the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice. (92969)
- 39 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, in what ways (a) young people and (b) others in Bristol West constituency are able to engage with his Department on its Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy. (92970)
- Thangam Debbonaire (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to his Department's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, how his Department selected the user groups chosen to feedback on that Strategy.

 (92971)
- 41 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of schools in Bristol have received carbon dioxide monitors. (92978)

- Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the level of demand for (a) specialised training for professionals and education providers working in the autism spectrum disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder sector and (b) support for females diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. (92987)
- Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure that care homes providing 24 hour care for girls and women diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder are accountable to parents, guardians and local authorities. (92988)
- Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps he has taken to progress implementation of the Government's national strategy for autistic children, young people and adults: 2021 to 2026; and what assessment he has made of the adequacy of funding available specifically for girls and women diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in (a) educational settings and (b) care homes.
- 45 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of including Malayalam in the curriculum. (93036)
- 46 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much additional financial resource his Department allocated to the teaching of the systematic synthetic phonics programmes in England. (92893)
- 47 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how his Department plans to quantify the results of the systematic synthetic phonics programmes. (92894)
- 48 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance his Department has published for headteachers to decide which systematic synthetic phonics programmes are appropriate for their school. (92895)
- 49 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many pieces of guidance have been issued by his Department to principals of sixth form colleges, excluding such guidance as relates only to particular individual schools, individual local authorities, or individual multiacademy trusts, in each of the last 36 months. (92898)
- 50 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many items of guidance have been issued by his Department to principals of further education institutions, excluding such guidance as relates only to particular individual institutions, in each of the last 36 months. (92899)

- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many items of guidance have been issued by his Department to vice chancellors and principals of higher education institutions, excluding such guidance as relates only to particular individual institutions, in each of the last 36 months.
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he has made of the total number of school classrooms in regular use in schools; and what proportion of those classrooms he estimates to be in (a) primary schools, (b) secondary schools, (c) sixth form colleges in (i) independent and (ii) state schools.
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) primary, (b) secondary schools in each parliamentary constituency in England are rated by Ofsted as (i) Outstanding, (ii) Good, (iii) Requires improvement, and (iv) Inadequate; and how many schools do not have, for whatever reason, a published Ofsted assessment. (92902)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) primary, (b) secondary schools in each lower tier local authority area in England are rated by Ofsted as (i) Outstanding, (ii) Good, (iii) Requires improvement, and (iv) Inadequate; and how many schools do not have, for whatever reason, a published Ofsted assessment.
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when his Department's internal anti-bullying policy was (a) first introduced, (b) last revised. (92904)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when his Department's internal anti-bribery policy was (a) first introduced, (b) last revised. (92905)
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when his Department's internal policy on sexual harassment was last revised; and if he will place a copy of that policy in the Library. (92906)
- State for Education, how many items of correspondence with Ministers in his
 Department from (a) hon Members in England, (b) councillors in England, and (c)
 all other members of the public in England, has been (i) received and (ii) sent in
 each of the last 48 months.
- **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many external visitors there have been to the Department's office in Sanctuary Buildings in total, in each of the last 48 months. (92908)

- 60 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will list the directorates within his Department as at 1 December 2021, and the (a) staffing in FTE terms and (b) total headcount in each of those directorates. (92909)
- 61 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he has made of the total amount spent on childcare in England (a) from all sources and (b) from the public purse in each of the last five years. (92910)
- 62 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, in respect of his Department's general helpline 0370 000 2288, what the average (a) waiting time for callers was before the call was answered and (ii) call duration was, in each of the last eighteen months. (92913)
- 63 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to his Department's general helpline, 0370 000 2288, how many calls have been (a) made to that number, (b) answered (c) answered within (i) five and (ii) 10 minutes and (d) abandoned by the caller before being answered, in each of the last 48 months.
- 64 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what his Department's timeframe is for confirming funding for the School Games Organiser Network beyond March 2022. (92864)
- 65 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what his timeframe is for setting out a long-term funding for physical education and school sport. (92865)
- 66 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when he plans to confirm details of future funding allocations for the primary physical education and sport premium funding. (92866)
- Justin Tomlinson (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will take steps to ensure that regional school commissioners encourage multiacademy trusts to follow the national curriculum. (92918)
- 68 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the mass movement of students at the end of the Christmas term does not contribute to the spread of covid-19 in the context of the Omicron variant. (93014)
- 69 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of the mass movement of students at the end of the Christmas term on the spread of covid-19.

Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will consult (a) Universities UK, (b) the University and College and Union, (c) National Union of Students and (d) other relevant stakeholders when preparing the guidance to support the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill.

(93016)

- 71 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate his Department has made of the total cost of the delivery of the functions of the office of the Director of Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom proposed in the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill 2021.
- 72 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department has collected data on the number of events cancelled on higher education campuses since the introduction of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill to Parliament. (93018)
- 73 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when his Department plans to publish the guidance accompanying the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill. (93019)
- 74 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans his Department has to ensure that the guidance accompanying the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill will be subject to parliamentary scrutiny. (93020)
- 75 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to his Department's Initial teacher training (ITT) market review, published on 5 July 2021, how many providers responding to that consultation did not support the proposed reforms. (93021)
- 76 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance his Department has issued to teacher training providers on the criteria they must fulfil as part of the reaccreditation process to provide an evidence-based curriculum. (93022)
- 77 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure that the number of trainee teachers is protected in the event that numerous teacher training providers fail the re-accreditation process launched by the Initial Teacher Training Market Review. (93023)
- 78 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure that teacher training providers will be given clear explanations as to why their re-accreditation application was rejected.

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- 79 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of the shortage of teachers in modern foreign languages on the availability of modern foreign languages at schools. (93025)
- 80 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to encourage the recruitment of more teachers in modern foreign language subjects. (93026)
- 81 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of the shortage of teachers in Design and Technology on the availability of that subject in all schools and at all ages. (93027)
- 82 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to encourage the recruitment of more teachers in Design and Technology. (93028)
- Jonathan Edwards (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is planning to take to tackle unfair practices in the egg supply chain. (92872)
- 84N Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will (a) call a meeting of representatives of the pig sector supply chain for the purposes of investigating the take up of (i) temporary visas for skilled butchers, (ii) Private Storage Aid, (iii) slaughter incentive payments for the processing industry and (iv) other measures announced by his Department on 14 October 2021 and (b) make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a mandatory Code of Conduct for that sector.
- 85 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many hectares of conifer woodland have been felled or removed and not replanted with conifers in England in each year since 2010. (93029)
- 86 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many hectares of conifer woodland have been felled or removed and replaced with broadleaf woodland in England in each year since 2010. (93030)
- 87 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many hectares of broadleaf woodland has been planted at an appropriate spacing and with protections from damage from grey squirrels and deer in each year since 2010. (93031)
- 88 **Robert Largan** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) farmers in the transition to net zero and (b) sustainable land management practices. (93087)

- 89 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve free access to the countryside and nature for all UK residents. (92935)
- 90 Dr Dan Poulter (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of its resources to manage effectively an outbreak of avian flu. (92867)
- 91 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to vaccinate wild bird populations against avian flu. (92868)
- 92 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what strategies his Department has in place to help prevent high rates of infection of avian flu among commercial bid populations in the next ten years. (92869)
- 93 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) landowners and (b) land-owning organisations on the steps those groups can take to help (i) tackle climate change and (ii) achieve the net zero emissions target. (92941)
- 94 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will consider the potential merits of introducing additional tests at higher temperatures for the approval of animal disinfectant products. (92942)
- 95 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make an assessment of the efficacy of testing protocols for animal disinfectant products. (92943)
- 96 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the minimum temperature thresholds for approval of animal disinfectant products.

 (92944)
- 97 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will set targets for the (a) limiting and (b) ending of sewage overflow into rivers and coasts. (93003)
- 98 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he plans to take in response to the failure by water companies to significantly reduce storm overflows. (93004)
- 99 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to take steps to set species recovery targets for (a) the Manx Shearwater and (b) other birds of conservation concern.

(93005)

Michael Fabricant (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what recent steps the Government has taken to support bilateral trade with Israel.

(92805)

- 101 Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many businesses from the UK's (a) hospitality, (b) retail and (c) leisure sector have exhibited in the UK's pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai between 1 October and 14 December 2021. (92950)
- **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has plans to review planning guidance to local authorities to help expand provision of (a) housing-with-care and (b) integrated retirement communities for older people in the context of the Government's adult social care reform white paper. (92887)
- **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department plans to take together with the Department for Health and Social Care to engage across Government for the purposes of increasing housing-with-care provision for older people as set out in the Government's adult social care reform white paper. (92888)
- **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he plans to make assessment of the potential merits of establishing a housing-with-care task force, as proposed by the integrated retirement community sector. (92889)
- **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of levels of demand for (a) integrated retirement communities and (b) other specialist housing for older people (i) as of 14 December 2021 and (ii) over the next 10 years.
- **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps the Government plans to take to (a) reduce health disparities and (b) improve healthy life expectancy through the levelling up white paper. (92891)
- **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what training and qualification requirements building safety managers will need. (92859)
- **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what plans he has to support building safety managers to access ongoing training to ensure their knowledge base is up to date.

 (92860)

- **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of (a) the training support and guidance that building safety managers will need and (b) the cost of that training support and guidance. (92861)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps are being taken to ensure that rail services have enough seating capacity for all expected passengers. (93039)
- 111 Sarah Champion (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of pausing all work on forthcoming smart motorway projects pending the Government's response to the Transport Committee's report entitled Rollout and safety of smart motorways. (92951)
- **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the devolved administrations on the level of potential disruption to UK supply chains over the Christmas 2021 period as a result of the heavy goods vehicle driver shortage. (93046)
- **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing a financial support package for the aviation sector in the context of further covid-19 travel restrictions.

 (93047)
- 114 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the removal of all countries from the covid-19 red list announced on 14 December 2021, if he will make it his policy to release people who are in hotel quarantine having returned to the UK from one of those countries.
- **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the State Pension in tackling pensioner poverty in Newport West constituency; and if she will make a statement.
- **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme on the disability employment gap in Newport West constituency. (93049)
- **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support benefit claimants in Newport West constituency to meet increased costs of living. (93050)
- **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the impact of removing the £20 uplift to the standard allowance of universal credit on household budgets in Newport West constituency. (93051)

- **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment has she made of the impact of universal credit deductions on the risk of poverty among benefit claimants living and working in Newport West constituency. (93052)
- **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish the report entitled The Uses of Health and Disability Benefits commissioned by her Department from the National Centre for Social Research. (93032)
- **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the report entitled The Uses of Health and Disability Benefits commissioned by his Department from the National Centre for Social Research, what assessment she has made of the compatibility of the decision not to publish that report with the 2015 Government Social Research: Publication protocol. (93033)
- **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the report entitled The Uses of Health and Disability Benefits, commissioned by her Department from the National Centre for Social Research, whether copies of the report were made available to the 120 disabled claimants who participated in that research.
- **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the effects on benefit claimants of her Departments decision not to publish entitled The Uses of Health and Disability Benefits, commissioned by her Department from the National Centre for Social Research.
- **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the uptake of the covid-19 vaccine among pregnant women. (92886)
- **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is for patients wishing to be seen in at designated Long Covid clinics as of 13 December 2021. (92973)
- **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of analysis by the Alzheimer's Society that the adult social care sector will need at least £3.9 billion per annum to maintain current standards and keep up with demographic changes and changes to the National Living Wage. (92974)
- **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Dementia Strategy in the People at the heart of care: adult social care reform White Paper, what budget will be allocated to the delivery of the Dementia Strategy. (92975)
- **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the timetable is for allocating additional funding for dementia research. (92976)

- **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many care home residents are yet to receive a covid-19 booster vaccine.

 (92977)
- **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what collaboration is taking place between the UK and Israel in the digital health sector; and if he will make a statement. (92804)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women have received medical abortion pills for home use beyond the legal limit of ten weeks' gestation since March 2020. (92809)
- **Robert Largan** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many uniforms have been in use in each NHS trust in each of the last five years; what the total cost of uniforms was to (a) the NHS and (b) each NHS trust in each of the last five years; and how many different types of uniforms have been used in (a) the NHS and (b) each NHS trust in each of the last five years. (93081)
- **Robert Largan** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the enquiry from the hon. Member for High Peak of 27 October 2021, reference RL29959. (93083)
- **Robert Largan** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the enquiry from the hon. Member for High Peak of 27 October 2021, reference RL29893. (93084)
- **Robert Largan** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the enquiry from the hon. Member for High Peak of 27 October 2021, reference RL29885. (93085)
- **Robert Largan** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the enquiry from the hon. Member for High Peak of 13 October 2021, reference RL27492. (93086)
- 137 Chris Loder (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the provision of services for children with special educational needs and disabilities in (a) Dorset and (b) West Dorset constituency. (93057)
- 138 Chris Loder (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of unpaid carers living in West Dorset.

 (93058)
- 139 Chris Loder (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential benefits to SEND children from Integrated Care Systems under the proposed legislative framework of the Health and Care Bill. (93059)

140 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the guidelines in place to ensure that travel PCR test providers meet the timeframes advertised on their websites in respect of the (a) delivery of and (b) processing of those tests.

(92806)

- 141 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the process for removing businesses from the list of PCR test providers for travel on the gov.uk website in the event that those providers do not meet the criteria they have set for delivery and process times of PCR tests. (92807)
- 142 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of PCR tests for people entering the UK from overseas. (92808)
- 143NGrahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a comparative assessment of the change in the amount of funding for drug treatment (a) over the last ten years and (b) as committed to in the first three years of the Government's 10-year plan announced on 6 December 2021.
- 144NGrahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what new treatment and recovery funding streams he plans to make available to support people affected by alcohol misuse. [Transferred] (91928)
- 145 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to deliver a MedTech strategy; what the objectives of that strategy will be; what metrics will be used to assess progress on those objectives; and what resource is being allocated to the delivery of that strategy. (92930)
- 146 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to engage with (a) the medical technology industry and (b) other relevant stakeholders on the development of a MedTech strategy. (92931)
- 147 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the role of the Medical Technology Directorate is in supporting the implementation of the Life Sciences Vision.

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148 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plans to have a permanent director in place for the Medical Technology Directorate; what the selection process has been for leadership of that directorate; and what steps his Department plans to take to ensure accountability of that directorate's leadership. (92933)

- 149 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has taken steps to help ensure that laboratories conducting covid-19 testing are able to maintain the same rate of tests over the Christmas 2021 period. (92832)
- 150 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of making c-peptide testing available on the NHS for type one diabetics in England. (92833)
- 151 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if officials in his Department will hold discussions with their counterparts in the Scottish Government on the Scottish roll-out of c-peptide testing for type one diabetics.

 (92834)
- 152 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential effect of vaccine passports on the spread of covid-19. (92835)
- 153 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to limit the spread of covid-19 in hotels where international arrivals are required to quarantine. (92836)
- 154 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the accuracy of reports that the omicron variant of covid-19 causes mild disease. (92837)
- 155 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the transmissibility of the omicron variant of covid-19 at large outdoor events. (92838)
- 156 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in the UK have prosthetic limbs by (a) gender and (b) age group.

 (92936)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been diagnosed with Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in the last 3 years. (92937)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) the Royal College of Nurses and (b) other relevant bodies on any connection between antibiotic usage and the development of breast cancer.
- 159 **Jacob Young** (Redcar): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the supply of lateral flow tests for use by close contacts of positive covid-19 cases. (93073)

- 160 Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps she is taking
 at the World Bank and other multilateral institutions to tackle the banking and
 liquidity crisis in Afghanistan to allow teachers and other public sector workers to
 receive salary payments and schools and clinics to operate. (92919)
- 161 Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions her Department
 is having with HM Treasury on issuing updated sanctions guidance to give aid
 agencies, banks and other private sector actors greater clarity and confidence on
 how they can operate in Afghanistan. (92920)
- 162 Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions her Department is
 having with the Home Office on a scheme to allow human rights defenders,
 democratically elected representatives and women's rights champions from
 Afghanistan to find political asylum in the UK. (92921)
- 163 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps she has taken
 to engage with the pro-democracy protest movement in Sudan following the
 political agreement of 21 November 2021. (92855)
- 164 **Sir Alan Campbell** (Tynemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions she has had
 with the Government of Bangladesh on permitting Khaleda Zia to travel abroad
 for medical treatment. (92825)
- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she has held discussions
 with the South African government on their proposals to remove the permission
 to legally remain in that country from 200,000 holders of the Zimbabwean
 exemption permit on 31 December 2021.

 (93053)
- 166 **Robert Largan** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions she has had
 with her (a) EU and (b) US counterparts on the Palestinian Authority's alleged
 payment of monthly salaries to convicted Palestinian terrorists. (93088)
- 167 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the naming of alleged perpetrators of gross human rights abuses named in the Xinjiang Papers released at the Uyghur Tribunal, including Chen Quanguo, Zhu Hailun and Zhu Changje. (92858)
- 168 Caroline Nokes (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how her Department measures the effect of climate vulnerability on women and girls in developing countries.

 (92916)

- 169 Caroline Nokes (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the effect of reductions in UK aid on the climate vulnerability of women and girls in developing countries. (92917)
- 170 Andrew Percy (Brigg and Goole): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment the
 Government has made of the long-term financial implications of the UN Relief
 and Works Agency's entitled beneficiaries. (92870)
- 171 Andrew Percy (Brigg and Goole): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what mechanisms are in place to assess
 the suitability of educational materials used in schools operated by the UN Relief
 and Works Agency in (a) the West Bank and (b) Gaza. (92871)
- 172 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she or her officials have
 held discussions with Nicaraguan counterparts on that county's termination of
 diplomatic ties with Taiwan. (92840)
- 173 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will publish the terms of the
 diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. (92841)
- 174 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any UK (a) officials and (b)

 diplomats will be attending the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing. (92842)
- 175 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations she is making to
 countries in which Christians and other religious minorities face persecution on
 upholding freedom of religion or belief. (92816)
- 176 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to help ensure that Afghan Christians and religious minorities are provided with safe and accessible routes to claim asylum in the UK. (92817)
- 177 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions she has had
 with her counterparts in the (a) European Union and (b) US Administration on
 Iran's ballistic missile programme.

 (93069)
- 178 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made
 of the implications for her policies of Iran's negotiating position at the current
 December 2021 nuclear talks in Vienna, resumed following first round talks in
 June 2021.

179 Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels are being used to house asylum seekers in Northern Ireland.

(93077)

- 180 Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what additional facilities and services are in place to meet the needs
 of asylum seekers accommodated in hotels in Northern Ireland. (93078)
- 181 Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to source additional appropriate accommodation for asylum seekers in Northern Ireland. (93079)
- 182 Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what steps she is taking to expediate her Department's processing of
 applications of asylum seekers housed in hotels. (93080)
- 183 **Robert Largan** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many holding cells each police force in England and Wales has possession; and what the average journey time from a person's arrest to placement in a holding cell is in each constituency in England and Wales. (93082)
- 184NKenny MacAskill (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, what assessment she has made of the potential effect of the

 detention of Julian Assange on media freedom in the UK. [Transferred] (92089)
- 185 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of (a) the level of demand for and (b) the potential merits of introducing funding mechanisms for specialist services to provide support to victims of online abuse and other forms of online violence against women and girls. (92966)
- 186 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) training on how to identify and support victims of online abuse is made available to the police and (b) the police have adequate resources and technology to promptly investigate online abuse.
- 187 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the effect of
 withdrawing the UK from the European Arrest Warrant. (92843)
- 188 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the out of service date is for Bulldog. (92830)
- 189 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Human Rights Act 1998. (93040)
- 190 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when he last discussed the merits of the Human Rights Act with the Welsh Government. (93042)

- 191 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been extradited from (a) the UK to Europe and (b) Europe to the UK under the European arrest warrant in 2021. (92844)
- 192 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to (a) tackle and (b) bring forward tougher legislation on predatory marriage.

 (92940)
- 193 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department has set a maximum limit on the amount of time criminal cases should await trial, to act as a target for capping and reducing the increase in waiting times. (92852)
- 194NBen Lake (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much and what proportion of the consequential funding for Wales resulting from the £300 million uplift to the Culture Recovery Fund the Welsh Government has received as of 13 December 2021.

 [Transferred] (92052)
- 195 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department made of the Government investment needed to transform the UK's infrastructure in response to the climate and nature crises when setting the 3 per cent cap on capital investment set out in the Charter for Budget Responsibility announced in the Autumn 2021 Budget. (92862)
- 196 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Charter for Budget Responsibility: autumn 2021 update, if he will publish calculations made when setting the 3 per cent cap on capital investment set out in that update, announced in the Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021.
- 197NLayla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the funding available to Citizens Advice Bureaus in Oxfordshire in the latest period for which figures are available; and if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of funding available to Citizens Advice Bureau to provide debt advice from April 2022. [Transferred] (92068)
- 198 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of recent analysis from Which? on the rate of bank branch closures; and what his planned timetable is for bringing forward legislative proposals on protecting access to cash.
- 199 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what comparative assessment he has made of the effectiveness of (a) voluntary commitments and initiatives from the payments industry and (b) statutory Government and regulatory oversight in protecting access to cash; and what his planned timetable is for bringing forward legislative proposals on that matter.

- 200 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has plans to bring forward legislative proposals on protecting access to cash in next year's Queen's Speech. (92847)
- 201 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate his Department has made of the level of personal debt accrued by individuals in the UK as of 14 December 2021. (92892)
- 202 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what support the Government is providing to people on zero hours contracts who are required to self-isolate due to covid-19 restrictions. (92839)
- 203 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, if he will make an assessment of the effect of the Human Rights Act 1998 on people in (a)

 Newport West and (b) Wales. (93041)

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- 1N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, whether (a) she or (b) the Crown Prosecution Service have set a maximum limit on the number of criminal cases awaiting trial, to act as a target for capping and reducing the current backlog of cases. (92849)
- 2N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the President of COP26, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of signing Unicef's Declaration on Children, Youth and Climate Action. (92995)
- 3N Stephanie Peacock (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many miners are recipients of the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme in November 2021. (93012)
- 4N Stephanie Peacock (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many miners were recipients of the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme in (a) May 2020, (b) November 2020 and (c) May 2021. (93013)
- 5N **John Howell** (Henley): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to tackle antisemitism online, including on social media. (92857)
- 6N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance his Department has issued to (a) nurseries and (b) early years childcare providers on implementing measures to prevent the transmission of covid-19 in the context of the spread of the Omicron variant. (92990)

- 7N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, in the context of the spread of the Omicron variant of covid-19, what assessment has he made of the adequacy of the (a) resourcing of and (b) support provided to (i) nurseries and (ii) early years childcare providers for improving ventilation and taking other mitigating steps against the spread of covid-19. (92991)
- 8N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, in the context of the spread of the Omicron variant of covid-19, what assessment he has made of the level of absences from (a) nurseries and (b) early years childcare providers; and what steps he is taking to support those providers that may be experiencing a significant loss of income. (92992)
- 9N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, in the context of the spread of the Omicron variant of covid-19, what assessment he has made of levels of staff sickness in the nurseries and early years childcare sector; and what steps he is taking to support providers to keep services open.
- 10N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, in the context of the emergence of the Omicron variant of covid-19, what guidance his Department has issued to special schools regarding mitigating measures to help prevent the spread of covid-19. (92994)
- 11N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to ensure online home-learning options remain available for children who are unable to attend school for health reasons post the covid-19 outbreak. (93011)
- 12N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he has made of the number of higher apprenticeships available to 18-25 year olds as of 13 December 2021; and what recent assessment he has made of the quality of outcomes in terms of apprentices (a) completing their apprenticeships successfully and (b) securing permanent employment. (92873)
- 13N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to increase the level of apprenticeships funding for people aged 18 to 25. (92874)
- 14N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he has made of his Department's spending on further education for (a) people aged 16 to 18, (b) people aged 18 to 25 and (c) people aged over 18 in each financial year since 2010-11.
- 15N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what reason schools and colleges will be required to fund improvements to ventilation and air purification systems necessitated by the covid-19 outbreak from existing budgets. (92876)

- 16N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what reason there has been a delay in confirming the outcomes of appeals against the adult education budget clawback. (92877)
- 17N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many items of guidance have been issued by his Department to headteachers of primary schools, excluding guidance that relates only to particular individual schools, individual local authorities, or individual multiacademy trusts, in each of the last 36 months. (92896)
- 18N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many items of guidance have been issued by his Department to headteachers of secondary schools, excluding such guidance as relates only to particular individual schools, individual local authorities, or individual multiacademy trusts, in each of the last 36 months. (92897)
- 19N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the breakdown was by sex for each subject for which students were enrolled on T-level courses in (a) September 2020 and (b) September 2021.(92911)
- 20N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, in respect of his Department's coronavirus helpline 0800 046 8687, what the average (a) waiting time was before the call was answered and (b) call duration was, in each of the last eighteen months.
- 21N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to his Department's coronavirus helpline, advertised as at 0800 046 8687, how many calls have been (a) made to that number, (b) answered, (c) answered within five minutes, (d) answered within ten minutes, (v) abandoned by the caller before being answered, in each of the last 18 months. (92914)
- 22N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what legislative steps he is taking to promote tidal energy. (92996)
- 23N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he taking to reduce light pollution at night in cities. (92997)
- 24N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to (a) increase the number of and (b) encourage recruitment and retention of farm animal vets; and if he will make a statement.
- 25N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, for what reason his Department has excluded gas cookers from the extended regulations on Domestic smoke and carbon monoxide alarms announced in November 2021. (93009)

- 26N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to gather evidence on the prevalence of incidents of carbon monoxide poisoning caused by gas cookers. (93010)
- 27N Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reason South Africa remains on the covid-19 red list as at 14 December 2021; and when he plans to review that matter. (93071)
- 28N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 29 October 2021 to Question 61160 on Large Goods Vehicle Drivers: Training, as part of any modifications to the regulations whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of processes to (a) reduce the compunction for experienced professional drivers to successfully complete the same course repeatedly so as to meet their Driver Certificate of Professional Competence course commitments, and (b) subsidise costs where a driver has already successfully passed a similar course to the one they are undertaking while seeking to meet the requirements necessary under The Driver Certificate of Professional Competence. (92981)
- 29N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 13 December 2021 to Question 89507 on Motor Vehicles: Registration, how many vehicles have not been able to be traced in the latest period for which figures are available. (92818)
- 30N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what meetings she has had with disabled people on the design of the reforms proposed in the Health and Disability Green Paper. (93061)
- 31N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when a statutory entitlement to carer's leave will be introduced. (93062)
- 32N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many planned maintenance shutdowns there were on oil and gas installations on the UK Continental Shelf in (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020 and (d) 2021 to date. (92926)
- 33N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether it is her policy to use digital by default when contacting universal credit recipients; and if she will make a statement. (92820)
- 34N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether job centres (a) have targets for conducting face-to-face interviews or (b) plan to implement targets for conducting those interviews for recipients of universal credit and other working age benefits; and if she will make a statement.

- 35N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what key performance indicators operate in job centres in respect of interviewing recipients of universal credit and other working age benefits; and if she will publish those key performance indicators. (92822)
- 36N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has plans to issue guidance to job centres on conducting interviews online or by telephone as part of the introduction of Plan B covid-19 restrictions. (92823)
- 37N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how often a jobseeker on universal credit in Liverpool is required to attend a face to face interview in the job centre; and if she will make a statement.

 (92824)
- 38N Hannah Bardell (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any payments have been made under the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme relating to covid-19 vaccinations. (92985)
- 39N Hannah Bardell (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme will make payments to applicants diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome in the context of that syndrome having been added to the list of side effects for the AstraZeneca covid-19 vaccination. (92986)
- 40N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) deaths and (b) adverse reactions have been officially recorded against covid-19 vaccinations; and how many have been examined to establish the cause and/or trigger. (92799)
- 41N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason his Department has taken over responsibility from covid-19 vaccine manufacturers for negligence claims arising from their vaccines causing serious illness or death; and when he plans to return producer liability to those manufacturers. (92800)
- 42N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of NHS clinicians who are currently unvaccinated; and how many of those clinicians will be prohibited from engaging in clinical practice after 1 April 2022 when covid-19 vaccination becomes mandatory for NHS staff. (92801)
- 43N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the shortest time is in which an unvaccinated person can receive two covid-19 vaccinations and a booster so that they are protected to the maximum extent from the omicron variant; and if he will make a statement. (92802)

- 44N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he will update guidance to vaccination centres and GP surgeries, so that those who have received a third covid-19 vaccination dose and were eligible because of a condition or medication that suppressed their immune system, can receive a fourth dose as a booster dose after 12 weeks. (93066)
- 45N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will update the NHS App and vaccination databases to ensure that third covid-19 vaccinations for those whose immune system is suppressed are recorded separately to booster vaccinations. (93067)
- 46N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December to Question 84490 on Coronavirus: Vaccination, what assessment he has made of the amount of resource being expended by GP practices in handling enquiries from patients who require a referral to the Vaccine Data Resolution Service and call handlers from the 119 service have directed patients back to their GP practice instead of onto the national service.
- 47N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the objectives of the Medical Technology Directorate will be; and what metrics will be used to assess progress on those objectives. (92929)
- 48N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the status is of the Dementia Moonshot. (92934)
- 49N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to enable persons vaccinated abroad to have their vaccinated status authenticated locally. (92798)
- 50N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of using emergency powers available to the Government to make use of private hospitals and health facilities for a temporary period to help tackle the backlog of patients awaiting surgery, diagnosis and treatment not related to covid-19.
- 51N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the £500 Test and Trace Support Payment to students. (92999)
- 52N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to reduce covid-19 vaccine hesitancy.

 (93000)
- 53N **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations she has made to
 the UN Security Council on putting the conflict in Ethiopia on that organisation's
 formal agenda. (92853)

- 54N **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking, in advance
 of the special session of the UN Human Rights Council planned for 17 December
 2021, to secure support among members of that council for resolutions on
 (a) humanitarian access throughout Ethiopia, (b) independent and robust
 investigations into human rights abuses during the conflict in that country and (c)
 ceasefires and a negotiated end to the conflict in that country. (92854)
- 55N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to support Uyghurs.

 (92878)
- 56N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps her Department is taking towards imposing sanctions on individuals responsible for oppressing the Uyghur people. (92879)
- 57N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the implications for its policies of the findings of the judgment of the Uyghur Tribunal, chaired by Sir Geoffrey Nice QC, published on 9 December 2021. (92880)
- 58N Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will publish the Government's criteria by which countries are placed on the red list for covid-19 travel restrictions. (93064)
- 59N Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will publish any equality impact assessments conducted in the process of placing countries on the red list. (93065)
- 60N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she has plans to reduce the number of staff employed by her Department; and what estimate she has made of the number of staff that will be employed by her Department in 2025. (93006)
- 61N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many covid-19 vaccine doses were donated to other countries between 1 November 2021 and 14 December 2021. (93007)
- 62N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate she has made of the number of covid-19 vaccine doses that will have been donated to other countries between 1 June 2021 and 1 January 2022. (93008)
- 63N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2021 to Question 90329 on Nuclear Weapons: Proliferation, which recommendations in the Stockholm Initiative for Nuclear Disarmament her Department does not support. (92815)

- 64N **John Howell** (Henley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of Iran's compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. (92856)
- 65N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if Ministers in her Department will
 meet with Ali Mushaima, who is on hunger strike outside the Bahraini Embassy in
 London, to discuss his request for the immediate release of (a) Hassan Mushaima
 and (b) Dr Abduljalil AlSingace from prison in Bahrain.

 (92954)
- 66N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on what recent dates the Government
 has raised the case of Dr Abduljalil AlSingace with authorities in Bahrain regarding
 (a) Dr AlSingace's ongoing hunger strike and his demands for his confiscated
 research to be given to his family and (b) his immediate and unconditional release
 from prison.

 (92955)
- 67N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on what recent dates the Government

 has raised the case of Hassan Mushaima with authorities in Bahrain. (92956)
- 68N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to her Department's newsletter for parliamentarians circulated by email on 14 December 2021, (a) how clean finance is defined and (b) what recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the role of entities registered in the UK and its overseas territories and dependencies in global financial crime.
- 69N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the convictions in Hong Kong of attendees of Tiananmen Square vigils. (92998)
- 70N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when UK Visas and Immigration will reach a decision in the case of the hon. Member for Christchurch's constituent, Home Office reference 27929925, in respect of a request of 18 August 2021 for his citizenship certificate to be amended; and when the original documents submitted by the constituent in support of his application will be returned. (92803)
- 71N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that the Metropolitan Police investigate all crimes irrespective of when those crimes took place.

 (92953)
- 72N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 October 2021 to Question 583952 on Veterans: Immigration, when her Department plans to publish its response to the Immigration Costs for Armed Forces Personnel Consultation. (92945)

- 73N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Afghans relocated to the UK under (a) Operation Pitting and (b) Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (i) have had their Indefinite Leave to Remain immigration status regularised and (ii) are still waiting. (92946)
- 74N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure all Afghans relocated to the UK under Operation Pitting have their Indefinite Leave to Remain immigration status regularised within six months. (92947)
- 75N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what advice her Department is issuing to Afghan nationals relocated to the UK under (a) Operation Pitting and (b) Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy when their Indefinite Leave to Remain status is not regularised within six months.
- 76N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether any recent changes have been made to the reception criteria at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre. (92881)
- 77N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the current capacity is for Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centre. (92882)
- 78N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under what rules asylum seekers are detained in the UK. (92883)
- 79N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what additional capacity has been provided at Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centre in response to changes in the number of asylum seekers.

 (92884)
- 80N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has provided data on armed forces personnel to Kenyan authorities in relation to the investigation into the death of Agnes Wanjiru. (92810)
- 81N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December 2021 to Question 88654, what specific costs were entailed in the £2.1 billion spent removing the British Army's footprint from Germany. (92811)
- 82N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the establishment of the new Land Regional Hub in Germany will require purchasing of land in Germany. (92812)
- 83N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many troops will be deployed in Germany as part of the new Land Regional Hub.

- 84N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 10 December 2021 to Question 88654 on Germany: Army and with reference to page 158 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14, whether the £1.5 billion loss from impairment charges for land and buildings resulting from the early withdrawal of Forces from Germany is included in the £2.1 billion spent removing the British Army's footprint from Germany.
- 85N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what will replace Bulldog in the armoured role on 14 Signal Regiment (Electronic Warfare).
- 86N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will publish any data his Department holds on the type of school attended by members of the magistracy. (92922)
- 87N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of Diversity and Community Relations Judges are (a) women, (b) LGBTQ+, (c) from an ethnic minority, (d) have a disability and (e) attended a non-selective state school. (92923)
- 88N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much his Department has spent on (a) staffing costs, (b) consultancy spend and (c) software costs for the Common Platform. (92924)
- 89N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the total cost of the development of the Common Platform (a) at the beginning of the development of the project and (b) when that project was launched. (92925)
- 90N **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the covid-19 restrictions on indoor social gatherings in place in November and December 2020, how many people were charged with breaching those rules; and what the total sum of fines issued for those breaches was. (92972)
- 91N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of issuing guidance to ensure that offenders with a history of opiate use are issued with Naloxone prior to release from prison.

 (92885)
- 92N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department has set a maximum limit on the number of criminal cases awaiting trial, to act as a target for capping and reducing the current backlog of cases. (92851)
- 93N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with the Home Secretary on (a) worker shortages in Scotland and (b) the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme. (93063)

- 94N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason the Government's proposed reforms to alcohol excise duty do not apply the same rate to all categories of alcoholic drinks; and what assessment his Department has made of the impact of those reforms on the wine industry.

 (92979)
- 95N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the equity of taxation based on ABV percentage of the product in the new alcohol excise duty regulations on wine importers. (92980)
- 96N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the existing HMRC enforcement regime with regards to tax evasion using cryptocurrencies; and if he will make a statement.

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Questions for Written Answer

1N Adam Holloway (Gravesham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of hospitalised covid-19 patients are unvaccinated. (92848)