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Questions tabled on Friday 21 October 2022

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Questions for Answer on Monday 24 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many veterans were declared bankrupt in each month of 2022. [Transferred] (67279)
 - 2 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help support victims of domestic abuse who are unable to pay their rent due to financial control by the abuse perpetrator. [Transferred] (67982)
 - 3 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking with cabinet colleagues to help support victims of domestic abuse facing homelessness due to non-payment of rent while under the financial control of an abuse perpetrator. [Transferred] (67983)
 - 4 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has had recent discussions with local councils on the provision of warm spaces; and whether his Department plans to provide financial support to local councils to provide warm spaces in winter 2022. [Transferred] (67864)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 25 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir Alan Campbell** (Tynemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans the Government has to support businesses that want to implement a 32 hour, four-day working week. (68497)
- 2 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessments his Department has made of the scope for ELMS to contribute to reducing the emissions from the agriculture and land use sector by at least two thirds as outlined in the Government's net zero strategy. (68522)
- 3 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of rising energy costs on hospitality businesses; and what steps his Department is taking to help support (a) pubs, (b) restaurants and (c) other hospitality venues with rising energy costs. (68557)
- 4N **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make an estimate of the number of jobs that are linked to insulating properties in Lancashire. [Transferred] (67934)
- 5N **Sir William Cash** (Stone): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the House of Commons Library Research Paper 96/53 of 19 April 1996 on Questions of Procedure for Ministers, if she will request that the National Archives place in the Library a copy of the letter from the then Prime Minister, John Major, to Giles Radice, then Chairman of the Treasury and Civil Service Sub-Committee, of 5 April 1994. (68481)
- 6N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to help improve access to apprenticeships in the North. [Transferred] (67887)
- 7N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the number of apprenticeship starts there have been with businesses in England since 2018. [Transferred] (67888)
- 8N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department is taking steps to help increase the number of apprenticeships in the (a) engineering and (b) manufacturing technologies industries. [Transferred] (67890)
- 9 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the not passing of the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals Bill) on (a) pets, (b) puppy smuggling, (c) livestock and (d) live exports. (68588)

- 10 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that the UK protects nature in accordance with its commitments at the Convention of COP-15. (68589)
- 11 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to ensure the maintenance of (a) species protection, (b) conservation orders, (c) nature restoration and (d) other key nature protections within new investment zones. (68590)
- 12 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether it is her policy that rail fares will increase in line with the Retail Price Index in 2023. (68603)
- 13 **Sir Alan Campbell** (Tynemouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional support to women affected by the raise in state pension age who are ineligible for the (a) winter fuel allowance and (b) cost of living payments in the context of the cost of living crisis. (68496)
- 14 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has taken recent steps to help increase the availability of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors. (68568)
- 15 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications for inpatient mental health services of the National Grid's announcement of 6 October 2022 that the UK may experience power cuts lasting three hours per day during winter 2022; and whether her Department is taking steps to help inpatient mental health services prepare. (68569)
- 16 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications for community mental health services of the National Grid's announcement of 6 October 2022 that the UK may experience power cuts lasting three hours per day during winter 2022; and whether her Department is taking steps to help community mental health services prepare. (68570)
- 17 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to help support community mental health services in the context of rising inflation. (68571)
- 18 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to help support inpatient mental health services in the context of rising inflation. (68572)

- 19 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to help support inpatient mental health services with rising energy prices. (68573)
- 20 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to help support community mental health services with rising energy prices. (68574)
- 21 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will record (a) how many veterans are seen by NHS commissioned services for mental health support, (b) the time to enter treatment and (c) the length of treatment offered on delivery. (68484)
- 22 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking with the devolved Administrations to facilitate cross-border referrals for veterans where there is a clinical need or waiting lists are extremely long. (68485)
- 23 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increasing the number of places at medical schools on the Government's priorities on (a) ambulances, (b) backlogs, (c) care, (d) doctors and (e) dentists. (68592)
- 24 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her planned timetable is for the publication of the long-term NHS workforce plan; and whether that plan will be underpinned by multi-year funding. (68593)
- 25 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that the health and care workforce is able to meet growing patient demand. (68594)
- 26 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment her Department has made of whether the number of full-time equivalent consultants will be adequate to meet patient demand over the next (a) five, (b) 10 and (c) 20 years; and if she will make a statement. (68595)
- 27 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the number of full-time equivalent staff vacancies in the NHS on staff (a) morale and (b) levels of burnout. (68596)
- 28 **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the timeframe for the provision of technology to allow for annual prescriptions for HRT. (68526)

- 29 **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will relax the restrictions on dispensing pharmacies in GP surgeries to enable more patients to obtain their medication from the surgery. (68527)
- 30 **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans she has to use provisions of the Health and Care Act 2022 to regulate non-surgical cosmetic procedures; and whether that regulation is a policy priority. (68530)
- 31 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the report by Human Rights Watch entitled DR Congo: Army Units Aided Abusive Armed Groups, published on 18 October 2022, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of (a) evidence that the Congolese army provided support to the Democratic Forces for (i) the Liberation of Rwanda militant group and (ii) other militants in battles against the M23 militant group between May and August 2022, (b) the killing of civilians by Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda militants and (c) rape by Congolese army soldiers; and what recent steps he has taken to support justice in relation to (A) these abuses and (B) illicit relationships with militant groups as part of security sector reform in the Democratic Republic of Congo. (68512)
- 32 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken with international partners to help support accountability for deaths during protests in Chad on 20 October 2022. (68513)
- 33 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when his Department plans to publish the Human Rights and Democracy: 2021 Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office report. (68540)
- 34 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy to allocate £170 million to the UN Education Cannot Wait fund over the next three years. (68550)
- 35 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of reserving posts in the Diplomatic Service and his Department to UK nationals on the (a) efficacy of and (b) recruitment of expertise for UK Official Development Assistance programmes. (68551)
- 36 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Tooting dated 7 September 2021 and 22 October 2021, reference RA39676. (68577)

- 37 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Tooting dated 16 November 2021 and 10 January 2022, reference RA41202. (68578)
- 38 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Tooting dated 25 January 2022 and 8 March 2022, reference RA42407. (68579)
- 39 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Tooting dated 9 February 2022, reference RA42756. (68580)
- 40 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Tooting dated 9 February 2022, reference RA42780. (68581)
- 41 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Tooting dated 14 February 2022, reference RA42868. (68582)
- 42 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department plans to respond to correspondence of 18 February 2022 from the hon. Member for Tooting, reference RA42827. (68583)
- 43 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department plans to respond to correspondence of 24 February 2022 from the hon. Member for Tooting, reference RA 43020. (68584)
- 44 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Tooting dated 15 March, reference RA43402. (68585)
- 45 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Higher Education Policy Institute's 2022 soft-power index, what assessment he has made of the effect on the UK's soft power of restricting the number of international students in UK universities. (68500)
- 46 **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will reinstate the security checking DBS service for Ukrainian refugees seeking employment in childcare settings. (68525)
- 47 **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Tier 4 student visa holders were waiting for their biometric residence permit to be processed as of 21 October 2022; and what the average wait was for a biometric residence permit for a Tier 4 student visa holder in the latest period for which data is available. (68528)

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- 48 **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Tier 2 work visa holders were waiting for their biometric residence permit to be processed as of 21 October 2022; and what the average wait was for a biometric residence permit for a Tier 2 work visa holder in the latest period for which data is available. (68529)
- 49 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to ensure robust mental health assessments for those leaving the military with a physical injury, even where no symptoms have presented, to improve the speed of access to support or treatment. (68483)
- 50 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on phase 2 of the roll-out of veterans ID cards. (68602)
- 51 **Ben Everitt** (Milton Keynes North): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that guide dog owners are not refused access to shops, businesses and taxis. (68605)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 26 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how tenants in a multi-occupied property who each pay for their energy by putting coins in a meter, which are then collected by the landlord, will receive their £400 energy rebate. (68487)
- 2N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many officials in his Department are working on Retained EU Law legislation, as (a) headcount and (b) Full Time Equivalent. (68536)
- 3N **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if his Department will bring forward legislative proposals to require landlords to pass on the £400 energy bills discount to tenants who pay rent inclusive of bills. (68548)
- 4N **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether tenants who are charged by a landlord for the energy costs incurred through an electricity meter are entitled to the rebate. (68549)
- 5N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of the rise in energy bills on high street businesses. (68531)

- 6N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent steps his Department has taken to help support high street businesses during the cost of living crisis. (68532)
- 7N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the earthquake risk assessment by Lancashire County Council of the planning application by Aurora Energy Resources Ltd for Altcar Moss, reference LCC/2019/0037. (68533)
- 8N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the statement by Frack Free Formby entitled Detailed Objections. (68534)
- 9N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to help swimming pools stay open in the context of increases in the cost of energy. (68498)
- 10N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the merits of offering continuing support to businesses and charities who run swimming pools in the Energy Bill Relief Scheme, in the context of rising energy bills. (68499)
- 11N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department has provided recent additional support to maintained nursery schools in Stockport constituency in the context of rising inflation. (68604)
- 12N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many Ofsted inspectors, among those completing inspections on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills, have (a) more than six months, (b) more than 12 months, (c) more than 24 months and (d) more than five years experience, as such an inspector in their main remit, broken down by their main remit of inspection for (i) education, learning and skills, (ii) early years and (iii) social care. (68523)
- 13N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he plans to take steps to extend the deadline to submit new applications for the Help to Buy Scheme. (68506)
- 14N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2022 to Question 64279 on Levelling Up Fund, how the project adjustment process works; and if he will make a statement. (68591)
- 15N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many officials in her Department are working on Retained EU Law legislation, as (a) headcount and (b) Full Time Equivalent. (68535)

- 16N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the expected annual expenditure will be on the Major Projects Portfolio projects for the (i) Rapid Charging Fund, (ii) Midlands Rail Hub, (iii) East Coast Mainline Programme, (iv) East Coast Digital Programme, (v) A417 Air Balloon, (vi) Lower Thames Crossing, (vii) HS2 Phase 2b Western Leg, (viii) A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down, (ix) Further Electrification of Midland Main Line (MML3), (x) East West Rail Configuration State 1, (xi) A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet, (xii) HS2 Phase 2a, (xiii) A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening, (xiv) Transpennine Route Upgrade, (xv) A66 Northern Trans-Pennine, (xvi) HS2 Phase 1, (xvii) Rail Passenger Services, (xviii) Crossrail Programme, (xix) East West Rail Connection Stage 2 and 3, (xx) Midland Main Line Programme, (xxi) 2nd Generation UK Search and Rescue Aviation and (xxii) Rail Transformation Programme; and if he will place that information in the House of Commons Library. (68561)
- 17N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask, the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of the Road projects list in Annex B: Infrastructure Projects of the Growth Plan 2022 are awaiting her consent to begin; and when each application was submitted to her Department for approval. (68562)
- 18N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the (a) Cambridge South Station, (b) Northumberland Line, (c) White Rose Station, (d) Thorpe Park, (e) Transpennine Route Upgrade, (f) East West Rail, (g) Leeds Station Enhancement, (h) Manchester Improvements, (i) Midland Main Line Phase Three and (j) Northern Powerhouse Rail is awaiting her consent to begin construction; what the nature of that approval is; and when each application was submitted to her Department for approval. (68563)
- 19N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 21 September 2022 to Question 48313 on Road Traffic Act 1988, whether it is still his policy to publish a call for evidence on the Road Traffic Act 1988 by the end of 2022. (68524)
- 20N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many officials in her Department are working on Retained EU Law legislation, as (a) headcount and (b) Full Time Equivalent. (68538)
- 21N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, How many eligible Beneficiaries for the Healthy Start voucher scheme there were in (a) England, (b) Northern Ireland and (c) Wales between April and September 2022. (68543)
- 22N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of altering the rules for appointeeships so that more than one person can take on the role in circumstances where there is a joint Guardianship or a similar caring arrangement. (68558)

- 23N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many officials in her Department are working on Retained EU Law legislation, as (a) headcount and (b) Full Time Equivalent. (68539)
- 24N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of life expectancy in Garston and Halewood constituency. (68492)
- 25N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of GPs in Garston and Halewood constituency. (68493)
- 26N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of mental health specialists in Garston and Halewood constituency. (68494)
- 27N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of midwives in Garston and Halewood constituency. (68495)
- 28N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people were diagnosed with HIV in Worsley and Eccles South constituency in each of the last five years. (68514)
- 29N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children under the age of (a) four and (b) 11 were admitted to hospital for a tooth extraction due to decay in Worsley and Eccles South constituency in each of the last five years. (68515)
- 30N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps her Department has taken to help tackle health inequality in Worsley and Eccles South constituency. (68516)
- 31N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment her Department has made of trends in the level of malnutrition in Worsley and Eccles South constituency. (68517)
- 32N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of healthy life expectancy in Worsley and Eccles South constituency. (68518)
- 33N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many beneficiaries of Healthy Start paper vouchers have not yet re-enrolled via the new online registration system. (68541)

- 34N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many applications to Healthy Start payment have been made by parents with No Recourse to Public Funds with British children; and (b) how many beneficiaries are currently in receipt of payments. (68542)
- 35N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will increase the value of Healthy Start payments to keep in line with food price inflation. (68544)
- 36N **Jess Phillips** (Birmingham, Yardley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to improve the (a) identification and (b) referral process for dementia diagnosis. (68546)
- 37N **Jess Phillips** (Birmingham, Yardley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people from ethnic minority communities are receiving timely dementia diagnoses. (68547)
- 38N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the NHS Long Term Plan, published on 7 January 2019, what recent progress her Department has made on increasing access to echocardiography in primary care to improve the investigation of patients with breathlessness. (68519)
- 39N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of left ventricular assist devices as a long-term therapy for patients ineligible for transplantation. (68520)
- 40N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the (a) transparency and (b) inclusivity of processes for (i) NHS England Specialised services and (ii) the development of new commissioning policies. (68521)
- 41N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2022 to Question 60981 on Australia: Visits Abroad, for what reason no costs were declared for (a) accommodation, (b) meals and (c) other expenses excluding air travel for his predecessor's visit in the transparency data entitled FCDO ministerial gifts, hospitality, travel and meetings, January to March 2022, published by his Department on 29 September 2022; and how any such costs were met for that visit. (68501)
- 42N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2022 to Question 60982 on Lithuania and Belgium: Visits Abroad, for what reason no costs were declared for (a) accommodation, (b) meals and (c) other expenses excluding air travel for his predecessor's visit in the transparency

- data entitled FCDO ministerial gifts, hospitality, travel and meetings, January to March 2022, published by his Department on 29 September 2022; and how any such costs were met for that visit. (68502)
- 43N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2022 to Question 60984 on Poland: Visits Abroad, for what reason no costs were declared for (a) accommodation, (b) meals and (c) other expenses excluding air travel for his predecessor's visit in the transparency data entitled FCDO ministerial gifts, hospitality, travel and meetings, April to June 2022, published by his Department on 29 September 2022; and how any such costs were met for that visit. (68503)
- 44N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2022 to Question 60985 on Belgium: Visits Abroad, for what reason no costs were declared for (a) accommodation, (b) meals and (c) other expenses excluding air travel for his predecessor's visit in the transparency data entitled FCDO ministerial gifts, hospitality, travel and meetings, April to June 2022, published by his Department on 29 September 2022; and how any such costs were met for that visit. (68504)
- 45N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2022 to Question 60986 on Netherlands: Visits Abroad, for what reason no costs were declared for (a) accommodation, (b) meals and (c) other expenses excluding air travel for his predecessor's visit in the transparency data entitled FCDO ministerial gifts, hospitality, travel and meetings, April to June 2022, published by his Department on 29 September 2022; and how any such costs were met for that visit. (68505)
- 46N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average processing time was for Further Leave to Remain (Family and Private Life) applications in the latest period for which data is available. (68559)
- 47N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the processing time for Family Visas. (68560)
- 48N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the impact of visa renewal fees on migrants. (68601)
- 49N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department intends to reply to correspondence of 8 July from the Rt Hon. Member for East Ham, case reference ST98977. (68480)

- 50N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the damage sustained to the subsea cable to Shetland disrupted a) air defence radar and b) associated radios and data at RAF Saxa Vord. (68482)
- 51N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to secure undersea cables connecting UK territories from damage and acts of sabotage. (68486)
- 52N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data his Department holds on the number of veterans who have had their homes repossessed in each month of 2022. [Transferred] (68037)
- 53N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of X-ray scanners deployed to prevent illegal items entering prisons; and whether he plans to roll these out to all prisons. (68606)
- 54N **Jess Phillips** (Birmingham, Yardley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners serving a sentence for murder or manslaughter had an indictment for rape or sexual assault that has been ordered to lie on file. (68545)
- 55N **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether people in (a) prison and (b) secure hospitals are eligible to receive money from the energy bill support scheme. (68587)
- 56N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many officials in (a) his Department and (b) HMRC are working on Retained EU Law legislation, as (i) headcount and (ii) Full Time Equivalent. (68537)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 27 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, in addition to the one-off £100 support payment, what steps he will take to ensure that off-grid energy users are able to receive equal support to on-grid households. (68565)
- 2N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make an estimate of the number of sick days that were taken by staff due to mental health illness in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in England in the period between September 2021 and August 2022. (68575)

- 3N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make an estimate of the number of sick days that were taken by pupils due to mental health illness in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in England in the period between September 2021 and August 2022. (68576)
- 4N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the cost of living crisis on mental health. (68566)
- 5N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent meetings she has held with mental health stakeholders. (68567)
- 6N **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) perinatal and (b) neonatal deaths there were at Barts Health NHS Trust by (i) each borough served by that Trust, (ii) ethnicity and (iii) socio-economic group in the latest period for which data is available. (68507)
- 7N **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the (a) retention rate of midwives and (b) the number of vacancies for midwives at Barts Health NHS Trust. (68508)
- 8N **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) recent estimate her Department has made of the number of residential care homes that have closed in Newham since 1 January 2020, (b) assessment she makes of the socio-economic circumstances of the residents impacted and (c) if any assessment she has made of the impact on life expectancy of residents moved due to these closures. (68509)
- 9N **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of cancelled NHS operations in the West Ham constituency in the past 12 months, by (a) borough, (b) ethnicity, (c) age and (d) socio-economic group of the patient. (68510)
- 10N **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of healthy life expectancy by (a) gender and (b) ethnicity in West Ham constituency. (68511)
- 11N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in rates of perinatal mortality in Garston and Halewood constituency. (68491)
- 12N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help support young people with eating disorders in Wirral West constituency. (68552)
- 13N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment her Department has made of trends in the level of malnutrition in Wirral West constituency. (68553)

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- 14N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of FTE Fully qualified GPs excluding GPs in Training Grade practicing in Wirral West constituency (a) on 21 October 2022 and (b) in 2013. (68554)
- 15N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many GP appointments there were in Wirral West constituency in (a) the last 12 months and (b) in 2013. (68555)
- 16N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many cancelled operations there were in Wirral West constituency in the last 12 months. (68556)
- 17N **Graham Stringer** (Blackley and Broughton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress her Department has made on agreeing a contract with Moderna to develop a centre for vaccine research and manufacture in the UK. (68489)
- 18N **Graham Stringer** (Blackley and Broughton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the potential effect of developing a UK vaccine research and manufacturing centre with Moderna on preparedness for future pandemics. (68490)
- 19N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Iranian counterpart about reports that the Iranian Government has increased sanctions and threats to (a) individuals, (b) security services and (c) journalists at BBC Persian and Iran International for reporting the protests in that country. (68488)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 28 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with English Heritage on the potential merits of expanding the blue plaque scheme outside of London. (68586)
- 2N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of prohibiting all non-essential use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). (68564)

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- 3N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact that the total amount deducted from Universal Credit is having on families living in poverty in City of Durham constituency. (68598)
- 4N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps her Department has taken to help tackle health inequality in City of Durham constituency. (68597)
- 5N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of (a) podiatry vacancy rates in the NHS in City of Durham constituency and (b) the impact these vacancies will have on patient treatment for diabetic foot complications. (68599)
- 6N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of permanently reducing the rate of VAT for (a) food and (b) beverages on (i) pubs and (ii) the wider hospitality industry in City of Durham constituency. (68600)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 31 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will publish his Department's most recent assessment on impact of the use of biomass fuels on the UK's carbon emissions. [Transferred] (67223)