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## Questions tabled on Monday 17 May 2021

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### Questions for Answer on Tuesday 18 May

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to page 41 of his Department's Integrated Review 2021, how many critical vulnerabilities in the cyber systems of the public sector has the National Cyber Security Centre addressed as at 13 May 2021. [Transferred] (989)
- 2N **Ms Nusrat Ghani** (Wealden): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what role his Department has in the Beijing COP26 Core Group; what the aim is of that Core Group; who attends the meetings of that group and in what capacity; which other external individuals attend those meetings; how often such meetings take place; who the lead Minister is of those group meetings; and whether the group Minutes are published online. [Transferred] (1110)
- 3 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including wholesalers in the guidance for local authorities for the administration of the new business rates relief fund. [Transferred] (1294)
- 4 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department plans to include wholesalers in the guidance for local authorities for the administration of the new business rates relief fund. [Transferred] (1295)

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- 5 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including wholesalers in the guidance for local authorities on the administration of the new business rates relief fund. [Transferred] (1328)
- 6 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his department has plans to include wholesalers in the guidance for local authorities for the administration of the new business rates relief fund. [Transferred] (1329)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 19 May

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to ensure the uninterrupted haulage travel of goods from the EU. (2434)
- 2 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) offices, (b) envoys and (c) advisors the Government plans to create as part of the Strategic Framework outlined in the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy. (2311)
- 3 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what renovations and refurbishments have been made to the Downing Street flat since Boris Johnson became Prime Minister in July 2019. (2336)
- 4 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much (a) funding from the public purse and (b) private funding has been spent on renovations and refurbishment of the Downing Street flat since Boris Johnson became Prime Minister in July 2019. (2337)
- 5 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has plans to ensure official recognition for the efforts of the creators of UK-made covid-19 vaccines. (2269)
- 6 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has plans to ensure official recognition of the efforts of the creators of UK-made covid vaccines through the Honours List. (2270)
- 7 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the President of COP26, what steps he is taking to help ensure there are opportunities for civil society to engage with the COP26. (2365)

- 8 **Lucy Allan** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what information his Department holds on when the Principal Accounting Officer with responsibility for the Post Office Ltd became aware that the Horizon Accounting System was faulty. (2327)
- 9 **Lucy Allan** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what information his department holds on whether the Principal Accounting Officer with responsibility for the Post Office Ltd was aware of the budget for the legal costs of defending the Post Office group litigation. (2328)
- 10 **Lucy Allan** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what information his Department holds on whether the Principal Accounting Officer with responsibility for the Post Office Ltd authorised the use of public money for purposes of resisting resolution of the Post Office group litigation. (2329)
- 11 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what funding the Government has allocated to new carbon capture technologies. (2448)
- 12 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he plans to take to support the scale up of heat pump installations to achieve the 2028 target of 600,000 per year. (2354)
- 13 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the implications for UKRI of the £120 million funding gap between its allocations and commitments as a result of reductions in the Official Development Assistance budget. (2426)
- 14 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to ensure funding for covid-19 research is not affected by reductions to the Official Development Assistance budget. (2427)
- 15 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent assessment the Government has made of the potential effect of a Kessler Syndrome type of occurrence in space on the UK's (a) national security, (b) domestic and international defence operations, (c) economy, (d) communications capability, (e) scientific research capability, (f) weather forecasting, (g) aviation and shipping sectors, (h) GPS needs; and what assessment the Government has made of the level of risk of an event of that kind occurring. (2402)
- 16 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what progress he has made on updating procurement strategies for the Advanced Research and Invention Agency prior to projects beginning. (2390)

- 17 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending the Green Homes Grant scheme until 31 March 2022. (2419)
- 18 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the evidence given by witnesses to the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry will be taken under oath. (2204)
- 19 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the Group Chief Executive of Post Office Limited will be asked to give evidence to the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2205)
- 20 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the Chairman of Post Office Limited will be asked to give evidence to the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2206)
- 21 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the former Chief Executive Officer of Post Office Limited in post from 2012 to 2019 will be asked to give evidence to the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2207)
- 22 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, which retired and in-service civil servant post holders will be asked to give evidence to the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2208)
- 23 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, which former Ministers will be asked to give evidence to the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2209)
- 24 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether officials of UK Government Investments will be asked to give evidence to the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2210)
- 25 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the mechanisms are for publishing the report of the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2213)
- 26 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many people have been asked to give evidence to the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2214)
- 27 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether a transcript of evidence will be (a) collated, (b) made available to hon. Members and (c) published after the conclusion of the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2215)
- 28 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what associated costs have accrued to the public purse as a result of the setting up of the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2216)

- 29 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the Answer of 29 April 2021 to Question 185847 on increasing support for community energy, whether the Government has undertaken a cost-benefit analysis to inform the Net Zero Strategy of the potential merits of increasing support to community energy groups in (a) urban and (b) rural areas to (i) develop renewable energy projects, (ii) provide economic and social benefits and (iii) act as catalysts for raising awareness and promoting behaviour change. (2253)
- 30 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to publicly consult on an extension to UK Seabed Resources' exploration licences for deep sea mining beyond their initial 10 years. (2254)
- 31 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will update the UK's licences with UK Seabed Resources for deep sea mining exploration in order to extend the conditions for sponsoring a future exploitation contract to cover the precautionary principle. (2255)
- 32 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many fixed penalty notices have been issued to employers for knowingly allowing a person who is required to self-isolate to work other than where they are self-isolating since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. (2333)
- 33N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he makes of the merits of providing a direct grant of up to £30,000 to each small brewer in England to compensate for the costs of the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (1355)
- 34 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the localised administration of the Additional Restrictions Grant, what mechanism exists for people whose place of business and home address fall under the jurisdictions of different local authorities. (2462)
- 35 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to support the Government's net zero by 2050 target. (2494)
- 36 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to phase out unabated natural gas from the power sector. (2495)
- 37 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on improving policy on the decarbonisation of homes. (2496)

- 38 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to reduce resource consumption in the UK. (2497)
- 39 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the Transport Decarbonisation Plan, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Transport on ensuring that the UK transport sector is on track to reach net zero emissions by 2050. (2498)
- 40 **Martin Vickers** (Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions his Department has had with relevant stakeholders on the establishment of a home shipbuilding loan guarantee scheme. (2263)
- 41 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, when his Department plans to publish the online media literacy strategy. (2301)
- 42 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the BBFC's recent survey entitled Age ratings on subscription streaming services - April 2021 and its finding that parents want age ratings to be consistent between cinema, DVD and video-on-demand platforms; and if he will take steps to ensure that platforms respond to that finding and use age ratings based on UK standards. (2302)
- 43 **Ronnie Cowan** (Inverclyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of gambling advertising during the upcoming European Championships on people at risk of gambling-related harm. (2347)
- 44 **Ronnie Cowan** (Inverclyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate he has made of the number of advertising breaks which will contain a gambling advert during the upcoming European Championships; and if he will take steps to prohibit gambling adverts from being broadcast before the 9.00pm watershed. (2348)
- 45 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how much the Arts Council spent on (a) opera and (b) brass bands in each of the last two financial years. (2248)
- 46 **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of using dormant assets set to be unlocked from the savings and investment sector to fund the delivery of financial education at a primary level to build future financial resilience. (2265)

- 47 **Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, when the use of reusable cups at outdoor events will be permitted as covid-19 restrictions are eased. (2231)
- 48 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how much of the £150 million of funding from Reclaim Fund Ltd which was allocated to good causes during the covid-19 outbreak contributed to the £750 million in funding announced on 8 April 2021. (2357)
- 49 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what initiatives have been supported by the £150 million in funding allocated from Reclaim Fund Ltd during the covid-19 outbreak. (2358)
- 50 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he is taking to measure delivery of the Government's loneliness strategy. (2366)
- 51 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what his priorities are for delivering the loneliness strategy. (2367)
- 52 **John Nicolson** (Ochil and South Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the extent to which the current Electronic Communications Code enables alternative telecoms operators to use Ofcom's Duct & Pole Access remedy in Scotland. (2330)
- 53 **John Nicolson** (Ochil and South Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what plans he has to amend the Electronic Communications Code to apply paragraph 17 automatic upgrading and sharing rights to Code agreements concluded before 2017. (2331)
- 54 **John Nicolson** (Ochil and South Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what plans he has to amend the Electronic Communications Code to ensure that alternative telecoms operators benefit from an existing wayleave agreement when accessing existing ducts or poles on private land in Scotland in order to roll out gigabit capable networks. (2332)
- 55 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will provide a definition of journalistic content in the context of the Online Safety Bill; and what his Department's policy is on the criteria that qualify a piece of content to have been generated for the purposes of journalism. (2282)
- 56 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the algorithms used by social media firms to moderate hate speech and online abuse on their platforms. (2283)

- 57 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of requiring social media companies to report on the algorithms they use to monitor online hate speech on their platforms and any biases found within those algorithms. (2284)
- 58 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what level of parliamentary scrutiny is planned to apply to the modification of the codes of practice as outlined in clause 33 of the Online Safety Bill. (2285)
- 59 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps a company is obliged to take to get (a) existing and (b) new technology accredited status in the context of clause 66 in the Online Safety Bill. (2286)
- 60 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what conditions would disqualify a person's worldwide revenue from being subject to penalty under conditions outlined in clause 86 of the Online Safety Bill. (2287)
- 61 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what considerations he is planned to be required to make when defining an entity eligible to make a super complaint under clause 106 of the draft Online Safety Bill. (2289)
- 62 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding will be provided to the Telecommunications Diversification Taskforce in the current Parliament. (2290)
- 63 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether he has made an assessment of the life time of the UK's (a) 2G and (b) 3G networks. (2293)
- 64 **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many people have taken part in his Department's covid-19 testing trials for the return to events with large numbers of people; where those trials took place; how many people were tested before each event; how were those people required to present the evidence of a negative covid-19 test before they were allowed access to events; what steps were taken to ensure that access was allowed only to those who could prove they had a negative covid-19 test; and how many people took part in post-event testing. (2176)
- 65 **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many people attended the FA Cup Final in Wembley on 15 May 2021; and whether those people were required to (a) provide a negative Lateral Flow Test and (b) confirm their identity with photographic ID linked to a negative covid-19 test result before they were allowed access to the stadium. (2177)



- 66 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of graduates entering into postgraduate studies from (a) Wakefield and (b) West Yorkshire. (2487)
- 67 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make it his policy that (a) international students at UK universities and (b) foreign language students on placements abroad will not have to pay for the cost of covid-19 hotel quarantine on entering the UK. (2450)
- 68 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many respondents to the Office for Students consultation on recurrent funding for 2021-22 (a) supported and (b) opposed the reduction by half to the rate of high-cost subject funding for courses in (i) performing and creative arts, (ii) media studies and (iii) archaeology. (2451)
- 69 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many respondents to the Office for Students consultation on recurrent funding for 2021-22 (a) supported and (b) opposed the withdrawal of the targeted allocation for students attending courses in London. (2452)
- 70 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many respondents to the Office for Students consultation on recurrent funding for 2021-22 (a) supported and (b) opposed the removal of London weighting from the student premium allocations. (2453)
- 71 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) teaching resources and (b) continuous professional development materials provided by schools on climate change are (i) adequate and (ii) up-to-date. (2445)
- 72 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Government has undertaken an assessment of the potential links between (a) universities based in the UK and research institutes in China and (b) the People's Liberation Army. (2310)
- 73 **Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department has taken to encourage the uptake of apprenticeships in (a) the London Borough of Bexley and (b) Greater London. (2199)
- 74 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish the information that informed the Government's decision on the return of all remaining students to university campuses on 17 May 2021 as covid-19 restrictions are eased. (2501)
- 75 **Stephen Metcalfe** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the recent decision to replace the mandatory qualification for the laboratory technician apprenticeship with a requirement for theoretical knowledge, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that (a) that

- apprenticeship delivers sufficient scientific knowledge and skills for apprentices and (b) the career progression of apprentices is not adversely affected by that decision. (2276)
- 76 **Stephen Metcalfe** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the recent decision to replace the mandatory qualification for the laboratory technician apprenticeship with a requirement for theoretical knowledge, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that standards for apprenticeships are consistent across the science sector. (2277)
- 77 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has to increase the time spent in the curriculum on teaching primary and secondary school pupils about climate change. (2470)
- 78 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will introduce funding opportunities for (a) Graduate Diploma in Law and (b) other further education law courses. (2454)
- 79 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the reasons for the increase in the number of hunting trophies entering the UK in 2019. (2416)
- 80 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Government's proposals to ban imports and exports of hunting trophies will include an exemption allowing hunters to import their trophies of animals in the event that they pay a fee. (2417)
- 81 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether there is a difference in the operating costs of a deposit return scheme depending on whether there is a (a) variable rate deposit and (b) flat rate deposit. (2318)
- 82 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the planned deposit return scheme, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential effect of a flat rate deposit on the levels of product wastage. (2319)
- 83 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the planned deposit return scheme, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential effect of a flat rate deposit on portion sizes. (2320)
- 84 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the planned deposit return scheme, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of a variable rate deposit on return rates. (2321)

- 85 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what comparative assessment his Department has made of the effect of a (a) variable rate deposit and (b) flat rate deposit on the revenue received from a deposit return scheme. (2322)
- 86 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of reducing maritime emissions on air quality. (2326)
- 87 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to increase the sustainability of fisheries. (2391)
- 88 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential for the UK to participate in the initiative towards an Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability. (2240)
- 89 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what discussions she has had with her international counterparts in (a) Costa Rica, (b) Fiji, (c) Iceland, (d) New Zealand, (e) Norway and (f) Switzerland on the initiative towards an Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability. (2241)
- 90 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps the UK is taking in multilateral and plurilateral forums to liberalise trade in environmental goods and services; and whether she will plans to apply for the UK to participate in the initiative towards an Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability as a means of promoting that goal. (2242)
- 91 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps the UK is taking in multilateral and plurilateral forums to eliminate harmful fossil fuel subsidies; and whether she plans to apply for the UK to participate in the initiative towards an Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability as a means of promoting that goal. (2243)
- 92 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps the UK is taking in multilateral and plurilateral forums to improve eco-labelling; and whether she plans to apply for the UK to participate in the initiative towards an Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability as a means of promoting that goal. (2244)
- 93 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 19 April 2021 to Question 176011 on Railways: Electrification, if he will publish the scheme by scheme data on electrification projects in an accessible format. (2400)

- 94 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to help ensure that farm animals cannot encroach on the UK rail network. (2401)
- 95 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of (a) the cost to the public purse to date including lost revenue and (b) the final cost to the public purse of the cracking within Hitachi Intercity Class 800 series trains. (2409)
- 96 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many of Hitachi's Intercity Class 800 series trains were found to be (a) affected and (b) unaffected by cracks. (2410)
- 97 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many of Hitachi's Intercity Class 800 series trains were found to have failings in three or more joints; and how many of those trains have (a) been repaired and (b) remain affected. (2411)
- 98 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the original lifespan was of Hitachi's Intercity Class 800 series trains. (2413)
- 99 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much money from the public purse has been spent on Hitachi's Intercity Class 800 series. (2414)
- 100 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if the Government will take steps to review the award of the tender for the Intercity Express Programme to Hitachi's Intercity Class 800 series. (2415)
- 101N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to bring forward legislative proposals on the legal recognition of British Sign Language; and what steps she has taken to ensure local authorities raise awareness of British Sign Language. [Transferred] (1415)
- 102 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits exempting or limiting lone parents from work-related conditionality. (2442)
- 103 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure equity of treatment for lone parents in the administration of (a) child benefit payments, (b) national insurance contributions, (c) carers' allowance and (b) other social security system matters. (2444)
- 104 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of making it a purpose of the benefit system to (a) protect and (b) support women and children who need to leave their homes to stay safe. (2399)

- 105 **Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many jobs have been made available through the Kickstart Scheme in (a) the London Borough of Bexley, (b) Greater London and (c) England as at 17 May 2021. (2200)
- 106 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that the UK welfare system provides people with enough funds to access (a) food and (b) other essential supplies. (2197)
- 107 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that people receive support from local welfare assistance schemes when necessary. (2198)
- 108 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the levels of (a) poverty and (b) child poverty in York. (2368)
- 109 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure people living in deprivation in areas of affluence are effectively supported. (2369)
- 110 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) sufficiency of resources provided to and (b) efficiency of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Cheshire. (2433)
- 111 **Paul Bristow** (Peterborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the advice of the SAGE Environmental and Modelling Group on the role of ventilation in controlling covid-19 transmission has been updated since it was published on 23 October 2020. (2466)
- 112 **Paul Bristow** (Peterborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the advice of the SAGE Environmental and Modelling Group on the potential application of air cleaning devices and personal decontamination to manage transmission of covid-19 has been updated since it was published on 4 November 2020. (2467)
- 113 **Paul Bristow** (Peterborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with non-emergency patient service providers on the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on their workload. (2468)
- 114 **Ronnie Cowan** (Inverclyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing covid-19 vaccinations to (a) UK cruise ship employees and (b) other UK seafarers working in UK waters. (2346)
- 115 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the (a) revenue and (b) capital expenditure of the NHS was spent on (i) physical health and (ii) mental health in each of the last three years. (2247)

- 116 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 22 March 2021 to Question 167938, on Coronavirus: Screening, how many covid-19 cases there have been in early years and nursery settings since March 2020. (2407)
- 117 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many staff from his Department work in the quarantine Exemptions team as of 1 April 2021; and what the average number of staff working on shift within the Exemptions team is at (a) 6.00AM, (b) 12.00PM, (c) 6.00PM and (d) 12.00AM. (2408)
- 118 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans are in place to fund and deliver a national NHS care pathway for functional neurological disorder. (2308)
- 119 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the need for specific NICE guidance for the diagnosis and treatment of functional neurological disorder. (2309)
- 120 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has plans to reassess the age groups targeted in the shingles vaccination programme to include people over the age of 60. (2250)
- 121 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of whether (a) the covid-19 vaccines affect fertility and (b) those vaccines can safely be taken by pregnant women; and if he will publish available research on those issues. (2397)
- 122 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of people who have had health complications after receiving a covid-19 vaccination. (2418)
- 123 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department are taking to improve the process of diagnosis for people with myalgic encephalomyelitis. (2420)
- 124 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the mental health effect of stigma on people with myalgic encephalomyelitis; and what plans he has to tackle those effects. (2421)
- 125 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans the Government has to help people with peripheral arterial disease and chronic limb-threatening ischaemia to gain prompt access to limb-saving NHS services; and if he will make a statement. (2425)

- 126 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his policy is on care home workers being required to use their annual leave entitlement in the event that they need to stay at home and self-isolate. (2189)
- 127 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that people who have lost their voice or have difficulty speaking have access to communication equipment. (2485)
- 128 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 16 March 2021 to Question 166465, on Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review, if he will provide a timeframe for the further responses to that review. (2439)
- 129 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to prevent the spread of the new covid-19 variant in other parts of the UK. (2371)
- 130 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what additional steps he is taking to ensure that people working in retail and hospitality have rapid access to a covid-19 vaccine in (a) York and (b) other parts of the UK. (2372)
- 131 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what additional steps he is taking to ensure that people working as taxi drivers have rapid access to their covid-19 vaccine in (a) York and (b) other parts of the UK. (2373)
- 132 **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to (a) tackle covid-19 misinformation amongst African communities in the UK and (b) provide accurate information in (i) Tigrinya, (ii) Amharic, (iii) Blen, (iv) Kibajuni, (v) KiSwahili, (vi) Tigre, (vii) Oromo, (viii) Afar, (ix) Sidayama, (x) Wolayatta, (xi) Hausa, (xii) Chichewa, and (xiii) Igbo. (2339)
- 133 **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to tackle covid-19 vaccine misinformation among African communities in the UK by providing accurate information in (a) Tigrinya, (b) Amharic, (c) Blen, (d) Kibajuni, (e) KiSwahili, (f) Tigre, (g) Oromo, (h) Afar, (i) Sidayama, (j) Wolayatta, (k) Hausa, (l) Chichewa and (m) Igbo. (2340)
- 134 **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to assess the (a) availability and (b) dissemination of covid-19 vaccine information in (i) Tigrinya, (ii) Amharic, (iii) Blen, (iv) Kibajuni, (v) KiSwahili, (vi) Tigre, (vii) Oromo, (viii) Afar, (ix) Sidayama, (x) Wolayatta, (xi) Hausa, (xii) Chichewa, (xiii) Igbo, (xiv) Pashto and (xv) other languages spoken by asylum seeker and refugee communities. (2341)

- 135 **Holly Mumby-Croft** (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress he has made on (a) removing and (b) reducing the cost of covid-19 tests for people who need to travel for medical purposes. (2499)
- 136 **Holly Mumby-Croft** (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Transport on the provision of covid-19 tests for people who need to travel for medical purposes. (2500)
- 137 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress the Government has made on meeting its target to have no new HIV transmissions by 2030. (2219)
- 138 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with (a) the Terrence Higgins Trust, (b) the National AIDS Trust and (c) the Elton John AIDS Foundation to inform the HIV Action Plan. (2220)
- 139 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of how many and what proportion of NHS dentists that closed in the last 18 months have been replaced. (2342)
- 140 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of access to NHS dentistry provision for new patients; and what plans he has to ensure there are sufficient NHS dental patient places available to meet demand. (2343)
- 141 **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what systems does the NHS have in place to monitor the potential effect on the levels of covid-19 infections in parts of the country that are trialling the return of events for large numbers of people. (2178)
- 142 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 26 March 2021 to Question 134037, what steps his Department has taken to ensure the continued supply of Bedrocán oils for the treatment of severe epilepsy in advance of the end of the existing agreement on 1 July 2021. (2388)
- 143 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the recent increase in attacks against Hindu people and temples in Bangladesh; and what recent steps his Department has taken to support freedom of religion or belief in Bangladesh. (2266)
- 144 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department made an assessment (a) before and (b) after the decision to reduce UK ODA spending from 2021 of the potential effect of the reduction in UK's Official Development Assistance budget on mortality rates. (2403)



- 145 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment the Government has made of the potential effect of the UK and US Administrations' decision to withdraw armed forces from Afghanistan on the (a) governance and stability of Afghanistan and (b) UK's geo-strategic interests. (2404)
- 146 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Government's Chief Scientific Advisers on the potential effect of the reduction in the Official Development Assistance budget on the UK's scientific activities and collaborations at an international level. (2389)
- 147 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what plans the Government has to increase humanitarian aid to the Democratic Republic of Congo to combat the ongoing hunger crisis in that country. (2398)
- 148 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the political situation in Iran. (2446)
- 149 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with faith communities in the UK on the conflict in Israel and Palestine. (2370)
- 150 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on what date his Department plans to publish country budgets. (2256)
- 151 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on what date his Department plans to publish a confirmed budget for future UK aid for nutrition. (2257)
- 152 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what impact assessment his Department undertook prior to the decision to reduce UK aid funding for nutrition programmes. (2258)
- 153 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to reply to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Manchester Withington of 30 March 2021 on British citizens currently detained in Syria, reference JS41774. (2344)
- 154 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of giving people on a spousal dependent visa access to student finance. (2441)

- 155 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding the Government plans to allocate to the owners and operators of public spaces and venues for measures to protect the public from terrorist attacks as part of the new Protect Duty announced on 26 February 2021. (2312)
- 156 **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take in response to anti-Semitic abuse from and reported incitements to violence by pro-Palestinian demonstrators visiting London against Jewish people on 15 to 16 May 2021; and if she will make a statement. (2182)
- 157 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 19 April 2021 to Question 179274 on Windrush Generation: Compensation, how many claims to the Windrush Compensation Scheme were fully settled in (a) 2019 and (b) 2020. (2376)
- 158 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether, following the UK's exit from the EU, it remains a policy priority of the Government to achieve the goal of full replacement of procedures on live animals for scientific and educational purposes as soon as it is scientifically possible to do so, in line with (a) recital (10) of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes and (b) the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (as amended); and if she will make a statement. (2252)
- 159 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason people who enter the UK on a visitor visa are unable to volunteer. (2393)
- 160 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with which countries she has concluded readmission agreements for irregular migrants. (2384)
- 161 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff work for the Independent Office for Police Conduct. (2223)
- 162 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the budget is for the Independent Office for Police Conduct. (2224)
- 163 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many ongoing cases the Independent Office for Police Conduct has been investigating for more than 12 months. (2225)
- 164 **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to make efficiencies in the Hawk UK programme (a) in the UK and (b) on Anglesey. (2490)

- 165 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent discussions he has had with the maritime sector on priorities for the refreshed National Shipbuilding Strategy announced on 16 March 2021. (2325)
- 166 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to protect (a) critical infrastructure, such as the energy industry and financial services, and (b) physical infrastructure, such as airports and the NHS. (2191)
- 167 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's strategy is for tackling zero day exploits. (2192)
- 168 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps the Government is taking to help ensure that (a) tools and (b) weaponry that may be used by the National Cyber Force against British nationals for offensive cyber operations are (i) legitimate and (ii) proportionate; and if he will make a statement. (2193)
- 169 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the threat to UK security posed by non-state actors' use of (a) digital communications and (b) social media platforms. (2195)
- 170 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 17 May 2021 to Question 80, how many AJAX vehicles have been accepted in service by the British Army. (2218)
- 171 **Imran Ahmad Khan** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many homes have been purchased using the Right to Buy Equity Loan Scheme in (a) Wakefield and (b) West Yorkshire since 2013. (2486)
- 172N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to make housing more affordable for young people. [Transferred] (1417)
- 173 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to provide support for renters who are in arrears as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. (2440)
- 174 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will publish a list of (a) properties owned by his Department located in Scotland and (b) the companies responsible for the management and operation of each of those properties. (2335)
- 175 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will undertake a review of how Local Housing Allowance is calculated. (2359)

- 176 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will meet with the hon. Member for York Central to discuss the shortage of housing in York. (2360)
- 177 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many homeless people he has met since 24 July 2019. (2361)
- 178 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to help ensure that service charges for leaseholders are (a) fair and (b) transparent. (2221)
- 179 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what protections are in place for leaseholders to prevent unaffordable rises to service charges. (2222)
- 180 **Sally-Ann Hart** (Hastings and Rye): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of whether the recruitment of more legal advisers will assist the covid-19 recovery in the courts system; and what steps he is taking to ensure that a career as a legal adviser is as attractive as a career in the CPS by correlating pay grades. (2488)
- 181 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the hon. Member for City of Chester, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, what plans the Commission has to review the extent of electronic political content promoted without an imprint for the Scottish Parliamentary Election held on 6 May 2021; and if he will he make a statement. (2352)
- 182 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the hon. Member for City of Chester, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, what plans the Commission has to review the Independent Green Voice party entry and logo on the Scottish parliamentary election regional listing with regards to potential voter confusion with the Scottish Greens political party. (2353)
- 183 **Paul Bristow** (Peterborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how his Department works with HMRC to help ensure that VAT rulings are equitable to all stakeholders; and whether his Department monitors the appeals process of those decisions. (2469)
- 184 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much funding the Government allocated to the UK-China Green Finance Centre in 2019-20. (2313)
- 185 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much funding the Government has allocated to the China-UK PACT since its inception. (2314)
- 186 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions officials in his Department have had with relevant stakeholders on the provision of green finance for the Green Belt and Road. (2315)

- 187 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions officials in his Department have had with relevant stakeholders on the allocation of funding for the UK-China Cooperation Fund. (2316)
- 188 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether (a) officials and (b) Ministers in his Department have met representatives of the UK-China Cooperation Fund in the last twelve months. (2317)
- 189 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to support maritime small and medium-sized enterprises recover from the outbreak of covid-19. (2323)
- 190 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions (a) he and (b) his officials have had with relevant stakeholders on the levels of investment required to refresh the National Shipbuilding Strategy. (2324)
- 191 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with the Royal Yachting Association on the VAT status of UK-owned yachts currently outside British waters. (2345)
- 192 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of whether the suppliers of Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services recovering VAT will potentially inflate prices to the NHS. (2463)
- 193 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason photography studios are no longer in the leisure services category for covid-19 support grants. (2260)
- 194 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department made of the potential effect of the decision on the level of coronavirus restart grant to be awarded to photography studios on the revenue of those studios in the context of the restrictions placed on their business as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. (2261)
- 195 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will review the decision to award photography studios a £2,600 restart grant; and allocate additional funds to local authorities so that a grant of £8,000 can be awarded to those studios. (2262)
- 196 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent assessment she has made of levels of discrimination experienced by single parents; and what steps she is taking to tackle any such discrimination. (2443)
- 197 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent assessment she has made of the reasons for 57 per cent of referrals to refuge services having been declined in 2019-20. (2405)
- 198 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made an assessment of the potential effect of the benefit cap on a domestic abuse survivor's decision to leave their abuser. (2406)

- 199 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the merits of introducing a British Sign Language Act that would give BSL full recognition in law. (2464)
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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 20 May

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many convictions of voter personation in general elections there have been in the 21st Century. (2377)
- 2N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, on how many occasions Lord Frost has met with representatives of the UK pharmaceuticals industry to discuss the ongoing and future supply of medicines to Northern Ireland. (2375)
- 3N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants will be assigned to the levelling up task force. [R] (2296)
- 4N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the planned timetable is for publishing the levelling up White Paper announced in the Queen's Speech 2021. [R] (2297)
- 5N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the answer from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice to Q90 on 8 December 2020 during the oral evidence session of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, The Government's Constitution, Democracy and Rights Commission HC892, for what reason his Department decided against establishing a Constitution, Democracy and Rights Commission. (2298)
- 6N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the oral evidence session on 8 December 2020 of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, The Government's Constitution, Democracy and Rights Commission HC892, what steps his Department is taking to ensure reviews remain independent; and how review topics will be selected. (2299)
- 7N **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much (a) public and (b) private money has been spent on renovation and refurbishment of the Downing Street flats since the Prime Minister took up office in July 2019. (2338)

- 8N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what progress he has made on the funding models for nuclear energy announced in the Energy White Paper; and what assessment he has made of the potential effect of those models on Ynys Môn. (2492)
- 9N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the scope of the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry will include investigation of those who took the decision to conduct private prosecutions against sub-postmasters. (2211)
- 10N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will publish a comprehensive list of witnesses that have been asked to give evidence to the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. (2212)
- 11N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what powers the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry has in the event that people refuse to come forward to give evidence. (2217)
- 12N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has made any recent representations to Amazon UK on (a) the adequacy of working conditions for its delivery drivers, (b) requests from their delivery drivers for a meeting with Amazon's leadership team and (c) the potential merits of reviewing the delivery targets for Amazon UK delivery drivers. (2396)
- 13N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the compatibility of his Department's sponsorship of UK Seabed Resources for deep sea mining exploration with (a) global ocean conservation and (b) the Government's commitment to protecting at least 30 per cent of global oceans by 2030. (2226)
- 14N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with relevant stakeholders about on extending UK Seabed Resources' first exploration licence for deep sea mining beyond 2022. (2227)
- 15N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of introducing a specific exemption for the Cycle to Work scheme, allowing employers to enter staff into a salary sacrifice arrangement for the specific purpose of obtaining a bike and safety accessories through the scheme, even if that eligibility brings employees' take-home pay below national minimum wage. (2229)
- 16N **Anne Marie Morris** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he plans to incentivise people to return to or apply for hospitality jobs as businesses begin to reopen as covid-19 lockdown restrictions are eased. (2300)

- 17N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how much of the £750 million in funding announced for the voluntary and community sector on 8 April 2020 came from Reclaim Fund Ltd. (2356)
- 18N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many and what proportion of people were reconnected with their assets (a) before and (b) after they were transferred to the Reclaim Fund Ltd in each year since the inception of that scheme. (2362)
- 19N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of whether a higher proportion of funds from dormant bank and building society accounts transferred to the Reclaim Fund Ltd could potentially be transferred to the National Lottery Community Fund. (2363)
- 20N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will make it his policy to ensure that professional football clubs have at least 51 per cent fan ownership. (2392)
- 21N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many full time equivalent staff are employed in the Digital Markets Unit as of 1 May 2021; and what estimate he has made of the number of those staff that will be employed in that unit at the end of 2021. (2281)
- 22N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what additional resources he plans to provide to Ofcom to (a) commission and (b) encourage educational initiatives to increase media literacy as outlined in clause 11 of the Online Safety Bill. (2288)
- 23N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what progress has been made on the removal of Huawei from the UK's (a) fixed and (b) mobile networks; what assessment he has made of the effect of the removal of Huawei on the timescale of the 5G rollout; what estimate he has made of the cost of that removal to the UK's telecommunication networks providers to date; and what recent estimate he has made of total cost of that removal of Huawei for UK businesses. (2291)
- 24N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he is taking to work with telecoms standards setting bodies overseas to encourage and develop best practice in the security of open networks. (2292)
- 25N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effect of the silicone and lithium shortages on UK telecommunications supply chains; and what steps he is taking to secure UK silicon and lithium supplies. (2294)



- 26N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to monitor whether (a) sexual harassment and (b) other types of gender-based violence and abuse are being taught in schools as part of Relationship and Sex Education. (2274)
- 27N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he has taken to implement the findings of the Government consultation into Sharia-compliant financing for education and the November 2015 Government green paper entitled, Fulfilling our potential Teaching Excellence, Social Mobility and Student Choice. (2275)
- 28N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the findings of the Disabled Children's Partnership's report entitled No End In Sight Report, published on 14 May 2021, that despite Government interventions over half of disabled children are unable to access therapies they need for their development, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing support for specific therapies catch-up plans for disabled children as part of the covid-19 recovery. (2280)
- 29N **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of how students on practical university degree courses will be offered extra support before entering the job market to make up for lost teaching time during the covid-19 lockdown. (2179)
- 30N **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance his Department has issued to universities on the provision of mental health support to students. (2180)
- 31N **Mr Richard Holden** (North West Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what his Department's planned expenditure is for the Pause programme in the 2021-22 financial year; and what funding it allocated to that programme in each of the last three financial years. (2476)
- 32N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to implement a covid-19 recovery plan for disabled children and young people. (2381)
- 33N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Disabled Children's Partnership's No End In Sight report, if he will implement ring-fenced catch-up funding for disabled children's services to support (a) physical and mental recovery from the covid-19 pandemic and (b) disabled children to catch up with their non-disabled peers. (2264)
- 34N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the environmental and biodiversity gains of promoting the planting of hedgerows. (2491)

- 35N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to (a) ensure that the running of pet registration databases is fully accountable to pet owners and (b) create a Government-run pet registration database. (2465)
- 36N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what arms have been exported from the UK to Israel in (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020 and (d) 2021 to date. (2478)
- 37N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what risk assessment measures are used in the Government's ongoing monitoring of arms exports to Israel. (2479)
- 38N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what advance visit was undertaken by her officials to prepare for the Prime Minister's scheduled visit to India on 26 April 2021; on what dates that advance visit began and ended; and how many individuals were involved. (2239)
- 39N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans his Department has to support essential transitional technologies in the marine industry. (2493)
- 40N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether any Hitachi Intercity Class 800 series found to have cracks in the bogies have been released back into service. (2412)
- 41N **Chris Grayling** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reason Oman and the UAE are on the red list for travel with lower levels of covid-19 infection than European and North American countries on the amber list. (2201)
- 42N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of (a) the adequacy of covid-19 restrictions at airports designed to avoid the mixing of travellers from outbound and inbound air traffic from multiple destinations and (b) whether additional guidance might be necessary to strengthen those restrictions as international air travel rules become segmented for different destinations. (2351)
- 43N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether it is his Department's policy that car sharing is permitted in the context of the covid-19 outbreak. (2203)
- 44N **Mrs Pauline Latham** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how third country hubs are dealt with in his Department's plan for reopening international travel as covid-19 restrictions are eased. (2268)

- 45N **Andrea Leadsom** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to reports of planned strike action by staff of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that people who are waiting for driving licences from that Agency receive those licenses in a timely manner. (2278)
- 46N **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 25 March 2021 to Question 171561 on Railways: Season Tickets, what progress he has made on his work with the Treasury to develop part-time and flexible season tickets (a) for people who need them and (b) as part of the Government's four-step roadmap out of lockdown; and if he will make a statement. (2251)
- 47N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the recommendations of the Cycle to Work Alliance in their report entitled, Future-proofing the Cycle to Work scheme: Unlocking access for all workers, on making the Cycle to Work scheme more widely accessible to (a) lower earners, (b) self-employed people and (c) employees of SMEs who are currently excluded or restricted from participating. (2228)
- 48N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has plans to allocate funding to Network Rail to expedite the installation of tactile surface markings at stations (a) in Stockport, (b) in Greater Manchester and (c) across the UK. (2471)
- 49N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make it his policy to install tactile surface markings at train stations across the UK. (2472)
- 50N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to visit Leagrave Station to discuss with relevant stakeholders step-free accessibility for passengers. (2461)
- 51N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the proportion of organisations offering kickstart placements that are SMEs. (2271)
- 52N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the average number of kickstart places made available by each employer participating in the scheme. (2272)
- 53N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans the Government has to provide data on the next destination of people who have completed their Kickstart scheme placement. (2273)
- 54N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Kickstart scheme placements have been (a) approved and (b) started in (i) Luton North constituency, (ii) Luton and (iii) Bedfordshire. (2457)

- 55N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department will take to support people with No Recourse to Public Funds when the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ends. (2173)
- 56N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 29 April 2021 to Question 179430 on Hospices: Finance, what recent assessment he has made of the financial sustainability of hospices; and if he will make a statement. (2428)
- 57N **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to tackle the mental health incidence increase in university students. (2181)
- 58N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when Ministers last met the (a) Food Standards Agency and (b) bodies representing businesses operating in the post farm gate meat processing sector to discuss issues relating to (i) the livestock industry in general and (ii) the functioning of abattoirs. (2259)
- 59N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients are on community caseloads for lower limb arterial and/or venous disease treatment; what recent discussions he has had with stakeholders on the difficulties people with lower limb arterial and/or venous disease are experiencing in accessing NHS services; what steps he will take through the upcoming NHS Bill to alleviate those barriers; and if he will make a statement. (2422)
- 60N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS Reset, what steps the Government is taking to help people with (a) lower limb venous insufficiency and (b) venous leg ulcers to gain access to NHS elective services; and if he will make a statement. (2423)
- 61N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans the Government has to help people with deep vein thrombosis and post thrombotic syndrome to access NHS elective services as part of the NHS restart; and if he will make a statement. (2424)
- 62N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using the Infection Control Fund to support care home workers who need to stay at home and self-isolate. (2186)
- 63N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of care home workers receiving their normal wage in the event that they need to stay at home and self-isolate. (2187)

- 64N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of care providers using funding from the Infection Control Fund to pay care home workers their normal wage in the event that they need to stay at home and self-isolate. (2188)
- 65N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will issue clear guidance to care providers on the use of the Infection Control Fund to pay care home workers their normal wage in the event that they need to stay at home and self-isolate. (2190)
- 66N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department makes of the transparency of other nations' (a) covid-19 medical case rate reporting and (b) media freedom to discuss the covid-19 pandemic prior to making decisions on potential inclusion of those countries on the UK's list of covid-19 acute risk countries for international travel during the covid-19 pandemic. (2350)
- 67N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the list of medical conditions that exempt an individual from the requirement to stay in a managed quarantine hotel on their return from a covid-19 red list country. (2304)
- 68N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what financial support his Department is providing to travellers on low incomes with limited savings that are required to pay for a managed quarantine hotel on returning to the UK from countries on the red list travel ban. (2305)
- 69N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking with the corporate travel management sector to tackle the issue of travellers returning to the UK from covid-19 red list countries being unable to book accommodation in a managed quarantine hotel. (2306)
- 70N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that there is adequate capacity in managed quarantine hotels to accommodate travellers who are returning from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. (2307)
- 71N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what representations he has made to his Indian counterpart on vaccine pricing in India in response to the covid-19 outbreak in that country. (2435)
- 72N **Mrs Pauline Latham** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to reduce the covid-19 restrictions on international travel for passengers who have been vaccinated. (2267)

- 73N **Dr Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been (a) recorded as infected and (b) hospitalised with the Indian variant of the covid-19 virus; and how many people in each of those categories had previously been vaccinated against the virus. (2167)
- 74N **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to publish the findings of the Goldacre rapid review on the use of health data for research and analysis. (2334)
- 75N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what evidence there is on which vaccine provides the highest levels of immunity against each variant of covid-19. (2355)
- 76N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to ensure that bereavement services are provided in (a) York and (b) England as covid-19 lockdown restrictions are eased. (2364)
- 77N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish data on the number of people who have absconded from managed quarantine facilities at the border. (2458)
- 78N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health on the effect of the Immigration Health Surcharge on the health of migrants who are (a) new parents and (b) children. (2459)
- 79N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether each covid-19 testing facility offers nitrile gloves as an alternative to latex gloves for people with latex allergies. (2455)
- 80N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what provision is available for people with latex allergies to get a covid-19 test. (2456)
- 81N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of (a) the implications for his policies of the escalations in violence in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel, (b) humanitarian needs and access in the Occupied Palestinian Territories of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and (c) the implications for UK ODA contributions to the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (2303)
- 82N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government has plans to send election observers to Haiti for the upcoming referendum on the proposed changes to the Haitian constitution. (2196)
- 83N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what information he has on the welfare of the Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox church; and if he will make a statement. (2378)

- 84N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he is having with his Ethiopian counterpart on the release of opposition leaders in detention in that country. (2379)
- 85N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of adequacy of steps taken against Ethiopian and Eritrean soldiers in response to crimes of sexual violence committed in the conflict in Tigray; and if he will make a statement. (2380)
- 86N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he last held formal discussions with his Swiss counterpart. (2383)
- 87N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to monitor the withdrawal of Eritrean and Amhara forces from Tigray. (2232)
- 88N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the article entitled Tigray Is Being Deliberately Starved to Death by Alex de Waal, published in World Politics Review on 6 April 2021. (2233)
- 89N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent rape being used as a weapon of war in Tigray. (2234)
- 90N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of reports of the use of extra judicial killings in Tigray. (2235)
- 91N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that humanitarian assistance reaches all areas in Tigray. (2236)
- 92N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with the Home Secretary to ensure that Uyghurs who have been persecuted in China are able to find refuge in the UK. (2436)
- 93N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to make an assessment of the role of Chinese companies operating in the UK in the construction of detention camps in China. (2437)

- 94N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect on the peace process of the attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque and worshippers by Israeli forces during the holy month of Ramadan; and what steps he is taking to recognise the state of Palestine. (2438)
- 95N **Dr Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the announcement of 1 May 2021, whether any of the additional £8 million being made available by his Department to the BBC World Service will be allocated to the work of the BBC Monitoring Service; and if he will make a statement. (2166)
- 96N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to his Israeli counterpart on halting forced evictions of Palestinian families in East Jerusalem. (2246)
- 97N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to end the preventable deaths of mothers, children and newborns by 2030. (2394)
- 98N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) financial, (b) logistical and (c) medical support the Government is providing to assist the Indian Government's covid-19 response. (2477)
- 99N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the number of British nationals associated with ISIS detained in north-east Syria in areas under the control of the Kurdish authorities; and how many of those British nationals are children. (2385)
- 100N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what advance visit was undertaken by his officials to prepare for the Prime Minister's scheduled visit to India on 26 April 2021; on what dates that advance visit began and ended; and how many individuals were involved. (2238)
- 101N **Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government's response to the Health and Social Care Committee's First Report of Session 2019, on Drugs policy, HC 1178, what scientific and medical analysis showed the Class A, Schedule 1 drug psilocybin to be harmful to human health; on what dates that analysis was (a) commissioned and (b) published; and who conducted that analysis. [R] (2168)



- 102N**Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which Minister is responsible for reporting to the Drug Strategy Board on the implementation of recommendations in the 2019 ACMD report on Custody-Community Transitions, published on 12 June 2019; and when that Minister plans to make that report. [R] (2169)
- 103N**Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government's response to the Health and Social Care Committee's First Report of Session 2019, on Drugs policy, HC 1178, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the Committee's recommendation that policy responsibility for drugs should move from the Home Office to the Department of Health and Social Care. [R] (2170)
- 104N**Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce the length of time that suspects are held on pre-charge bail. [Transferred] (900291)
- 105N**Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to amend the Modern Slavery Act 2015 to prevent UK companies from using forced Uyghur labour in their supply chains. (2502)
- 106N**Andrea Leadsom** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to protect shopworkers from abusive customers. (2279)
- 107N**Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to progress the discussions on the expansion of visa-free travel between the UK and the EU from the end of 2022. (2395)
- 108N**Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 13 July 2021 to Question 71114, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to amend the immigration rules to ensure that Welsh language skills are awarded equal points as English, including a date whereby final conclusions of that assessment will be published. (2386)
- 109N**Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference the commitment in the Queen's Speech 2021 to the UK having and promoting high standards of animal welfare, what steps she is taking to improve the protection of animals used in scientific research and to accelerate their replacement with animal free, human relevant methods. (2430)
- 110N**Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to learn from international efforts to accelerate the replacement of animal experiments with human-relevant methods, including (a) the commitment made by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to stop funding and requesting tests on mammals by 2035 and (b) the collaborative work being undertaken in the Netherlands to develop strategies for research without using animals. (2431)

- 111N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the judgment in *ST (a child, by his Litigation Friend VW) & VW v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2021] EWHC 1085 (Admin), what plans she has to update guidance for no recourse to public funds change of conditions applications to reflect her discretion over transferring applicants from the five year to the 10 year route; and if she will make a statement. (2171)
- 112N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to prepare for potential changes to the number of No Recourse to Public Funds change of conditions applications as a result of the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme; and if she will make a statement. (2172)
- 113N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what preparations her Department has made for hotel quarantine for the 90,000 international students expected to arrive in the UK this autumn, including 50,000 from India; and if she will make a statement. (2175)
- 114N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of trends on the level (a) youth crime and (b) violent crime in Hornsey and Wood Green constituency in the last three years; and what (i) steps she is taking and (ii) resources she is allocating to tackle those crimes. (2387)
- 115N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has to move any of the operations from RAF Valley on Anglesey to RAF Leeming. (2489)
- 116N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 41 of the Integrated Review 2021, what the critical vulnerabilities are in the UK's data and digital infrastructure; and what steps his Department is taking to address those vulnerabilities. (2194)
- 117N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, through which legal mechanism the Ajax IFV contract has been signed. (2202)
- 118N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many of the F-35Bs deploying with HMS Queen Elizabeth are UK-owned. (2429)
- 119N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer of 25 January 2021 to Question 140940, when his Department plans to publish the standard template documents for the (a) Short Form Funding Agreement for Pre-Tender Support and (b) Grant Funding Agreement that must be signed by (i) building owners and (ii) property management companies to access the Building Safety Fund. (2449)

- 120N**Mr Richard Holden** (North West Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when town, parish and other local authority bodies will receive reimbursement for their business rates as a result of the Public Lavatories (non-domestic ratings) Act 2021. (2475)
- 121N**Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress has been made on the English Devolution and Local Recovery White Paper. [R] (2295)
- 122N**Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much funding from the public purse was allocated to Shropshire Council for pot hole repairs in (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019 and (d) 2020. (2249)
- 123N**Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of including Luton in the Cambridge-Oxford Arc. (2460)
- 124N**Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate his Department has made of the number of tenants that have built up rent arrears since covid-19 lockdown measures were introduced; and if he will make a statement. (2174)
- 125N**Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to reduce the number of cases being withdrawn as a result of court delays and case backlogs. [Transferred] (900287)
- 126N**Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether UK-licensed pharmaceutical suppliers will be able to supply their products to the NHS in Northern Ireland from 1 January 2022, or whether they will be required to split supplies into separate Northern Ireland and Great Britain licences. (2374)
- 127N**Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Prime Minister, as Prime Minister and self styled Minister for the Union, is the Union of 1707 a Union of consent or not. (2245)
- 128N**Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Prime Minister, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of establishing a new Department or Ministerial position dedicated to accelerating the replacement of animals in research with artificial intelligence, the use of human cells or tissues, organ-on-a-chip technology and other human relevant methods. (2432)
- 129N**Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will publish the details of any advance visit to India undertaken by Downing Street officials or advisers to prepare for his scheduled visit on 26 April 2021, including (a) dates and length of the visit and (b) the number of officials involved. (2237)

- 130N **Ronnie Cowan** (Inverclyde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress he is making on ensuring people have access to cash throughout the UK; and if he will make a statement. (2349)
- 131N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason HMRC officers continue to seize imports of hemp product containing less than 0.2 per cent THC at UK airports and which comply with UK regulation and World Health Organisation and United Nation guidance on controlled substances; and what urgent steps he will take to ensure HMRC officers understand the law in this area to prevent ongoing delay and cost to UK hemp businesses. (2447)
- 132N **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of changes to the regulation of pre-paid funeral plans on smaller providers within that sector. (2183)
- 133N **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if his Department will work with the (a) Financial Conduct Authority and (b) death care sector on a solution for pre-paid funeral plans that takes account of (i) consumers and (ii) businesses. (2184)
- 134N **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish his timetable for bringing forward legislative proposals on pre-paid funeral plans. (2185)
- 135N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to (a) increase the rate of sick pay and (b) introduce immediate, automatic payment to people required to self-isolate as a result of a positive covid-19 test. (2382)
- 136N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of including the cost of a bike as an allowable expense on self-employed workers' self-assessment, to ensure all workers can participate in the Cycle to Work scheme, regardless of their employment status. (2230)

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 24 May

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances, what assessment he has made of (a) the effectiveness of that committee's performance and (b) its timeliness in responding to applications in 2020-21. (2480)

- 2N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the ability of the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances to review product applications. (2481)
- 3N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) type 1, (b) type 2 and (c) type 3 applications due to be considered by the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances are outstanding. (2482)
- 4N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 27 January 2021 to Question 132826 on Borderline Substances Advisory Committee, what assessment he has made of the performance of the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances since 31 March 2020. (2483)
- 5N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 27 January 2021 to Question 132828, on Borderline Substances Advisory Committee, whether his Department has plans to undertake a performance review of the work carried out by the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances. (2484)
- 6N **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will publish guidance for leaseholders in flats who obtained an EWS1 certificate when they were not required to; and whether those EWS1 certificates will continue to apply. (2473)
- 7N **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how buildings are measured when deciding whether they are entitled to cladding remediation support. (2474)