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Questions tabled on Friday 2 October 2020

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Questions for Answer on Monday 5 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate his Department has made of the number of homes expected to be fitted with low carbon heating systems by 2030.
[Transferred] (97618)
- 2N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has had recent discussions with music streaming companies on the rates of remuneration for minority language artists.
[Transferred] (97529)
- 3N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of setting an increased fixed statutory level for which music streaming companies remunerate publishers.
[Transferred] (97531)
- 4 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to review the current rules on the import of fur and fur products after the end of the transition period for the UK's departure from the EU.
[Transferred] (98165)
- 5 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential effect on UK businesses of imposing a total ban on the import of fur and fur products.
[Transferred] (98166)

- 6N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that the Government's proposed health marks for meat are finalised and in use by the end of the transition period.
[Transferred] (97621)
- 7 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was for children to be diagnosed with foetal alcohol spectrum disorders in each of the last five years; and what steps his Department is taking to reduce those waiting times.
[Transferred] (97658)
- 8 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of commissioning an independent review of criminal convictions during the English and Welsh miners strikes of 1984-85, similar to the review commissioned by the Scottish Government in 2018.
[Transferred] (97459)
- 9 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will introduce a temporary ban on evictions in areas subject to local covid-19 lockdown restrictions.
[Transferred] (97458)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 6 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make it his policy to raise the minimum level of energy efficiency standard for private rented accommodation from band E to band D.
[Transferred] (98260)
- 2 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he plans to take on workers' rights following the conclusion of the Alison Levitt QC report into exploitation in Leicester's garment industry.
(98781)
- 3 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to ensure that garment manufacturers in Leicester work with trade unions to set employee terms and conditions.
(98782)
- 4 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he has taken to ensure that businesses in the hospitality supply chain are able to access the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund.
(98790)

- 5 **Tracy Brabin** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how much financial support independent cinemas applied for through the Cultural Recovery Fund; and how much of that funding was granted. (98736)
- 6 **Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to support schools that experience outbreaks of covid-19. (98664)
- 7 **Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many suspected covid-19 related school absences there were in (a) Bexleyheath and Crayford constituency, (b) Bexley Borough, (c) London and (d) England in September 2020. (98665)
- 8 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department has taken to ensure adequate supplies of covid-19 tests are available for students living in grouped university accommodation. (98673)
- 9 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department has taken to respond to covid-19 outbreaks in group university accommodation. (98674)
- 10 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many universities in England have reported covid-19 outbreaks on campus grounds. (98675)
- 11 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) laptops, (b) tablets and (c) 4G wireless routers were provided to children attending (i) Hull City Council schools or (ii) Kingston upon Hull academy trust schools through the Government since schools closed on 20 March 2020 due to the covid-19 outbreak. (98676)
- 12 **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has to tackle the educational attainment gap following the closure of schools as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. (98778)
- 13 **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate he has made of the effect of the plans he has implemented on the time it will take to close the current educational attainment gap of one month. (98779)
- 14 **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department has taken to close the educational attainment gap in the last five years. (98780)
- 15 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of (a) banning or (b) introducing a minimum standard of care quality required for the placement of children in care in unregulated care settings. (98729)

- 16 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure the resilience of the supply of food to (a) schools, (b) hospitals and (c) care homes. (98702)
- 17 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his timescale is for responding to the Glover Landscapes Review published in September 2019. (98694)
- 18 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to extend the single use plastic ban to include plastic in sanitary products. (98764)
- 19 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the fishing license condition issued to non-sector under 10 metre vessels affecting Cat A (91/99) and Cat A limited (94/99) issued on 27 September 2020 has been communicated to the EU. (98765)
- 20 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the £100m allocated for zoos and aquariums in response to covid-19 outbreak, whether he plans to (a) ringfence the remainder of that funding or (b) reform the eligibility criteria to ensure that funding supports its intended purpose. (98766)
- 21 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress he has made on the design and implementation of the Darwin Plus programme. (98667)
- 22 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what policies within the transport sector he plans to introduce to ensure emissions are reduced in line with the fifth carbon budget. (98685)
- 23 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to Recommendation 13 of the Work and Pensions Select Committee's report entitled, DWP's response to the coronavirus outbreak, HC 178, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of suspending the 'No Recourse to Public Funds' conditions on public health grounds for the duration of the covid-19 outbreak. (98786)
- 24 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding he plans to allocate to local authorities to support the reopening of social care day centres that closed due to the covid-19 outbreak. (98775)
- 25 **Damian Collins** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to answer Named Day Question 88292, due for Answer on 15 September 2020. (98696)

- 26 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of the incompatibility of older phone software on the effectiveness of the NHS covid-19 app. (98750)
- 27 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the The Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review, published 8 July 2020. (98751)
- 28 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take following the Cumberlege Report to ensure that GPs are informed of (a) the effects of faulty mesh surgery on the patient and (b) all support and treatment options that are available for those patients. (98752)
- 29 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to (a) increase provision of rehabilitation services for people who have become deconditioned as a result of covid-19 lockdown restrictions and disruption of healthcare services and (b) provide additional provision to meet the needs of people recovering from covid-19. (98724)
- 30 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to (a) increase provision of rehabilitation services for people with (i) neurological conditions and (ii) multiple sclerosis who have become deconditioned as a result of covid-19 lockdown restrictions and disruption of healthcare services and (b) provide additional provision of those services to meet the needs of people recovering from covid-19. (98725)
- 31 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's guidance Framework to assist NHS trusts to reintroduce access for partners, visitors and other supporters of pregnant women in English maternity services, published on 8 September 2020, how many NHS Trusts have (a) undertaken a risk assessment to facilitate updating their visiting policies and (b) taken steps towards permitting access to women's partners, visitors or other supporters, whilst maintaining the safety of all service users, staff and visitors, as set out in that guidance. (98706)
- 32 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what additional (a) funding and (b) other resources he has provided to NHS Trusts to implement his Department's guidance, Framework to assist NHS trusts to reintroduce access for partners, visitors and other supporters of pregnant women in English maternity services, published 8 September 2020, while maintaining the safety of service users, staff and visitors. (98707)
- 33 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled Framework to assist NHS trusts to reintroduce access for partners, visitors and other supporters

- of pregnant women in English maternity services, published 8 September 2020, whether those NHS Trusts can apply for (a) funding or (b) other resources to support the reintroduction of familial access and maintain safety. (98708)
- 34 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his review of the Framework to assist NHS trusts to reintroduce access for partners, visitors and other supporters of pregnant women in English maternity services, published on 8 September 2020, if he will require each Trust to undertake (a) documented risk assessment and (b) a review of local policies. (98709)
- 35 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of the the report by Friends, Families and Travellers entitled Suicide Prevention in Gypsy and Traveller communities in England and its findings that (a) only five out of 79 local authority suicide prevention plans mention Gypsy and Traveller communities and (b) only two out of 79 local authority suicide prevention plans listed any action to address the high suicide rate in their local Gypsy and Traveller communities. (98662)
- 36 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's issuing of a supply disruption alert for Lithium carbonate, what steps he has taken to (a) help prevent an increase in price of Priadel and (b) adjust the price of Camcolit as a result of that supply disruption. (98763)
- 37 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what evidence his Department received on the rate of covid-19 transmission in adult gaming centres (a) before 10pm and (b) between 10pm and 5am. (98668)
- 38 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of varying the hospitality curfew to account for lower evening transmission rates across different categories of leisure and hospitality premises. (98669)
- 39 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of covid-19 home test kits (a) available and (b) dispatched in each of the last twelve weeks. (98728)
- 40 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's updated estimate is of the number of daily new covid-19 cases during the peak week in March 2020. (98663)
- 41 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will commission a public inquiry into the disproportionate impact of covid-19 cases and fatalities amongst BAME, migrant and low-income workers. (98787)

- 42 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the UK Chargé d’Affaires to the UN's statement of 8 September 2020 at the Security Council briefing on resolution 2332, what diplomatic steps he is taking to support the UN Secretary General's call for a global ceasefire to help tackle the covid-19 pandemic. (98783)
- 43 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the UK Chargé d’Affaires to the UN's statement of 8 September 2020 at the Security Council briefing on resolution 2332, what steps the Government has taken to remove British troops from conflict zones around the globe. (98784)
- 44 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to support a ceasefire in Yemen. (98785)
- 45 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers have been evicted from their homes in England in areas where covid-19 local lockdown measures have been in place. (98710)
- 46 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the oral contribution of the Under-Secretary of State of 11 June 2020, Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill (fourth sitting), Official Report, column 123, if she will publish the evidential basis for the Government's view that unrestricted access to employment opportunities for asylum seekers may also act as an incentive for more people to choose to come here illegally. (98726)
- 47 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many refugee resettlement places the Government plans to make available for each year up to and including 2026. (98727)
- 48 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to provide dependant family members of all migrant NHS workers Indefinite Leave to Remain during the covid-19 outbreak. (98797)
- 49 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will waive the NHS health surcharge for all migrant frontline workers during the covid-19 outbreak. (98798)
- 50 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many buildings his Department estimates there are between 11 and 18 metres high. (98756)

- 51 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department is conducting any reviews or site surveys to investigate whether any brownfield sites could be transformed into nature reserves or green areas. (98767)
- 52 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department has taken to ensure combustible and flammable cladding has been removed from residential buildings. (98757)
- 53 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department has an estimated timeframe of when all combustible and flammable cladding will be removed from residential buildings. (98758)
- 54 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to ensure that there is adequate capacity of specialist fire safety skills in the housing sector to ensure the continuation at pace of the remediation of dangerous cladding. (98741)
- 55 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to enable overseas workers who are victims of corporate harm in the UK to access the UK courts. (98788)
- 56 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what plans he has to commission a full, judge-led public inquiry into exploitation in Leicester's Garment Industry. (98789)
- 57 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what support he plans to make available for previously furloughed employees in the night-time industry and other sectors which are not yet safe to re-open according to covid-19 regulations. (98768)
- 58 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the Federation of Wholesale Distributors survey which found that wholesalers have seen between a 40 per cent and 70 per cent reduction in sales volume for 2020 compared with 2019. (98698)
- 59 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of the findings of a Federation of Wholesale Distributors survey that without business rates relief in the next month 65 per cent of food and drink wholesalers surveyed will be either very likely, likely or somewhat likely to make redundancies. (98699)
- 60 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to extend business rates relief to food and drink wholesalers in response to a Federation of Wholesale Distributors survey which found that 58

per cent of respondents who supply public services such as schools, hospitals and care homes said that these contracts were at real risk of collapse without further Government support. (98700)

- 61 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of a recent Federation of Wholesale Distributor's survey which found that (a) 90 per cent of food and drink wholesalers surveyed are highly likely to make redundancies by the end of the year because of a 50 per cent to 70 per cent reduction in sales, (b) millions of pounds worth of stock not sold due to a loss in customers is close-to or has passed its best before date and (c) almost 60 per cent of wholesalers, which supply to critical public sector infrastructure such as schools, care homes and hospitals are at risk of collapse by the end of the year without urgent financial support; and if he will make a statement. (98701)
- 62 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of enabling National Savings & Investments to reverse the recent reductions to savings rates. (98723)
- 63 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to provide self-employed individuals the same level of financial support as those in full time employment. (98759)
- 64 **Carolyn Harris** (Swansea East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the effect of recent local covid-19 lockdowns on the financial viability of the food and drink wholesale sector. (98719)
- 65 **Carolyn Harris** (Swansea East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will extend business rates relief to food and drink wholesalers to prevent (a) site closures and (b) job losses. (98720)
- 66 **Carolyn Harris** (Swansea East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether ten pin bowling alleys are eligible to benefit from the reduced rate of VAT which the Government has applied to attractions and accommodation and hospitality from 15 July 2020. (98721)
- 67 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the costs of operation Transition to mitigate the reasonable worst case scenario of congestion at the port of Portsmouth at the end of the transition period. (98660)
- 68 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has to raise the minimum wage to (a) at least £10 an hour or (b) a real living wage as calculated by the Living Wage Foundation. (98791)
- 69 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what support his Department is providing to retail supply chain businesses that are ineligible for both the Small Business Grant and the Retain, Hospitality and Leisure Scheme. (98792)

- 70 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has he made of the effect of Public Works Loan Board debt on the ability of local authorities to fund essential services during the covid-19 outbreak. (98793)
- 71 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of cancelling the local authority debt held by the Public Works Loan board. (98794)
- 72 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of preventing businesses that are registered in tax havens from accessing covid-19 related financial support. (98795)
- 73 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of preventing businesses that engage in high levels of executive pay from accessing covid-19 related financial support. (98796)
- 74 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the 22 September 2020 Government response to its consultation on how to reform the Gender Recognition Act 2004, what steps the Government plans to take to radically reduce the waiting times for people to access gender clinics. (98760)
- 75 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to her statement of 22 September 2020, Official Report, HCWS462, that she will improve the process and experience that transgender people when applying for a Gender Recognition Certificate – making it kinder and more straightforward, what the timeline is for developing that new process; whether she plans to consult stakeholders on it; and what the new nominal fee for the certificate will be. (98761)
- 76 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps the Government is taking to tackle the increase in levels of (a) transphobia and (b) misogyny. (98762)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 7 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his policy is on negotiating arrangements to replace the European Health Insurance Card for UK citizens from 1 January 2021. (98774)

- 2N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, which businesses have received loan guarantees under the (a) Bounce Back Loan Scheme, (b) Business Interruption Scheme, (c) Large Business Interruption Scheme and (d) Future Fund. (98754)
- 3N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the compatibility of (a) the Government's criteria for COP26 sponsors that companies should have set ambitious net zero commitments by 2050 or earlier, with a credible short-term action plan to achieve this and (b) COP26 organisers holding discussions with (i) Equinor, (ii) Shell and (iii) BP on sponsorship of COP26. (98737)
- 4N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on reform of Employee Share Ownership schemes. (98739)
- 5N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what funding is available for low-income households to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. (98742)
- 6N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2020 to Question 8232, to what extent the proposals for the long-term protection of Mineworkers' Pension Scheme bonuses have been implemented. (98747)
- 7N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how much the Government has received from its share of the surplus from the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme since the surplus-sharing arrangement was agreed. (98748)
- 8N **Lucy Powell** (Manchester Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate he has made of the number of businesses in Bolton eligible for the emergency grants scheme for areas with local covid-19 lockdown restrictions. (98704)
- 9N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the effect on jobs in the events industry in England of exempting children aged 12 and under from the rule of six, in line with the policies of the devolved Administrations in Scotland and Wales. (98680)
- 10N **Tracy Brabin** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many independent cinemas have made applications to the Cultural Recovery Fund; and how many and what proportion of those applications have been (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful. (98735)
- 11N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what his Department spent the funding allocated in the March 2020 Budget for family hubs on. (98691)

- 12N **Dame Cheryl Gillan** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effect of the changes in the way education is delivered in schools on children's (a) ability to learn, (b) mental health and (c) satisfaction with their schooling; and if he will make a statement. (98659)
- 13N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to his letter to the hon Member for Hull West and Hessle of 21 September 2020, how much of the £100 million allocated to support remote education has been (a) allocated to and (b) claimed by university students. (98753)
- 14N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans his Department has to ensure that young people due to sit GCSE exams in summer 2021 will continue to have access to high quality education from their schools when school attendance is interrupted by (a) an outbreak of covid-19 and (b) class or school level isolation. (98697)
- 15N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 1 October 2020 to Question 96213 on Children: Coronavirus, what contact the London regional team has had with the London borough of Bexley on the impact of covid-19 on children's services. (98776)
- 16N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of school closures on the educational attainment gap. (98777)
- 17N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to Answer of 1 October 2020 to Question 96196 on Students: Housing, if he will publish the minutes of his discussions with representatives of Unite and Unipol at the Higher Education Taskforce. (98769)
- 18N **Tracy Brabin** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his comments in York on 16 February 2020, when he plans to hold a flood summit for the whole of Yorkshire. (98734)
- 19N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the oral contribution of the Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 10 September 2020, Official Report, column 759, which Members she has had Zoom calls with and when on the issue of flooding. (98746)
- 20N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of banning the import of shark fins into the UK. (98681)

- 21N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to Answer of 1 October 2020 to Question 96010 on Taxis: Protective Clothing, whether it is (a) his Department's or (b) another organisation's responsibility to ensure operators are carrying out adequate covid-19 risk assessments. (98677)
- 22N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with (a) the Welsh Government and (b) Welsh local authority leaders on her Department's staff being asked to (i) travel to work in County Boroughs which are in local lockdown and (ii) hold face to face assessments in County Boroughs which are in local lockdown. (98686)
- 23N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effect on her staff's wellbeing of being asked to return to the office. (98687)
- 24N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish any Health and Safety Impact Assessments her Department used when taking the decision to ask staff to travel into Jobcentre Plus offices which are located in Welsh County Boroughs in local lockdown. (98688)
- 25N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of face to face assessments compared with virtual assessments. (98689)
- 26N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy (a) only to permit urgent face-to-face jobcentre appointments to take place in Welsh County Boroughs which are in local lockdown and (b) to require her staff to work from home where possible. (98690)
- 27N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what sanctions are available to the Pensions Regulator in cases where an employer has consistently withheld pension contributions from an employee's workplace pension. (98733)
- 28N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many families with children received the £20 per week uplift in universal credit standard allowance payments, announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 20 March 2020, in (a) Wirral West constituency and (b) the UK, in each month since the uplift was introduced. (98714)
- 29N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many families with children received the £20 per week uplift in working tax credit basic element payments, announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 20 March 2020, in (a) Wirral West constituency and (b) the UK, in each month since that uplift was introduced. (98715)

- 30N **Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether it is permitted for up to 30 people attending a funeral to attend a memorial on (a) the same day and (b) a future day during the covid-19 outbreak. (98661)
- 31N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to improve dependency ratios in care homes. (98692)
- 32N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answers of 21 September 2020 to Questions 90109 and 90110 on Coronavirus: Congleton, when he plans to provide substantive answers to those questions. (98693)
- 33N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether covid-19 test results from testing facilities being set up and run by universities can be entered on the Government track and trace app. (98749)
- 34N **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of calls (a) made to, (b) answered by and (c) that were answered within 60 seconds by the 119 test and trace services in September 2020. (98716)
- 35N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that people who experience bowel or bladder frequency issues are recognised as requiring the ability to park next to public toilets (a) at airports and (b) more widely. (98718)
- 36N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September to Question 88936 on Bereavement Counselling: Coronavirus, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the provision of support for grieving households (a) during and (b) after the covid-19 outbreak. (98770)
- 37N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September to Question 88935 on Bereavement Counselling: Coronavirus, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending support bubble arrangements to grieving households of any size. (98771)
- 38N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what representations the Government has received from specialist bereavement organisations on the need for a bereavement support policy in the event of additional local and national lockdowns. (98772)

- 39N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions the Government is having with specialist bereavement organisations on the formal and informal support that bereaved people need (a) during and (b) after the covid-19 outbreak. (98773)
- 40N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the number of people waiting of breast cancer screenings in (a) Barnsley, (b) South Yorkshire, and (c) England. (98744)
- 41N **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Public Health England's guidance entitled, Personal protective equipment (PPE) – resource for care workers working in care homes during sustained COVID-19 transmission in England, for what reasons the advice was changed from wearing vinyl gloves to wearing nitrile, neoprene or latex when providing personal care and when exposure to body fluids or blood is likely; and what evidence base was used to inform this updated guidance. (98743)
- 42N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether any girls' education programmes have been (a) paused, (b) undergone budget reductions and (c) ceased as a result of the £2.9 billion projected reduction in the Official Development Assistance budget in 2020. (98682)
- 43N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what effect the £2.9 billion projected reduction in the Official Development Assistance budget in 2020 has had on the Adolescent Girls' Education and Empowerment in Sub-Saharan Africa Programme. (98683)
- 44N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will set out the criteria his Department uses to define a girls' education programme. (98684)
- 45N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested for breaking covid-19 restrictions. (98745)
- 46N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the viability of exempting children aged 12 and under from the rule of six, in line with the policy of the devolved Administrations. (98679)
- 47N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when plans he has to review the Defence and Security Public Contracts Directive after the end of the Transition Period. (98670)
- 48N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish an equalities impact assessment for the Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Operations) Bill. (98717)

- 49N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many soldiers who enlisted in the financial year 2015-16 who were (a) under and (b) over the age of 18 at enlistment dropped out of the army before completing their Phase Two training. (98730)
- 50N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many soldiers who enlisted in the financial year 2016-17 who were (a) under and (b) over the age of 18 at enlistment dropped out of the army before completing their Phase Two training. (98731)
- 51N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many soldiers who enlisted in the financial year 2017-18 who were (a) under and (b) over the age of 18 at enlistment dropped out of the army before completing their Phase Two training. (98732)
- 52N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the proposals in the Government consultation on Changes to the current planning system on (a) the green belt and (b) biodiversity, in (i) England and (ii) Wirral. (98711)
- 53N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the proposals in the Government's consultation on Changes to the current planning system on the ability of developers to landbank in England. (98712)
- 54N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the effect of the removal of Section 106 commitments on the levels of affordable housing in (a) England, (b) the north of England and (c) Wirral. (98713)
- 55N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to publish monthly updates of projected completion dates for all remaining high-rise buildings with ACM cladding. (98740)
- 56N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many applications for special measures for vulnerable witnesses to give evidence in court proceedings on child abuse cases were (a) received, (b) denied and (c) denied because of lack of facilities in 2018-19. (98705)
- 57N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Prime Minister, what plans he has to appoint a new Advocate General for Scotland. (98678)
- 58N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has responded to the letter sent to him on 27 August 2020 from the British Educational Travel Association; and what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues copied into that letter on its contents. (98722)

- 59N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to assess the (a) scale and (b) cost of potential fraud in the Bounce Back Loan scheme. (98666)
- 60N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 1 October 2020 to Questions 96179 and 96180, what his timescale is for publishing (a) further aggregate statistics on the data held by HMRC on non-resident account holders as reported by UK financial institutions and (b) aggregate statistics on the data received by HMRC from countries participating in information exchange on financial accounts. (98755)
- 61N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many HMRC staff were allocated to Loan Charge counter-avoidance activities in (a) July, (b) August and (c) September 2020. (98703)
- 62N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will amend the Government's guidance relating to the Job Support Scheme to confirm whether parish and town councils are eligible to use that scheme for their employees. (98695)
- 63N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of widening the scope of eligibility for (a) Share Incentive Plans and (b) Save As You Earn schemes to include gig economy workers. (98738)

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- 1N **Adam Holloway** (Gravesham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many scientific and technical civil servants were employed by his Department in (a) 2020 and (b) 2010. (98671)
- 2N **Adam Holloway** (Gravesham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many civil servants were employed in financial posts in his Department in (a) 2020 and (b) 2010. (98672)