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Questions tabled on Friday 29 January 2021

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Questions for Answer on Monday 1 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether behavioural scientists are involved in implementing national lockdown guidance and messaging. [Transferred] (144609)
- 2 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made an assessment of the effectiveness of public health messaging in savings lives during the covid-19 outbreak. [Transferred] (144610)
- 3 **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many officials in their Department were dedicated to their Department's responsibilities associated with the delivery of the Industrial Strategy in (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2020 and (e) 2021. [Transferred] (144819)
- 4 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much his Department spent on (a) communications, (b) advertising and (c) marketing in (i) the UK, (ii) England, (iii) Northern Ireland, (iv) Scotland and (v) Wales in each month from (A) August 2020 to (B) December 2020. [Transferred] (144742)
- 5 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage research into new methods to recycle plastics. [Transferred] (144959)

- 6N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data the Government is collecting which explicitly monitors transmission of covid-19 between (a) children aged 0 to 5 years in education settings and (b) (i) parents, (ii) staff and (iii) other adults who visit such settings; and if he will publish that data in full. [Transferred] (144673)
- 7 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, to confirm what discussions he has had with the Chief Medical Officer on reintroducing the established relationship exemption from social distancing rules during the covid-19 lockdown. (145800)
- 8 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Government is collecting data on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic covid-19 vaccinations (a) administered and (b) refused by vaccination type. [Transferred] (144653)
- 9 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support long-term research studies on covid-19 immunity. [Transferred] (144882)
- 10N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress his Department has made on contributing to the design of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (144685)
- 11N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what consultation the Minister for Employment has conducted on the design of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with (a) representatives of the employment support sector and (b) more widely. [Transferred] (144686)
- 12 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether the result of a legally held referendum on Scottish independence from the Union is legally binding on the Government. [Transferred] (144999)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 2 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Carolyn Harris** (Swansea East): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department has published on civil service employers recording (a) absence due to illness and (b) periods of self-isolation as a result of exposure to covid-19 infection. (145819)

- 2 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what additional support has been provided to (a) clergy and (b) churches to help people attend church (i) in person or (ii) online during lockdown. (145792)
- 3 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the church is taking prevent the persecution of believers of all faiths. (145793)
- 4 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential baseload power that can be provided by tidal power as part of a net zero strategy; and will he make a statement. (145815)
- 5 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to improve the digital skills of older workers. (145741)
- 6 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department is taking steps to protect furloughed jobs from automation. (145742)
- 7 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of anonymous recruitment. (145743)
- 8 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the increase in incidents of online workplace sexual harassment. (145744)
- 9 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many workers in the Scottish Borders will benefit from the increase in the (a) National Living Wage and (b) National Minimum Wage from April 2021. (145850)
- 10 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans his Department has to help increase the UK's covid-19 vaccine manufacturing capacity to meet future needs for that vaccine. (145892)
- 11 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what the total budget is of the Festival UK 2022; and what the spend is to date. (145813)
- 12 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the effect on access to BBC services of the decision by the BBC to stop supporting their output on devices running the Android 4.4.4 system. (145880)

- 13 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what his Department is taking to ensure that organised sports are accessible to all children regardless of socioeconomic status. (145746)
- 14 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate he has made of the amount of funding for voluntary and community organisations lost since the start of the covid-19 outbreak; and what comparative assessment he has made of the level of funding for those organisations in (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019 and (d) 2020. (145817)
- 15 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what the average increase in demand for the services of voluntary and community organisations has been since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. (145818)
- 16N **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the potential effect on the UK's financial recovery from the covid-19 outbreak of offering tailored grant funding to wraparound childcare providers. [Transferred] (145092)
- 17 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what funding is available to support the mental health of pupils and staff, both at school and at home, for the duration of the covid-19 outbreak. (145843)
- 18 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to ensure that teachers are offered priority access to a covid-19 vaccine. (145844)
- 19N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish guidance on the completion of health certificates for products on the prohibited and restricted list. [Transferred] (145074)
- 20 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the environmental benefits of banning microbeads in June 2018. (145845)
- 21 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, when she will next meet with the US Trade Representative; and what will be discussed at that meeting. (145849)
- 22 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the implications of the Prime Minister's announcement on 12 December 2020 that the UK will end international finance for fossil fuels for the approval of those fossil fuel projects already in UKEF's pipeline. (145772)
- 23 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, if she will put on hold the approval of fossil fuel projects in UKEF's pipeline until the new policy relating to the Prime Minister's announcement on

- 12 December 2020 that the UK will end international finance for fossil fuels and support the sector's transition to green technology and renewable energy is adopted. (145773)
- 24 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on the Union Connectivity Review. (145851)
- 25 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the number of (a) scooters and (b) e-scooters sold in each month of 2020.. (145816)
- 26 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress she has made on delivering the Kickstart scheme for young people in the Wolverhampton South West constituency. (145881)
- 27 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the merits of holding external contractors liable for costs incurred when appeals against decisions made by Assessment Centres are upheld by tribunal. (145820)
- 28 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the average waiting time at welfare assessment centres in the most recent period for which figures are available; and if she will make a statement. (145821)
- 29 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications have been received by the Access to Work programme in each year since its launch. (145808)
- 30 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, (a) how many disabled workers have had their Access to Work application delayed, and (b) for what reasons they were delayed. (145809)
- 31 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to Answer of 22 January to Question 134402 on Universal Credit, what the value of claims with a deduction for court fines is in each month since November 2018. (145768)
- 32 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to Answer of 22 January 2021 to Question 134402 on Universal Credit, how many Universal Credit claimants with a deduction for court fines (a) applied, (b) were approved, (c) were declined for a reduction in deductions in each month since November 2018. (145769)
- 33 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to Answer of 22 January 2021 to Question 134402 on Universal Credit, what assessments have been made of the equity of the

- decision to decrease the maximum deductions limit from 40% to 30% of the standard allowance on the benefits of allowing decision makers to deduct court fines at the minimum of 5% of standard allowance. (145770)
- 34 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, which diseases are included in the D1 category her Department uses for assessments for industrial injuries disablement benefits. (145840)
- 35 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of suspending repayments on budgeting loans during the national covid-19 lockdown announced in January 2021. (145823)
- 36 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many residents of the City of York are accessing support through the (a) Kickstart programme and (b) Plan for Jobs measures in the most recent period for which figures are available. (145788)
- 37 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the recent example set by Singapore, what discussions his Department has had on when maritime key workers will be prioritised for covid-19 vaccinations. (145777)
- 38 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans the Government has to launch a public information campaign on the correct use of face masks and face coverings. (145787)
- 39 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to assess the mental wellbeing of people living alone who have been furloughed. (145745)
- 40 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the scientific basis was for the decision to allow children's playgrounds to remain open while closing outdoor sports courts during the 2021 covid-19 lockdown. (145871)
- 41 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to protect clinically vulnerable and clinically extremely vulnerable groups over the coming months. (145790)
- 42 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to encourage take up of the covid-19 vaccine among the clinically extremely vulnerable groups. (145791)
- 43 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to his Answer of 24 November 2020 to Question 114179, if his Department will publish the findings of the Medicines Safety Improvement Board's review of progress against the recommendations of the Short Life Working Group on reducing medication-related harm, conducted on behalf of the National Director of Patient Safety. (145794)

- 44 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to Answer of 14 January 2021 to Question 134525 on Developing Countries: Schools, which 18 countries his Department has adapted bilateral education programmes in. (145839)
- 45 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how the UK is assisting the Overseas Territories and Crown dependencies with rollout of the covid-19 vaccine. (145854)
- 46 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what representations her Department has had on the potential exemption of maritime key workers from covid-19 quarantine restrictions, in line with previous exemptions granted. (145778)
- 47 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many breaches of the law have occurred as a result of a person between the ages of 14 and 17 using an airgun unsupervised on private land with the permission of the owner, over the last 14 years. (145734)
- 48 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of knife crime in the last 10 years. (145748)
- 49 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions her Department has had with (a) Police Scotland and (b) the British Transport Police on county lines. (145855)
- 50 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the economic effect on police officers of their pay freeze. (145842)
- 51 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that local authorities are supporting eligible children in their care to apply to the EU Settlement scheme. (145828)
- 52 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Leader of the House, whether he plans to (a) make an assessment of the effect on the climate of and (b) estimate the savings accruing to the public purse from virtual participation in proceedings by Members of Parliament. (145747)
- 53 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress has been made on the Independent Faith Engagement Review; and when his Department plans to publish the results of that review. (145882)
- 54 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Government is taking steps to regulate (a) management fees for leasehold properties and (b) the companies that administer those fees. (145861)

- 55 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he is taking steps to limit the annual increase in management fees incurred by leaseholders in leasehold properties. (145862)
- 56 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he is taking steps to improve the rights of leaseholders in challenging, scrutinising and appealing management fees. (145863)
- 57 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether he plans to introduce a cap on annual increases in leaseholder management fees. (145864)
- 58 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many (a) Help to Buy equity loans and (b) Help to Buy ISAs have been awarded to people purchasing a home which has subsequently required remediation work as a result of faulty cladding and/or fire safety failures in (i) Birmingham, Ladywood constituency and (ii) England, in each of the last three years. (145764)
- 59 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the value is of (a) Help to Buy equity loans and (b) Help to Buy ISAs awarded to people purchasing a home which has subsequently required remediation work as a result of faulty cladding and/or fire safety failures in (i) Birmingham, Ladywood constituency and (ii) England in each of the last three years. (145765)
- 60 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the risk of default for people awarded (a) Help to Buy equity loans and (b) a Help to Buy ISA to purchase a home which has subsequently required remediation work as a result of faulty cladding and/or fire and safety failures. (145766)
- 61 **Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans his Department has to support leaseholders with (a) payment holidays, (b) interest relief and (c) other support measures for people who have purchased a home via a Government backed affordable home ownership scheme which has subsequently required remediation work as a result of faulty cladding and/or fire safety failures. (145767)
- 62 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what steps he is taking to increase local engagement with the Union Connectivity Review. (145852)
- 63 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what staffing resource has been provided by the UK Government to Food Standards Scotland since the end of the transition period. (145853)

- 64 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending small business rate relief to landlords that have lost rental income from commercial properties as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. (145785)
- 65 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government plans to introduce a redress scheme for people who have been refused furlough by employers during the covid-19 outbreak because of claims that their employer is unable to afford national insurance and pension contributions. (145786)
- 66 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of further business VAT deferrals in response to the ongoing covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make a statement. (145814)
- 67 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of online trading platforms and commonly used phone-based trading apps on levels of manipulation of (a) stock markets and (b) stock prices through decisions to pause the buying of stocks while continuing to allow the selling of those same stocks. (145860)
- 68 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the letter of 12 January 2021 from Maternity Action, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal College of Midwives recommending that the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme be amended to enable employers to recover the full cost of a maternity suspension on full pay of a woman who is 28 weeks pregnant or more, what estimate his Department has made of the monthly cost to the Exchequer of implementing that proposal. (145832)
- 69 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to support the contingency insurance market for live events. (145798)
- 70 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to ensure that support measures for the contingency insurance industry includes sporting events. (145799)
- 71 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much the Soft Drinks Industry Levy has raised since that Levy was introduced. (145846)
- 72 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much Gift Aid has been paid to charities in the Scottish Borders in each of the last three years. (145847)
- 73 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on freeports. (145848)

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- 74 **Paul Maynard** (Blackpool North and Cleveleys): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to maintain banking industry membership of (a) LINK and (b) the Post Office Banking Framework. (145771)
- 75 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government has taken to ensure that base rate cuts are passed on by lenders to mortgage prisoners. (145841)
- 76N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December 2020 to Question 128136 on Customs Intermediaries, how many of the 50,000 customs agents needed to implement the new UK-EU trading arrangements have been (a) hired and (b) trained. [Transferred] (145004)
- 77 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans he has to provide additional financial support to cinemas at risk of permanent closure during the national covid-19 lockdown announced in January 2021. (145824)
- 78 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he has taken to provide financial support to the wraparound and holiday childcare sector during the period of national restrictions announced in January 2021. (145825)
- 79 **Giles Watling** (Clacton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to extend business rates relief for non-essential businesses beyond the 2020-21 tax year. (145879)
- 80 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will take steps to encourage companies to include the gender-neutral title Mx on application and administrative forms. (145876)
- 81 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will take steps to encourage public bodies to include the gender-neutral title Mx on application and administrative forms. (145877)
- 82 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what progress she has made on encouraging organisations to include the gender-neutral title Mx on their forms; and if she will make a statement. (145878)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 3 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what conflict of interest criteria have been applied to the awarding of contracts via the high priority lane for procurement since 1 March 2020. (145886)
- 2N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the 26 November 2020 National Audit Office report on its investigation into Government procurement during the covid-19 pandemic, how the process of making referrals to the High Priority Lane for procurement was made known; what criteria were used for identifying those who should be informed of the High Priority Lane; and (c) who was informed of the High Priority Lane process. (145868)
- 3N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the findings of the Boardman Review published on 8 December 2020, what timetable the Government has in place for implementation of the review's recommendations; and whether Ministers plan to provide regular updates on their progress to Parliament. (145869)
- 4N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Making the Civil Service a Great Place to Work for Veterans initiative, how many veterans have (a) applied to the Civil Service through that initiative and (b) been successful in securing a job through that initiative to date. (145756)
- 5N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many contracts have been awarded via the high priority lane for procurement since 1 March 2020. (145780)
- 6N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what criteria have been applied in the awarding of contracts via the high priority lane for procurement since 1 March 2020. (145781)
- 7N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much money has been spent on contracts awarded via the high priority lane for procurement since 1 March 2020. (145782)
- 8N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish a list of the companies awarded contracts via the high priority lane for procurement since 1 March 2020. (145783)

- 9N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to create a publicly accessible register of the beneficial owners of overseas companies that own or buy UK property. (145870)
- 10N **Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the planned timescale is for allowing statutory wedding ceremonies to reconvene with a minimum number of participants during the covid-19 outbreak. (145757)
- 11N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to ensure that people who have been refused furlough by their employer during the covid-19 outbreak have been issued with a P45. (145857)
- 12N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what fulfilment indicators were agreed in the contract awarded to ICF for administering the Green Homes Grant scheme. (145730)
- 13N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what guidelines on payment arrangements for contractor his Department has given to ICF for the Green Homes Grant scheme. (145731)
- 14N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent support he has made available to National League football clubs in (a) Slough and (b) England to ensure they can continue playing for the rest of the season. (145866)
- 15N **Julie Elliott** (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what comparative assessment he has made of the level of covid-19-related funding that has been (a) made available to male and women's football clubs and (b) awarded to male and women's football clubs. (145789)
- 16N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will bring forward legislation to update the prominence regime for public service broadcasters. (145856)
- 17N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 18 January to Question 134593, when he plans to provide updated modelling for early years settings, in the context of the increased (a) transmissibility and (b) death rates attributed to the new covid-19 variant. (145884)
- 18N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people have (a) started and (b) completed courses available in The Skills Toolkit online learning platform since it was launched on 28 April 2020. (145872)
- 19N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the (a) effectiveness of The Skills Toolkit and (b) potential effect of that toolkit on improving the (i) employability, (ii) digital skills and (iii) maths skills of learners. (145873)

- 20N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much money from the public purse has been allocated to The Skills Toolkit online learning platform in each year since its inception. (145874)
- 21N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department collects data on the protected characteristics of those who have completed courses via The Skills Toolkit online learning platform; and if he will place a copy of an aggregate, non-disclosive summary of this data in the House of Commons Library. (145875)
- 22N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will update guidance for schools and colleges to ensure that clear face coverings are worn where necessary to meet the needs of deaf students and staff. (145822)
- 23N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many dongles have been provided to secondary school children who are learning from home and require internet access in (a) Kingston upon Hull, (b) Hull City, (c) Yorkshire and the Humber and (d) England. (145759)
- 24N **Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) laptops and tablets and (b) 4G wireless routers have been delivered to (i) schools, (ii) local authorities and (iii) academy trusts as of 28 January 2021. (145732)
- 25N **Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with regards to the remote education support scheme being offered by mobile phone networks in partnership with the Department for Education, how many pupils are receiving the support offered by (a) EE, (b) O2, (c) Sky Mobile, (d) SMARTY, (e) Tesco Mobile, (f) Three, (g) Virgin Mobile, (f) Vodafone as of 28th January 2021. (145733)
- 26N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans his Department has to issue written guidance to (a) nannies and (b) their employers on working safely during the covid-19 outbreak and lockdown. (145830)
- 27N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he has taken to (a) distribute clear face masks to schools and colleges, and (b) help schools make reasonable adjustments for those children who suffer from hearing loss. (145760)
- 28N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether (a) wraparound and (b) holiday childcare services can remain open during the February half-term. (145826)

- 29N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release, England's national rainforests to be protected by new rules, published on 29 January 2021, what assessment he has made of the proportion of UK peatlands that will be covered by those protections. (145891)
- 30N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of rural proofing for Government policies. (145858)
- 31N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the role of rural shops during the covid-19 outbreak; what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for those shops during the outbreak; and if he will make a statement. (145859)
- 32N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which (a) environmental consultants and (b) advisors his Department has consulted in the last year on pollution standards and controls. (145761)
- 33N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the independence of the Soil and Groundwater Technical Association. (145762)
- 34N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when the Category 4 screening levels (C4SL) Phase 2 Project Steering Group last met; and what the names are of the members of that group. (145763)
- 35N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to secure guide dogs and other assistance dogs part one listed status under the Pet Passport Scheme to facilitate travel with dogs between Great Britain and Northern Ireland and across the EU; and if he will make a statement. (145755)
- 36N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to circumstances where EU REACH applies, whether UK-based companies purchasing or supplying chemicals to (a) the UK and (b) the EU will be required to access the information on each chemical they use from the original company or carry out duplicate testing if that information is not available. (145797)
- 37N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what arrangements are in place to ensure that theory driving tests for critical workers can take place during covid-19 restrictions. (145802)

- 38N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will bring forward proposals to improve the transparency and accountability of the DVLA; and if he will make a statement. (145749)
- 39N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the level of public satisfaction with the performance and operation of the DVLA; what plans he has to improve that level of satisfaction level; and if he will make a statement. (145750)
- 40N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate his Department has made of the cost to the public purse of potential redundancies at Hitachi Rail UK Ltd's Bounds Green and Craigentenny Train Maintenance Centres on LNER; and what steps he is taking to reduce those costs. (145775)
- 41N **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will collect data on the percentage of applicants who have reported that their employer refused to make reasonable adjustments for their disability to inform the proposed National Strategy for Disabled People. (145803)
- 42N **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the percentage of employers that (a) have a disability leave policy, and (b) allow homeworking to their staff as a reasonable adjustment to inform the proposed National Strategy for Disabled People. (145804)
- 43N **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her department make an assessment of the percentage of employers who publish the percentage of disabled staff (a) they employ, and (b) they employ by pay grade. (145805)
- 44N **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she plans to consult on the National Strategy for Disabled People. (145806)
- 45N **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the (a) average and (b) median response time is for disabled workers to receive a decision on their Access to Work application. (145807)
- 46N **Ian Murray** (Edinburgh South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant of the Answer of 28 January 2021 to Question 142894 on Universal Credit, for what reason her Department will not publish that data. (145774)
- 47N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of prioritising for covid-19 vaccination people who live with those who are clinically extremely vulnerable and who are suffering from blood cancer. [R] (145735)

- 48N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has in place to identify people who are defined as adult carers and therefore qualify for priority covid-19 vaccination; and whether individuals who think they qualify should notify their GP. (145736)
- 49N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance he has published on what steps people in the first four covid-19 vaccine priority groups should take if they have not received a vaccination appointment letter by 15 February 2021. (145737)
- 50N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plan to publish full details on funding allocations from the Spending Review 2020 for the (a) cancer workforce and (b) other workforce budgets. (145758)
- 51N **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 28 January 2021 to Question 140829 on the NHS and Social Care Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme, how many applicants have received payments through that scheme to date. (145801)
- 52N **James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to make more people with cystic fibrosis eligible for keftrio treatment; and what the timescale is for that work. (145887)
- 53N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans the Government has to include nannies in the same covid-19 vaccination phase as (a) teachers and (b) other key workers. (145831)
- 54N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of prioritising vaccinating those with mild to moderate learning disabilities. (145883)
- 55N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of (a) removing or (b) reducing VAT on prescription lenses. (145827)
- 56N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to his Answer of 27 January 2021 to Question 136450, what information his Department holds on suicides of patients in NHS care; and if he will publish that information. (145740)
- 57N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether a Band 4 Immuniser approved to administer the Pfizer vaccine has concurrent approval to administer the Astra-Zeneca vaccine; and if he will make a statement. (145751)
- 58N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department collects on the effect of covid-19 restrictions on (a) addiction and (b) substance abuse rates. (145753)

- 59N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether frontline NHS staff are being routinely provided with high quality FFP3 protective masks. (145829)
- 60N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to take diplomatic steps to secure the lawful arrest of Anne Sacoolas in the US or any other country she may visit; and if he will make a statement. (145865)
- 61N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the COVAX commitment, what estimate he has made of the cost to South Africa of purchasing the AstraZenica covid-19 vaccine. (145833)
- 62N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2020 Question 139097 on Developing Countries: Nutrition, on what dates roundtables with Civil Society Organisations (a) are planned and (b) were held; which organisations were (i) in attendance and (ii) invited to those roundtables; and what the agenda for discussion was for each roundtable. (145834)
- 63N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has met with the USAID Administrator nominee Samantha Power. (145835)
- 64N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of reducing ODA and non-ODA funding in 2021 on the BBC World Service programming and reach. (145836)
- 65N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the amount of (a) interest and (b) principal on debt paid by low income countries to private creditors in 2020. (145837)
- 66N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 January 2021 to Question 133105, whether it is his policy that paying interest or principal on debt to private creditors represents funds being spent responsibly. (145838)
- 67N **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 26 January 2021 to Question 140776, how many Palestinian children received copies of UNRWA's self-learning material; and what steps UNRWA is taking to retrieve that material and counter harmful educational messages. (145776)

- 68N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the UK Government is taking to promote adherence to international human rights law and electoral transparency in Uganda with regard to the Presidential elections in that country in 2021. (145810)
- 69N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Ugandan counterparts on reports of human rights violations during the recent Presidential elections in that country. (145811)
- 70N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the UK Government is taking to help ensure the safety of Ugandan opposition leader Robert Kyagulanyi after being placed under house arrest by Ugandan forces. (145812)
- 71N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers have been transferred into each local authority area in England in the last two years. (145738)
- 72N **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support UK students wishing to study in the EU with visa fees. (145784)
- 73N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police cautions for antisocial behaviour were made in England and Wales in each year since 2010. (145888)
- 74N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the proportion of police time spent dealing with instances of anti-social behaviour in each month since January 2020. (145890)
- 75N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of extending Tier 5 visas for overseas 18 to 30 year olds; and if she will make statement. (145752)
- 76N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there any ongoing investigations regarding maltreatment of recruits at any of the army training centres that host under-18s. (145796)
- 77N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the timetable is for the publication of details on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. (145795)
- 78N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to his Answer of 10 December 2020 to Question 126115 on Public Service: Misconduct, what the Government's timescale is for publish its response to the

Law Commission's report into Misconduct in Public Office; and what plans his Department has to bring forward legislative proposals to introduce statutory offences for misconduct in public office. (145867)

79N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 21 December 2020 to Question 129164, if he will extend the stamp duty holiday as a result of the extended period of lockdown causing unavoidable delays to the completion of house sales. (145885)

80N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much funding has been allocated to police forces to tackle crimes against animal welfare in (a) England and (b) Wales in each year since 2015. (145889)

81N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to provide self-employed workers with 80 per cent of their profits prior to the start of the covid-19 outbreak in the fourth Self-Employed Income Support Scheme grant. (145739)

82N **Mrs Pauline Latham** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what financial support he is making available to agency workers who cannot find work and whose agencies will not furlough those workers because they are unwilling or unable to pay national insurance contributions and pension costs. (145779)

83N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he plans to publish details on the level of the next Self-Employment Income Support Scheme; and if he will make a statement. (145754)

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Questions for Written Answer

1N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions he has had with the Home Secretary on the treatment of autistic people in the criminal justice system. [Transferred] (911895)