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Questions tabled on Monday 6 September 2021

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 7 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress has been made on establishing an inquiry into the Government's handling of the covid-19 outbreak; and whether the Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice group will be included in the membership of the commission of that inquiry. [Transferred] (42195)
- 2 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress the Government has made on the independent statutory public inquiry on its handling of the covid-19 pandemic to start in spring 2022. [Transferred] (42189)
- 3 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the timetable is to bring forward legislative proposals to allow UK citizens living abroad for more than fifteen years the right to vote in UK elections. [Transferred] (42086)
- 4 **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the President of COP26, how many times the (a) Climate Action Strategy Committee, (b) Climate Action Implementation Committee, (c) Climate Change National Strategic Implementation Group, (d) National Strategic Implementation Group Net Zero Sub-Group, (e) National Strategic Implementation Group Domestic Adaptation and Resilience Sub-Group and (f) 25 Year Environmental Plan Board have met in each of the last 12 months. [Transferred] (42071)

- 5 **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the President of COP26, whether the (a) membership of and (b) terms of reference for the (i) Climate Action Strategy Committee, (ii) Climate Action Implementation Committee, (iii) Climate Change National Strategic Implementation Group, (iv) National Strategic Implementation Group Net Zero Sub-Group, (v) National Strategic Implementation Group Domestic Adaptation and Resilience Sub-Group and (vi) 25 Year Environmental Plan Board have been published. [Transferred] (42072)
- 6 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the President of COP26, what recent assessment he has made of the Government's preparedness for COP26. [Transferred] (42115)
- 7 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make it his policy to delay the repayment of bounce back loans by 12 months. [Transferred] (42187)
- 8 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential overall cost effectiveness of social outcomes contracting to Government. [Transferred] (42208)
- 9 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the IFS's briefing note, Further education and sixth form spending in England, published on 18 August 2021, what assessment he has made of potential effect the IFS-predicted 17% rise in the number of these students aged between 16-18 between 2019 and 2024 on education provision; and if he will provide a longer-term revenue and capital budget for education for students aged between 16-18. [Transferred] (41853)
- 10 **Margaret Ferrier** (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support veterinary vaccine research. [Transferred] (41890)
- 11 **Margaret Ferrier** (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to introduce a one health approach between (a) veterinary and (b) human vaccine research. [Transferred] (41891)
- 12 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what criteria the Child Maintenance Service uses to determine whether pensions contributions made by non-resident parents are reasonable when deciding whether to make a child maintenance payment variation on grounds of diversion of income. [Transferred] (42007)
- 13 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to launch a consultation on workforce reporting on disability for large employers. [Transferred] (42012)

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- 14 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the evidence that supports the placement of Turkey on the covid-19 red list for international travel.
[Transferred] (42176)
- 15 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it his policy to establish a five year funding support scheme for local authorities to enable the resettlement of refugees from Afghanistan.
[Transferred] (42154)
- 16 **Bim Afolami** (Hitchin and Harpenden): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans his Department has to help town centres and high streets recover from the effects of the covid-19 outbreak.
[Transferred] (42074)
- 17 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent discussions officials in his Department have had with representatives of the Competition and Markets Authority on its review into supply of services by funeral directors at the point of need and the supply of crematoria services; and if he will make a statement.
[Transferred] (42091)
- 18 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department has taken to review the validity of and remediation for loans taken by customers of Azure Services Ltd and Barclays Partner Finance prior to 1 April 2014.
[Transferred] (41755)
- 19 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what progress the Social Mobility Commission has made on levelling up life chances across the country; and what steps he is taking to implement the recommendations made by that Commission.
[Transferred] (42132)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 8 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Government next plans to review the (a) contents, (b) application and (c) nomenclature of the Consolidated EU and national arms export licensing criteria, last updated on 24 March 2014.
(43451)
- 2 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the President of COP26, when he last met Ministers in the Welsh Government.
(43663)

- 3 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the President of COP26, if he will ensure that the potential merits of a carbon border tax or carbon border adjustment mechanism is discussed at the COP26 summit. (43567)
- 4 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the number of (a) bank branch closures and (b) cashpoints in England. (43599)
- 5 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when he last met Ministers in the Welsh Government. (43658)
- 6N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what guidance the Government has issued to (a) Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme and (b) Bounce Back Loan Scheme private lenders on borrowers seeking to refinance or restructure their debt. [Transferred] (42003)
- 7N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what ongoing data his Department is collecting on repayment rates for the (a) Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme and (b) Bounce Back Loan Scheme debt. [Transferred] (42004)
- 8N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 13 July 2021 to Question 29853 on Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme, what the timeframe is for the Government's evaluation of the covid-19 loan guarantee schemes. [Transferred] (42005)
- 9N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the impact of Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) borrowers asking their lenders to restructure or refinance their CBILS debt on those borrowers' credit ratings. [Transferred] (42006)
- 10 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has made an assessment of the environmental impact of the Cambo oilfield in Scotland. (43602)
- 11 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make an assessment of the compatibility of the Cambo oilfield in Scotland with the UK's upcoming role as President of the COP26 summit. (43603)
- 12 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the IEA report entitled Net Zero by 2050, A Roadmap for the Global Energy Sector, published in May 2021, what steps he plans to take in response to the recommendation there should be no new investments in oil and gas production fields, coal mines or unabated coal power plants beyond 2021. (43605)

- 13 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to improve the rights of factory workers. (43609)
- 14 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what financial support is available to help museums and other historic sites undertake upgrades or expansion projects. (43666)
- 15 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with Historic England on the preservation of significant Roman ruins including those at Eastfield in North Yorkshire. (43682)
- 16 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, when he last met Ministers in the Welsh Government. (43659)
- 17 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of covid-19 lockdown restrictions on the ability of charities to conduct fundraising activities. (43559)
- 18 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate he has made of the proportion of the £750 million allocated by the Government to support the charitable sector on 8 April 2020 that has been returned to Her Majesty's Treasury as a result of underspending. (43564)
- 19 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to support the delivery of (a) adult education and (b) other lifelong learning programs. (43667)
- 20 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps his Department has taken to ensure that children with special educational needs and disabilities (a) recover their lost learning and (b) are in receipt of adequate (i) wellbeing, (ii) development and (iii) education services in response to the covid-19 outbreak. (43696)
- 21 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what framework he used to determine which digital platforms are included in his Department's Constituency framework: education and childcare setting (excluding universities) guidance. (43676)
- 22 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he has plans to review and update the list of digital platforms that are included in his Department's Constituency framework: education and childcare setting (excluding universities) guidance. (43677)
- 23 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of germicidal ultraviolet air disinfection on tackling the spread of covid-19 in schools and other educational settings. (43678)

- 24 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of the cost of visas to EU countries on the number of students applying to study modern languages. (43679)
- 25 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate his Department has made of the number of maths (a) undergraduates and (b) postgraduates in each of the last 10 years. (43587)
- 26 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure that students can continue to study BTEC qualifications in the future. (43588)
- 27 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the effect on students of his Department's decision to remove funding for BTEC qualifications. (43589)
- 28 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions he has had with the (a) Chancellor and (b) Prime Minister on the potential merits of providing additional funding for education recovery from the covid-19 outbreak as part of the Spending Review. (43591)
- 29 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what (a) discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the adequacy of funding for education recovery from the covid-19 outbreak and (b) (i) assistance and (ii) resources he is providing to teachers and schools to assist with (A) recovery from the covid-19 outbreak and (b) catch-up learning. (43707)
- 30 **Andrew Lewer** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, (a) when his Department will confirm the funding allocation for Music Education Hubs beyond 2021-22 and (b) for how many years future funding will be allocated. (43654)
- 31 **Andrew Lewer** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will carry out a public consultation on the development of the new National Plan for Music Education. (43655)
- 32 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what reason younger children are excluded from the requirement for covid-19 testing when they have been in contact with someone who has had a positive covid-19 test. (43555)
- 33 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to tackle sexual harassment in universities. (43516)
- 34N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of ending housing developers right to connect to the sewer system; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (41983)

- 35 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to tackle fly-tipping. (43552)
- 36N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the press release of 3 September 2021, Pet abduction to be made new criminal offence in crackdown on pet theft, whether proposals to make pet abduction a new criminal offence will also apply in Wales; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (42204)
- 37 **Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to protect whistle-blowers who report animal abuse on farms. (43583)
- 38 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he last met Ministers in the Welsh Government. (43665)
- 39 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effect on the health of England's rivers of cuts in public funding to the Environment Agency since 2010. (43616)
- 40 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, when she last met Ministers in the Welsh Government. (43661)
- 41 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what alternatives to a Carbon Border Tax or a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism she is considering to incentivise behaviour change in producers and manufacturers. (43565)
- 42 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether he plans to propose a Carbon Border Tax or Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism at COP26; what steps he plans to take to ensure that companies pay for the carbon used in the production and manufacturing of imported goods to help prevent carbon leakage. (43566)
- 43 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 2 August 2021 to Question 33969 on EU External Trade: Carbon Emissions, what assessment she has made of the potential effect of a carbon border tax or carbon border adjustment mechanism on tackling carbon used in the production and manufacturing of imported goods. (43568)
- 44 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, in which years from 2016-17 to 2020-21 was it the practice of her Department to include export wins amongst the performance data used to calculate incentive payments for departmental suppliers of export support services over the course of their contracts. (43441)

- 45 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, in which years from 2016-17 to 2020-21 was it the practice of her Department to include export wins amongst the performance data used to calculate end of year bonus payments for members of departmental staff involved in export support roles. (43442)
- 46 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how much was spent by her Department on incentive payments for departmental suppliers of export support services in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20 and (e) 2020-21. (43443)
- 47 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how much was spent by her Department on end of year bonus payments for members of staff involved in export support roles in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20 and (e) 2020-21. (43444)
- 48 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, when her Department next plans to review the (a) contents, (b) application and (c) nomenclature of the Consolidated EU and national arms export licensing criteria, last updated on 24 March 2014. (43452)
- 49 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what recent assessment she has made of the safety of raw mink furskins and related items under customs code 430110 as commodities for (a) import to or (b) export from the UK. (43453)
- 50 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps she has taken since March 2021 to mitigate the potential risks involved in the (a) import to and (b) export from the UK of raw mink furskins and related items under customs commodity code 430110. (43454)
- 51 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the compatibility of the President of Egypt's ratification of death sentences against 12 political prisoners arising from the Rabaa Dispersal Case with Egypt's commitments under Article 2 of the EU-Egypt Association Agreement, as incorporated into the UK-Egypt Association Agreement. (43455)
- 52 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with Thameslink on providing reimbursements to rail passengers who have purchased a (a) flexible, (b) monthly and (c) annual season ticket and have been affected by the reduced weekday timetable from 26 July 2021. (43674)
- 53 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the role of local authorities in the decarbonisation of transport. (43592)

- 54 **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to reduce licensing backlogs at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. (43471)
- 55 **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of call handlers at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. (43472)
- 56 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to accelerate the safe reopening of international travel to more destinations. (43421)
- 57 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing the covid-19 testing requirements for double vaccinated people arriving from green list countries. (43422)
- 58 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of replacing covid-19 PCR tests with lateral flow tests for people arriving from amber list countries. (43423)
- 59 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if his Department will publish in full the criteria used to inform the categorisation of countries in the covid-19 traffic light system. (43424)
- 60 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will review his policy of quarantine for travellers who have had covid-19 vaccinations from two different suppliers following an assessment of the evidence on the effect of mixing vaccines on levels of protection from covid-19. (43425)
- 61 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress he has made on talks with his US counterpart on further opening up of international travel between the UK and the US since the G7 transport leaders conference. (43426)
- 62 **Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the DVLA organises applications based on the colour of the envelopes they were sent to them in. (43405)
- 63 **Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the DVLA is taking steps to improve its identification of applications and reduce the need for applicants to specify the colour of the envelope. (43406)
- 64 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Department for Education's Skills for Jobs: Lifelong Learning for Opportunity and Growth White Paper, published in January 2021, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that people move into good quality employment; and what relationship officials in her Department has with the Department for Education's Skills and Productivity Board. (43500)

- 65 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will remove the three-year award duration for benefits claims made under the special rules for terminal illness. (43586)
- 66 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when she last met Ministers in the Welsh Government. (43660)
- 67N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reason people with a terminal illness are required to reapply for a claim after three years under the special rules for terminal illness. (43379)
- 68 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 17 March 2020 to Question 27030 on Cancer: Dental Services, what progress NHS England has made on ensuring better access to dentistry for any cancer patient who needs it. (43675)
- 69 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to improve standards on indoor air quality for regulators and local authorities following the publication of the NICE guidelines on indoor air quality in 2020; and whether his Department is receiving professional guidance, including from the Institute of Air Quality Management, on improving those standards. (43376)
- 70N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing the recommendation by Mind, Young Minds, Youth Access, the Children's Society and the Children and the Young People's Mental Health Coalition calling on the UK Government to fund a network of mental health support hubs for young people across England. [Transferred] (41997)
- 71 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to establish exemptions to vaccine passports for people who are medically exempt from covid-19 vaccinations. (43643)
- 72 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what evidence his Department holds on the potential benefits of immunisation against covid-19 for people who have previously tested positive for that virus. (43644)
- 73 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the suspension of routine blood tests by GPs until mid-September on patients. (43596)
- 74 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve resilience in NHS supply chains for blood testing equipment. (43597)

- 75 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to double research funding on dementia. (43598)
- 76 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the recommendations for improving cervical cancer outcomes made in Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust's report, *Computer Says No*, published June 2018; and what steps he is taking to improve access to cervical cancer screening and treatment services. (43697)
- 77 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of delays in the modernisation of health services in Shropshire on trends in the adequacy of A&E services at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. (43457)
- 78 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his expected timetable is for publication of the final report of Infected Blood Inquiry. (43582)
- 79 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of the proposals in the Health and Care Bill on geographic equity of access to healthcare. (43556)
- 80 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that quarantine hotels are safe environments. (43569)
- 81 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what oversight his Department has of the conditions in quarantine hotels. (43570)
- 82 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether breaches of (a) health and safety and (b) environmental health standards in covid-19 quarantine hotels are reported to his Department. (43571)
- 83 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many quarantine hotels have had sightings of rats (a) in the bedrooms, (b) in the common areas and (c) in staff areas, including kitchens; and what steps he is taking to tackle the presence of rats in those hotels. (43572)
- 84 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the safety of children staying in quarantine hotels including where there are rats in that accommodation (43573)
- 85 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason residents have not been moved to alternative accommodation after rats have been found to be present in their existing quarantine hotel. (43575)

- 86 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State of Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with suppliers of quarantine accommodation on environmental standards in that accommodation; and what plans he has to terminate contracts where rats have been found within that accommodation. (43576)
- 87 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department has published for covid-19 quarantine hotels on cleaning hotel rooms (a) during and (b) after a person's stay; and whether his Department has issued guidance suggesting that quarantine hotels leave rooms vacant for 10 days between guests. (43577)
- 88 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the £1750 people have to pay for a covid-19 quarantine hotel place goes to (a) the hotel owner and (b) each of the other parties involved in the management of that contract; and if he will publish a breakdown of those figures. (43578)
- 89 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many temporary registered doctors there have been since March 2020; and how many of those doctors have been used by the NHS. (43506)
- 90N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Disabled Children's Partnerships Left Behind report, published on 16 July 2021, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of funding specific covid-19 recovery policies for disabled children, young people and families to help them recover from the covid-19 outbreak in the upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review. [Transferred] (41817)
- 91N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Disabled Children's Partnerships Left Behind report, published on 16 July 2021, what plans he has to provide ring-fenced additional funding for disabled children's physiotherapy and other therapies in the upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review. [Transferred] (41818)
- 92 **Ian Murray** (Edinburgh South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department's guidance that employers should allow pregnant women past 28 weeks gestation to work from home or be suspended on paid leave where that is not possible, as set out in the Coronavirus (COVID-19): advice for pregnant employees published on 20 July 2021, remains in place. (43481)
- 93 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to provide English pharmacists with a bonus payment on a similar basis to those provided by the Welsh Government to pharmacists in Wales. (43686)
- 94 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to integrate NHS property services as part of the Integrated Care Partnerships. (43476)

- 95 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to integrate NHS property services with health and social care providers. (43477)
- 96 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) increase take-up and (b) improve efficiency of facilities at Hartismere hospital in North Suffolk. (43478)
- 97 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of bleeding control packs that are publicly available. (43411)
- 98 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the number of bleeding control packs that are available in public places. (43412)
- 99 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on (a) routine childhood immunisation programmes and (b) meningococcal vaccination uptake. (43512)
- 100 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the NHS is taking to work with educational settings to deliver catch-up meningococcal vaccination programmes before the end of the 2021-22 academic year. (43513)
- 101 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to support local meningococcal immunisation services to deliver vaccination programmes during the covid-19 outbreak. (43514)
- 102 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 11 September 2020 to Question 88854, how much NHS Resolution spent on medication errors in the 2020-21 financial year. (43518)
- 103 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the planned timescale is for the report of the SUMMIT trial into low dose CT scans for the detection of lung cancer. (43519)
- 104 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of the early detection of lung cancer on the detection of other respiratory health conditions, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. (43520)
- 105 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many covid-19 vaccines have been disposed of that were (a) out of date (b) unused to date. (43653)

- 106 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase the upper age exemption for prescription fees in England. (43604)
- 107 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department will publish the NICE clinical guidelines for Myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome. (43607)
- 108 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason the publication of the NICE clinical guidelines for myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome have been delayed twice. (43608)
- 109 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that outbound postal services from the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) comply with the Universal Postal Convention following adoption of Resolution C15/2021 of the Universal Postal Union to no longer recognise BIOT postage stamps. (43548)
- 110 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Mauritian counterpart on provision for Mauritius to operate an international mail processing centre in the British Indian Ocean Territory. (43549)
- 111 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Iranian counterpart on the election of Ebrahim Raisi as president. (43428)
- 112N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications of the takeover of Kabul by the Taliban for the security of the UK and its allies. [Transferred] (41644)
- 113 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help alleviate famine in the Tigray. (43626)
- 114 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps are being taken to evacuate the Hazara minority community who face persecution and threats to their safety from the Taliban. (43698)
- 115 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he is making to his Russian counterpart on the expulsion of the BBC journalist, Sarah Rainsford. (43458)

- 116N **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will liaise with Cabinet colleagues and issue guidance to universities on the advice they should give to Chevening scholars and their dependents on whether to remain in their quarantine accommodation until such time that they have suitable onward accommodation confirmed; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (41804)
- 117 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if the Government will provide funding to the British Virgin Islands to support the recovery of the tourism sector in that country following the devastation resulting from Hurricane Irma in 2017 and the effect of ongoing covid-19 travel restrictions. (43480)
- 118N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy to support resistance to the Taliban in the Panjshir Valley. [Transferred] (41601)
- 119 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many Overseas Security and Justice Assistance assessments were logged with his Department by (a) the Ministry of Defence, (b) the Home Office and (c) other departments and agencies, in relation to overseas requests for case-specific assistance in (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17, (iii) 2017-18, (iv) 2018-19, (v) 2019-20 and (vi) 2020-21. (43450)
- 120 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to page nine of the report, Picking Up The Pieces, by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services, published in November 2018, what plans she has to help improve the consistency and quality of mental health services available to police officers in England and Wales. (43459)
- 121 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the statement, Government prioritises wellbeing and mental health of officers in new package to support police, published on 10 July 2019, what progress her Department has made in improving the mental health services available to police officers in England and Wales. (43460)
- 122 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what support she is providing to police forces to help tackle rural crime. (43553)
- 123 **Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle van theft in (a) West Yorkshire and (b) England. (43584)
- 124 **Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the theft of practical tools for employment in (a) West Yorkshire and (b) England. (43585)

- 125 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she last met Ministers in the Welsh Government. (43664)
- 126 **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many of the Afghan interpreters who arrived in 2015 and 2016 and then submitted applications for reunion with close family from 2019 onwards have family members still stuck in Afghanistan who have been granted reunion; and how many of those family members there are in total. (43535)
- 127 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many UK citizens are in the National Referral Mechanism; and what proportion of those people are female. (43579)
- 128 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which agencies are making referrals to the National Referral Mechanism. (43580)
- 129 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the longest time recorded is for an individual to receive (a) a Reasonable Grounds decision and (b) a Conclusive Grounds decision. (43581)
- 130 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has had recent discussions with relevant stakeholders on a potential review of Neighbourhood Watch. (43383)
- 131 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent progress her Department has made on expanding the Youth Mobility Scheme. (43431)
- 132 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many overseas requests for security and justice training and other capacity building assistance to be provided on location in the requesting country were (a) approved and (b) declined by her Department in (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17, (iii) 2017-18, (iv) 2018-19, (v) 2019-20 and (vi) 2020-21. (43449)
- 133 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, by what date he expects to appoint a Senior Responsible Owner for the Ajax Armoured Fighting Vehicle programme. (43410)
- 134 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he last met Ministers in the Welsh Government. (43662)
- 135 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the (a) properties classified as heritage assets by his Department, (b) most recent estimate of the value of those properties and (c) annual income derived from those properties. (43367)
- 136 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of Brexit on the duties of the Royal Navy Fisheries Protection. (43517)

- 137 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many overseas requests for military training and other capacity building assistance to be provided on location in the requesting country have been (a) approved and (b) declined by his Department in (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17, (iii) 2017-18, (iv) 2018-19, (v) 2019-20, and (vi) 2020-21. (43445)
- 138 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many overseas requests for case-specific military and security assistance have been (a) approved and (b) declined by his Department in (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17, (iii) 2017-18, (iv) 2018-19, (v) 2019-20 and (vi) 2020-21. (43446)
- 139 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Overseas Security and Justice Assistance assessments completed by his Department in relation to requests for case-specific assistance concluded that the requests should be considered (a) low risk, (b) medium risk or (c) high risk in (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17, (iii) 2017-18, (iv) 2018-19, (v) 2019-20 and (vi) 2020-21. (43447)
- 140 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Overseas Security and Justice Assistance assessments completed by his Department in relation to requests for case-specific assistance were the subject of consultation with Ministers in (a) 2015-16, (b) 2016-17, (c) 2017-18, (d) 2018-19, (e) 2019-20 and (f) 2020-21. (43448)
- 141 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Answer of 28 April 2021 to Question 183052 on Local Housing Allowance. what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies on Discretionary Housing Payment applications of the statistics on households in receipt of Local Housing Allowance where rent exceeds the allowance. (43545)
- 142 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): 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 Planning for the future consultation, published 6 August 2020, on future trends in the number of flooding events. (43557)
- 143 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of funding reductions to the Environment Agency over the last ten years on the level of phosphates in Somerset. (43620)
- 144 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the achievability of housing targets across Somerset in the context of the time taken to process planning applications as a result of nutrient neutrality requirements in the Somerset Levels and Moors Ramsar catchment area. (43622)

- 145 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of enabling probation staff using the ViSOR database for risk assessment and monitoring purposes in multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) level cases to transfer information directly to and from probation case management systems. (43461)
- 146 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of new police vetting requirements for probation staff on (a) socioeconomic background diversity, (b) inclusion of domestic and financial abuse victims, and (c) inclusion of people with lived experience of the criminal justice system within the Unified Probation Service workforce. (43462)
- 147 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of enabling (a) existing probation staff and (b) potential probation recruits to take up roles in the Unified Probation Service that do not require access to the ViSOR database if they do not pass the new police vetting requirement for ViSOR access. (43463)
- 148 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Annual Report of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP North Sea Camp, published on 3 September 2021, what steps he is taking to ensure that failures by contracted out service providers result in penalties to encourage compliance. (43464)
- 149 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Annual Report of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP North Sea Camp, published on 3 September 2021, what steps he is taking to increase the space allocated to prisoners sharing rooms. (43465)
- 150 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the HM Prison and Probation Service Annual Digest 2020/21, published on 29 July 2021, if he will published information his Department holds on projected future changes in the crowding rate within prisons. (43466)
- 151 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Annual Report of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Swaleside, published on 3 September 2021, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of enabling Independent Monitoring Boards to monitor the progress of Confidential Access complaints under the Prison Rules. (43467)
- 152 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Annual Report of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Swaleside, published on 3 September 2021, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of resettlement services offered at HMP Swaleside. (43468)

- 153 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Annual Report of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Swaleside, published on 3 September 2021, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of kitchen capacity at (a) HMP Swaleside and (b) HMP Standford Hill. (43469)
- 154 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Report on an unannounced inspection of HMP Oakwood by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, published on 3 September 2021, what steps he is taking to support Prisoner Led Initiatives in prisons in England and Wales. (43470)
- 155 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the potential effect of raising the retirement age of prison officers to 68 on the (a) recruitment, (b) retention, (c) safety and (d) morale of prison officers. (43646)
- 156 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Section 1 of the HM Courts & Tribunal Service annual report and accounts 2020-21, published in July 2021, HC 405, what actions have been taken as a result of the establishment of the ministerial taskforce to improve capacity, efficiency and productivity of the Employment Tribunal system. (43625)
- 157 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on ensuring the safety of (a) judges and (b) other legal professionals in Afghanistan. (43656)
- 158 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when he last met Ministers in the Welsh Government. (43657)
- 159 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the announcement of 26 November 2020 that £315 million will be allocated to enhance the condition of the existing prison estate, whether that includes spending on the announced 500 prison places for women in the existing estate. (43631)
- 160 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps is he taking to tackle the disproportionality of women of ethnic minorities in prisons. (43632)
- 161 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what support is being offered to female offenders to reduce the number of women in prisons. (43633)
- 162 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of limited visitations on the (a) welfare and (b) health of women in prisons. (43634)
- 163 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what her planned timetable is for recommencing in-person prison visits; and for what reason she has decided upon that timetable. (43635)

- 164 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of covid-19 restrictions on the (a) physical and (b) mental health of prisoners. (43636)
- 165 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has a roadmap for the easing of covid-19 restrictions for inmates in prisons. (43637)
- 166 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of prison inmates have been (a) offered a covid-19 vaccine and (b) vaccinated against covid-19. (43638)
- 167 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the suitability of housing arrangements for inmates who do not have housing upon leaving prisons. (43639)
- 168 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to tackle the challenges faced by charities when participating in the Transforming Rehabilitation procurement process. (43640)
- 169 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to increase the availability of grants for charities that are participating in the Transforming Rehabilitation partnership programme. (43641)
- 170 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many individuals have been charged for making unauthorised withdrawals from Lifetime ISAs in each financial year since 2015-16. (43546)
- 171 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total number of unauthorised withdrawals from Lifetime ISAs was in each financial year since 2015-16. (43547)
- 172 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with (a) the Secretary of State for Education and (b) the Prime Minister on allocating additional funding at the next Spending Review for education recovery. (43590)
- 173 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to ensure the long-term future of cash. (43600)
- 174 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the number of (a) bank branch closures and (b) cashpoints in England. (43601)
- 175 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the travel and aviation industry to explore the potential merits of extending the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme for those sectors. (43703)

- 176 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme on employment levels in the travel and aviation sectors. (43704)
- 177 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has been made of the potential merits of the removal of VAT on school uniforms to assist disadvantaged families. (43705)
- 178 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue was raised as a result of VAT on school uniforms in each of the last five years. (43706)
- 179 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reasons it remains his Department's policy not to extend the universal credit uplift of £20 beyond autumn 2021. (43515)
- 180 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has plans to review the help-to-buy ISA threshold in light of rising house prices. [Transferred] (42089)
- 181 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to review all tax policy to ensure it does not incentivise oil and gas extraction. (43606)
- 182 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the oral Answer of the Minister for Equalities on 26 May 2021, Official Report, column 356, what actions have resulted from the establishment of the roundtable with the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy to discuss pregnancy and maternity discrimination. (43624)

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- 1N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the effect of the current retirement age of 68 for prison officers on prison officer pensions. (43647)
- 2N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of reducing the UK parliamentary general election spending limit. (43648)
- 3N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Government will launch its consultation on workforce reporting on disability for large employers. (43124)

- 4N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress he has made on establishing an Extra Costs Taskforce. (43672)
- 5N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans his Department has to ensure a wide range of disabled people and their families are involved in the Extra Costs Taskforce; and if he will make it his policy to work with disability charities and organisations to ensure as many experiences as possible are included. (43673)
- 6N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the (a) properties classified as heritage assets by his Department, (b) most recent estimate of the value of those properties and (c) annual income derived from those properties. (43371)
- 7N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many people (a) signed up to and (b) been actively involved with the National Trading Standards' Friends Against Scams initiative in the past twelve months. (43398)
- 8N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent progress the Offshore Implementation Group has made on tackling the regulatory and legislative barriers to offshore electrification; and if he will list the organisations included in that group. (43507)
- 9N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what progress has been made on (a) public and (b) private funding for electrification of offshore oil and gas installations on the UK Continental Shelf in order to reduce emissions from oil and gas production in line with the targets to 2030 contained in the North Sea Transition Deal. (43508)
- 10N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether the local content target in the Offshore Wind Sector Deal applies to offshore wind turbines installed to reduce emissions from oil and gas production on the UK Continental Shelf. (43509)
- 11N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what recent steps he has taken to develop an internationally recognised Offshore Energy Passport for offshore workers that will facilitate job-mobility between offshore renewable and extractive industries. (43510)
- 12N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when he last discussed an Offshore Energy Passport for workers in the oil and gas industry with (a) employers, (b) trade unions and (c) training standards bodies. (43511)

- 13N **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Guidance on working, performing, and touring in Europe, if his Department will publish the sources of information used to support the guidance on visa/work permits. (43372)
- 14N **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what progress he has made on the bilateral negotiations with EU member states that do not offer visa and work permit free touring provisions for UK musicians working in the EU. (43373)
- 15N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will publish the (a) properties classified as heritage assets by his Department, (b) most recent estimate of the value of those properties and (c) annual income derived from those properties. (43369)
- 16N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment he has made of the findings of the Charity Commission's investigation into the Runnymede Trust's analysis of the report by the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities, the Sewell Report. (43562)
- 17N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of classrooms had ventilation equipment in place on the first day of the autumn term 2021. (43680)
- 18N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make it his policy that pregnant teachers can choose to be medically suspended at 28 weeks gestation to protect them from potential harm while covid-19 is a significant workplace risk. (43681)
- 19N **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect on outcomes for students in the Bradford South constituency of his Department's proposed reductions to funding for (a) BTEC and (b) Applied General Qualifications; and what steps he is taking to help ensure that students in that constituency are not disadvantaged by those changes in education funding. (43543)
- 20N **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure students from low socio-economic backgrounds can progress to university following the removal of BTEC courses. (43544)
- 21N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what timeline is for the development and delivery of the new National Plan for Music Education. (43433)
- 22N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment he has made of the potential effect of falling numbers of GCSE and A-level music entries on the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum. (43434)

- 23N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the arts premium for secondary schools will be included in the upcoming Spending Review. (43435)
- 24N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish the (a) properties classified as heritage assets by his Department, (b) most recent estimate of the value of those properties and (c) annual income derived from those properties. (43368)
- 25N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the findings of the National Student Survey that 42 per cent of students felt enough was being done to help them, what steps he is taking to tackle mental health challenges in colleges and universities. (43692)
- 26N **Damian Collins** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the Inspecting Engineers recommendations relating to vegetation management on the Mill Leese embankment, made in the section 10 report, and section 12 statement, as set out in the Reservoirs Act 1975, following their most recent inspection of the Mill Leese Flood Storage Area at Saltwood in Kent. (43489)
- 27N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to meet commitments under the 25 Year Environment Plan and Clean Air Strategy on tackling air pollution indoors. (43374)
- 28N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Government Response to the petition entitled Introduce national limits on horse breeding, published on 4 August 2021, what steps his Department is taking to monitoring the numbers of foals being born; when that monitoring commenced; for which breeds that monitoring is being conducted; and if his Department will publish those data from that monitoring. (43683)
- 29N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Government Response to the e-petition entitled Introduce national limits on horse breeding, published on 4 August 2021, what estimate his Department has made of the number of equine sanctuaries and rescue centres that are operating in Great Britain; how many and what proportion of those centres his Department has been in communication with; how often his Department has communicated with them in the last three years; and when that communication began and what form it took. (43684)
- 30N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, to which fisheries his Department has allocated the 48 tonne bluefin tuna quota set out under the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement; and where those fisheries are located. (43456)

- 31N **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that the Environment Agency has sufficient funding and resources to manage phosphate pollution in (a) Somerset and (b) England. (43615)
- 32N **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent enforcement activity the Environment Agency has undertaken to help control the release of phosphates from the agricultural sector in the Somerset Levels and Moors Ramsar catchment area. (43617)
- 33N **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the speed of investment in sewage water treatment by Wessex Water to reduce phosphorous discharge. (43618)
- 34N **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reason (a) there have been delays in excess of six months for provisional licence and driving licence renewal applications to be processed and (b) applicants have been unable to contact the DVLA by phone during this period; and what steps he is taking to tackle those issues. (43542)
- 35N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to restrict noise pollution created by modified exhaust pipes on (a) cars and (b) motorbikes. (43432)
- 36N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate he has made of the number of drivers waiting for large goods vehicle tests. (43414)
- 37N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2021 to Question 35560 on Large Goods Vehicle Drivers, how many (a) Driver Certificate of Professional Competence and (b) large goods vehicle driving tests were conducted and passed between April 2021 and September 2021. (43415)
- 38N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the current number of large goods vehicle driving tests conducted weekly by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency. (43416)
- 39N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2021 to Question 36717 on Rolling Stock: Procurement, what authority was responsible for ensuring that train operating companies met the (a) financial, (b) performance and (c) other terms of their rail franchise agreements between 2010 and 2021. (43623)

- 40N **Ian Murray** (Edinburgh South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the backlog of correspondence at the Driver and Vehicle Licencing Agency on correspondents; what strategy is in place to clear that backlog; what discretion will be in place for people who have been affected by the backlog; and if he will make a statement. (43482)
- 41N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether a person who receives the first dose of the Pfizer covid-19 vaccine in England and the second dose in the United States will be regarded as fully vaccinated for the purpose of entry requirements in the UK. (43630)
- 42N **Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reason the DVLA investigation team asks for the colour of the envelope that applications were sent to them in. (43400)
- 43N **Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the DVLA would prefer applications to be sent to them in a particular colour envelope. (43401)
- 44N **Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the colour of an envelope an application is sent to the DVLA in effects the speed with which it is dealt with. (43402)
- 45N **Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the DVLA has left any applications unopened as a result of the colour of the envelope they were sent in. (43403)
- 46N **Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps an applicant should take in response to a DVLA request for the colour of an envelope an application was sent in, in the event that they cannot recall that colour. (43404)
- 47N **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department takes to check that a tenancy agreement and the rent quoted are genuine when considering the housing allowance element of a universal credit claim. (43389)
- 48N **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of cases referred through the benefit fraud portal were found to be fraudulent claims in the last 12 months. (43390)
- 49N **Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate her Department has made of the average waiting time to process personal independence payment applications in (a) England, (b) the North East of England and(c) Newcastle upon Tyne East constituency. (43391)
- 50N **Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans her Department has to reduce the time it takes to process personal independence payment applications. (43392)

- 51N **Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to assist Post Office Card Account users transition from their cards in preparation for the end of universal credit, tax credit and State Pension payments into those accounts from November 2021. (43395)
- 52N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of enabling disabled people over the age of 24 to access the Kickstart scheme. (43670)
- 53N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing people in receipt of contracted provision such as the Work and Health Programme to transfer to the Kickstart scheme. (43671)
- 54N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many benefit claimants currently hold Post Office Card Accounts; what assessment her Department has made of the impact on claimants of ending their use for benefit and pension payments from November 2021; and what steps her Department is taking to help claimants set up alternative accounts. (43541)
- 55N **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average length of time is for beneficiaries to receive Access to Work Payments in each of the last (a) 12 months and (b) five years; and if she will make a statement. (43384)
- 56N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what additional steps she will take to improve response times to personal independence payment inquires from hon. Members. (43554)
- 57N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are in receipt of the £20 uplift to universal credit (a) nationally, (b) in York and (c) in York Central constituency. (43560)
- 58N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will remove the three year award duration for benefits claims made under the special rules for terminal illness. (43378)
- 59N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, on what date her Department received the final report of the NatCen research project entitled The Uses of Health and Disability Benefits; and for what reason that report has not been published. (43382)

- 60N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with relevant stakeholders to help ensure that people who received doses of the AstraZeneca covid-19 vaccine produced in India are able to demonstrate their vaccination status when travelling overseas. (43526)
- 61N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the objective set out in the Government's Clean Air Strategy 2019 on ensuring that consumers are armed with reliable information enabling them to make informed choices to protect themselves, what steps his Department plans to take to meet that objective. (43375)
- 62N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of how the planning process can support the creation of properly ventilated indoor environments. (43377)
- 63N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many deaths have been attributed to nitrous oxide use in each year since 2010. (43699)
- 64N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many instances of neurological damage due to nitrous oxide use have been reported in each year since 2015. (43700)
- 65N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many instances of (a) B12 deficiency and (b) anaemia have been attributed to nitrous oxide use in each year since 2015. (43701)
- 66N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle the shortage of blood test sample bottles in the NHS. (43595)
- 67N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the (a) properties classified as heritage assets by his Department, (b) most recent estimate of the value of those properties and (c) annual income derived from those properties. (43370)
- 68N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will review covid-19 isolation requirements for domiciliary care visit workers. (43558)
- 69N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of CVS organisations participating on Integrated Care System partnership boards; and what steps he is taking to monitor that number. (43563)
- 70N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason a resident of a quarantine hotel who has had rats in their room is required to pay for the full price for that accommodation. (43574)

- 71N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to publish the data and evidential basis to support any deviation from the advice provided by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation on administration of a covid-19 vaccine to children aged between 12 and 15. (43490)
- 72N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the data and evidential basis which supports the decision of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation to authorise administration of a covid-19 vaccine to people aged 16 and 17. (43491)
- 73N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dental practices in England stopped providing NHS services in (a) 2019, (b) 2020 and (c) 2021. (43691)
- 74N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department is providing to people who have received the Novavax vaccine with international travel. (43695)
- 75N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) steps his Department has taken and (b) recent progress has been made towards increasing cancer survival rates. (43483)
- 76N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the progress made towards delivering the NHS Long Term Plan commitment to diagnose three-quarters of cancers at an early stage by 2028. (43484)
- 77N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the NHS People Plan 2020/2021, what additional funding will be required to (a) expand the NHS workforce and (b) ensure that education and training is fit for the future. (43485)
- 78N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish an impact assessment for the Health and Care Bill. (43642)
- 79N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effect on the number of NHS staff planning to leave the UK to care for their adult dependents living abroad of the change in the level of dependent visa applications granted on the first attempt. (43380)
- 80N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that providers of covid-19 PCR tests listed on the Government's website are reputable operators providing acceptable levels of customer service. (43419)

- 81N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the customer service provided by Altruchecks, a company listed on the Government's website as a covid-19 PCR test provider. (43420)
- 82N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much each of the countries neighbouring Afghanistan will receive in Official Development Assistance in (a) 2021 and (b) 2022 as part of the UK aid uplift announced following the Taliban takeover. (43539)
- 83N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if his Department can confirm the current whereabouts of the Afghans who guarded the British Embassy in Kabul and when they will arrive in the UK. (43540)
- 84N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Government's announcement on refugee support funding for countries neighbouring Afghanistan, published on 3 September 2021, how much and what proportion of the £30 million of announced funding will be provided to (a) Pakistan, (b) Tajikistan, (c) Uzbekistan, (d) Iran and (e) Turkmenistan. (43627)
- 85N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much of the £286 million allocated in aid to Afghanistan in 2021 has been dispersed as of 6 September 2021; and what his timetable is for any remaining aid to be dispersed. (43628)
- 86N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much of the £286 million allocated in aid to Afghanistan in 2021 will be spent (a) bilaterally and (b) through multilateral institutions. (43629)
- 87N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on the election of Ebrahim Raisi as president of Iran. (43427)
- 88N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the likelihood of further diplomatic normalisation between Israel and Arab nations. (43429)
- 89N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the research study undertaken for the Department for International Development entitled, Value for money investment in people to people programming in Israel and Palestine, whether his Department has taken steps to conduct the further research using programme budgets and evaluations recommended on page 27 of that report. (43430)

- 90N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what humanitarian support his Department is providing to Afghanistan. (43524)
- 91N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he is having with his US counterpart with regards to individuals currently in Afghanistan who have been given a priority 2 designation by the US Department of State and who also served the British armed forces on the management of their application to come to the UK. (43561)
- 92N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent estimate he has made of the number of British nationals wishing to return to the UK who (a) remain in Afghanistan and (b) have registered their presence as remaining in Afghanistan with his Department. (43501)
- 93N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many Afghan nationals who are eligible for relocation to the UK remain in Afghanistan; and what methodology he used to estimate that number. (43503)
- 94N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many Chevening scholars wishing to exit Afghanistan remain in that country; and what plans his Department has to assist their exit from Afghanistan. (43504)
- 95N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that British nationals and non-British nationals who are eligible for relocation to the UK who remain in Afghanistan are able to safely cross borders into neighbouring states. (43505)
- 96N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many refugees from Afghanistan his Department has processed since the beginning of August 2021. (43473)
- 97N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he or officials in his Department conducted (a) impact assessments, (b) policy predictions, (c) humanitarian response planning and (d) emergency contingency planning when (i) the US Government under Donald Trump announced the US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan and (ii) President Joe Biden reaffirmed that commitment. (43474)
- 98N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has assessed the impact of the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan on achieving (a) gender equality goals, (b) (b) sustainable development goals and (c) democratic participation. (43475)

- 99N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the current security situation in Daraa Al-Balad, Syria. (43536)
- 100N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many Overseas Security and Justice Assistance assessments have been logged with his Department by (a) the Ministry of Defence, (b) the Home Office and (c) other departments and agencies in relation to overseas requests for capacity-building assistance in (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17, (iii) 2017-18, (iv) 2018-19, (v) 2019-20 and (vi) 2020-21. (43440)
- 101N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of recent tensions toward the Serbian Orthodox church in Montenegro. (43610)
- 102N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the accuracy of recent reports of threats to democracy in Brazil; and whether he has made representations to his Brazilian counterpart on those reports. (43611)
- 103N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the announcement of prosecution of presidential candidates in Nicaragua; and whether the Government has made representations to the (a) the Nicaraguan Government and (b) regional partners and allies of that nation on the need for free and fair elections. (43612)
- 104N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the freedom of the press in Russia. (43613)
- 105N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what eligibility criteria will her Department apply to (a) family members and (b) dependents seeking to enter the United Kingdom via the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy. (43527)
- 106N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what (a) steps have been taken to expedite the biometric processing of eligible applications to the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy and (b) recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues and relevant officials on biometric processing in third countries. (43528)
- 107N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department will publish the full eligibility criteria for the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme. (43529)

- 108N Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to review and expediate all outstanding (a) asylum claims and (b) asylum appeals made by Afghan nationals currently living in the UK. (43537)
- 109N Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been charged with public order offences related to nitrous oxide use in each year since 2015 in (a) England and (b) Wales. (43702)
- 110N Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the Metropolitan Police's use of (a) pre-charge bail conditions, (b) arrest for breach of non-molestation orders, (c) Domestic Violence Protection Notices and (d) restraining orders in cases of domestic violence and abuse. (43593)
- 111N Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the HMICFRS report, entitled A duty to protect: Police use of protective measures in cases involving violence against women and girls, published on 24 August 2021, what steps she is taking to improve protections for the victims of domestic violence and abuse. (43594)
- 112N Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Afghans relocated under Operation Warm Welcome are being rehoused in each local authority in England. (43521)
- 113N Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support (a) locally employed staff from Afghanistan, (b) Afghan National Security Forces personnel and (c) their dependants with regularising their immigration status. (43525)
- 114N Dr Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it a condition of awarding government contracts to commercial providers of accommodation for refugees from Afghanistan that full compensation be paid to festival organisers whose events are cancelled at short notice by those accommodation providers which sign alternative contracts with her Department. (43365)
- 115N Anne McLaughlin** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to commence specific sections within Part 2 of the Nationality Immigration and Asylum Act 2002. (43550)
- 116N Anne McLaughlin** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to consult Ministers in the devolved Administrations before making any arrangements for the provision of accommodation centres in their respective nations (a) pursuant to s16 Nationality Immigration Act 2002 and (b) generally. (43551)

- 117N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the number of (a) Hindus, (b) Sikhs and (c) Hazara people that have been evacuated to the UK from Afghanistan following recent evacuation efforts in that country. (43694)
- 118N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has plans to introduce tougher penalties for the anti-social use of fireworks. (43685)
- 119N **Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of applications were made for indefinite leave to remain in the UK using one of the occupation codes from the Skilled Worker visa: eligible healthcare and education jobs list in each of the last five years. (43687)
- 120N **Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of applications have been made for indefinite leave to remain in the UK using one of the occupation codes from the Skilled Worker visa: eligible healthcare and education jobs list in 2021 to date. (43688)
- 121N **Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of applications were made for UK citizenship using one of the occupation codes from the Skilled Worker visa: eligible healthcare and education jobs list in each of the last five years. (43689)
- 122N **Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications have been made for UK citizenship using one of the occupation codes from the Skilled Worker visa: eligible healthcare and education jobs list in 2021 to date. (43690)
- 123N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the updated guidance on Offshore wind workers Immigration Rules concession 2017 published on 2 July 2021, which operational offshore wind projects are in scope of that concession. (43492)
- 124N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had since 1 January 2021 with representatives of the offshore wind industry on the extension of the Offshore wind workers Immigration Rules concession 2017 to 1 July 2022. (43493)
- 125N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason the Offshore wind workers Immigration Rules concession 2017 has been extended until 1 July 2022. (43494)
- 126N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the offshore wind industry's efforts to regularise employment on construction and maintenance projects in UK territorial waters since the introduction of the Offshore wind workers Immigration Rules concession 2017. (43495)

- 127N**Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with Ministerial colleagues in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on labour shortages in the offshore wind sector since 1 January 2016. (43496)
- 128N**Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle delays in responding to passport renewal applications. (43418)
- 129N**Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what traffic light colour rating was assigned to the Armoured Cavalry (Ajax) programme in the recent Infrastructure Projects Authority Annual Report on Major Projects 2020-21. (43407)
- 130N**Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the definition of a red rating is in the Infrastructure Projects Authority traffic light rating system. (43408)
- 131N**Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the 36 Ministry of Defence programmes audited in the Infrastructure Projects Authority 2020-21 Annual Report, published on 15 July 2021, how many programmes were rated (a) red, (b) red/amber, (c) amber, (d) amber/green and (e) green; and if he will make a statement. (43409)
- 132N**John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has put plans in place to utilise the armed forces to ensure the timely delivery of seasonal flu vaccines to GPs in the event that the shortage of HGV drivers continues. (43386)
- 133N**John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plan to publish the refresh of the National Shipbuilding Strategy. (43387)
- 134N**John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy applications were received up to the period 1 April 2020 to 31 July 2021; and how many of those applications were subsequently rejected. (43388)
- 135N**Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Government has plans to award an Operational Service Medal Afghanistan to members of the Armed Forces who served on Operation Pitting but who are ineligible for that award because they have not completed 30 days continuous service. (43522)
- 136N**Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people eligible for relocation to the UK under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy are in Afghanistan as at 6 September 2021. (43523)

- 137N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of interpreters working for the British armed forces were successfully evacuated from Afghanistan as part of Operation Pitting. (43649)
- 138N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of applicants that had been accepted under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy were not evacuated as part of Operation Pitting. (43650)
- 139N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of applicants who had applied to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy but had not yet received a decision were not evacuated as part of Operation Pitting. (43651)
- 140N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will confirm that (a) applicants who have previously applied to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy do not need to reapply and (b) the timing of their application did not affect whether they were prioritised under the triage system. (43652)
- 141N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghan nationals who have been approved for relocation to the UK under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy remain in Afghanistan. (43502)
- 142N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many overseas requests for military training and other capacity building assistance to be provided in the UK were (a) approved and (b) declined by his Department in (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17, (iii) 2017-18, (iv) 2018-19, (v) 2019-20 and (vi) 2020-21. (43436)
- 143N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Overseas Security and Justice Assistance assessments were completed by his Department in relation to (a) requests for capacity-building support and (b) case-specific assistance in (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17, (iii) 2017-18, (iv) 2018-19, (v) 2019-20 and (vi) 2020-21. (43437)
- 144N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Overseas Security and Justice Assistance assessments completed by his Department in relation to requests for capacity-building support concluded that the requests should be considered (a) low risk, (b) medium risk or (c) high risk in (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17, (iii) 2017-18, (iv) 2018-19, (v) 2019-20 and (vi) 2020-21. (43438)
- 145N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Overseas Security and Justice Assistance assessments completed by his Department in relation to requests for capacity-building support were the subject of consultation with Ministers in (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17, (iii) 2017-18, (iv) 2018-19, (v) 2019-20 and (vi) 2020-21. (43439)

- 146N**Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when his Department's Consolidated Advice Note, Building safety advice for building owners, including fire doors, published in January 2020 will be updated to ensure that the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) can update its own guidance on challenging defective building works for the purpose of fire safety rectifications post-Grenfell; and when the updated RICS position will be implemented. (43538)
- 147N**Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will publish the (a) properties classified as heritage assets by his Department, (b) most recent estimate of the value of those properties and (c) annual income derived from those properties. (43366)
- 148N**Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of heavy goods vehicle driver shortages on local authority bin collections. (43413)
- 149N**Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to his plans to create new unitary councils in Cumbria, North Yorkshire and Somerset announced in July 20231, whether he has asked the Boundary Commission to undertake boundary reviews before May 2022 local elections. (43530)
- 150N**Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what data his Department holds on the number of shopping trolleys abandoned in each (a) upper tier local authority and (b) lower tier local authority in each of the last five years. (43531)
- 151N**Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will publish data held by his Department on the amount spent by (a) upper and (b) lower tier local authorities on seizing, storing and disposing of abandoned shopping trolleys in each of the last five years. (43532)
- 152N**Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment his Department has made of the environmental impact of abandoned shopping trolleys. (43533)
- 153N**Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what data his Department holds on the number of motor vehicles abandoned in (a) lower tier local authority areas and (b) upper tier local authority areas in each of the last five years. (43534)
- 154N**David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent progress the Government's task force on nutrient pollution has made on tackling phosphate pollution, including that which prevents local authorities from granting planning permission. (43621)

- 155N**Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the equity of the ability of law firms based in London to recover from the losing side higher rates of legal costs than firms based in the North East of England. (43393)
- 156N**Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the equity of law firms being able to recover different rates of legal costs against the other side based on their location rather than the complexity of the case. (43394)
- 157N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many drug finds in prisons there have been in the (a) two year before and (b) two years since the launch of the National Prison Drug Strategy in April 2019. (43399)
- 158N**Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to help ensure that banks continue to provide banking facilities for charities and community groups without imposing unaffordable charges. (43479)
- 159N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many calls were made to the helpline established to report instances of potential fraud regarding the furlough scheme in the last twelve months; and how many of those calls related to cases in (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland. (43396)
- 160N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will hold urgent discussions with credit card companies on the possible increased potential for theft if companies proceed with plans to increase the contactless limit from £45 to £100 in October 2021. (43397)
- 161N**Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to provide support for property buyers who agreed sales ahead of the end of the stamp duty freeze and who will not complete sales until after the end of that freeze due to waiting for the completion of building surveys. (43645)
- 162N**Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of providing additional funding for disabled children's health services at the upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review to support access to appropriate disability services and equipment. (43668)
- 163N**Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to ensure that the next Comprehensive Spending Review allocates adequate funding for disabled children's social care to allow every local authority to provide the support services that every disabled child needs. (43669)
- 164N**Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) waiving and (b) reducing the VAT rate levied on delivered goods that are transported by electric-cargo bike. (43417)

- 165N**Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much financial support the Government has made available to local authorities for supporting refugees arriving from (a) Afghanistan and (b) other countries as a result of the security situation in Afghanistan. (43693)
- 166N**Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what additional funding will be made available to (a) expand the NHS workforce and (b) ensure that education and training is fit for the future as outlined in the NHS People Plan 2020/2021. (43486)
- 167N**Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what additional funding is being made available to help increase cancer survival rates. (43487)
- 168N**Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to replace Council Tax with a Proportional Property Tax. (43488)
- 169N**Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many jobs his Department has moved from his Department's premises in central London to Treasury North in Darlington as at 3 September 2021. (43497)
- 170N**Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the mean proportion is of officials of his Department physically working in their office as opposed to working from home or elsewhere whose office is in (a) Darlington and (b) London, on each day in each of the last three months. (43498)
- 171N**Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many roles have been moved out of central London by his Department in the last (a) six and (b) three months; and how many of those roles have been filled by staff (i) of his Department who previously filled that same role when it was located in central London, (ii) who previously worked for his Department in other roles and (iii) who have not previously worked for his Department. (43499)
- 172N**Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 15 July 2021 to Question 31282 on Non-domestic Rating (Telecommunications Infrastructure Relief) (England) Regulations, on what dates the (a) first and (b) tenth of those 71 certificates was issued. (43381)
- 173N**David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of doubling the annual grant-in-aid allocated to the Environment Agency for environment and business activities in the upcoming comprehensive spending review. (43619)

174N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he had with his European counterparts on the use of tax havens by European banks. (43614)

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1N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the most effective ways to avoid educational materials with hateful content funded by the UK being produced for Palestinian children. (43385)