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Questions tabled on Monday 13 September 2021

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many veterans' railcards have been issued since the launch of that railcard. [Transferred] (47042)
- 2 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for South Africa's status as a covid-19 red list country of data and genetic sequencing from that country showing the relative prevalence of the Beta and Delta variants of covid-19. [Transferred] (46927)
- 3N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Justice on the adequacy of the regulation of nitrous oxide. [Transferred] (903408)
- 4 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to support high street businesses in Newport West constituency. [Transferred] (47045)
- 5 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when he plans to publish a decision on bids to the Levelling Up Fund; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (47040)

- 6N **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of access to justice for small companies affected by anti-competitive behaviour that are ineligible (a) for the Competition Appeal Tribunal fast track procedure and (b) to have their cases taken up by the Competition and Markets Authority. [Transferred] (903418)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the (a) membership and (b) terms of reference is for the UK commission in Covid Commemoration. (48371)
- 2 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans he has to have the Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice Group included in the membership of the UK Commission on Covid Commemoration. (48374)
- 3 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 14 July 2021 to Question 28276 on Elections: Proof of Identity, how he plans to make blind and partially sighted people aware that they are entitled to a Voter Card to enable them to vote. (48319)
- 4 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 14 July 2021 to Question 28276, Elections: Proof of Identity, what steps he is taking that ensure that the application process for voter cards is fully accessible to blind and partially sighted people. (48320)
- 5 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the SC21 Competitiveness and Growth programme beyond the expiry date of March 2022 to enable the aerospace and automotive sectors to take into account the delays in access as a result of the covid-19 outbreak. (48387)
- 6 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what his Department's timetable is for responding to the Clean Heat Grant consultation which concluded on 5 March 2021. (48264)
- 7 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when he plans to announce the winners of the Green Fuels, Green Skies competition. (48270)

- 8 **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will publish an impact assessment ahead of the consultation on the privatisation of Channel 4; and what the evidential basis is that the privatisation will lead to more content investment and more jobs. (48162)
- 9 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, how many fines have been issued to people over 75 for non-payment of TV licences since the removal of the free TV licence concession. (48272)
- 10 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on recording absence from school as authorised in the event that eligible children are required to isolate following a covid-19 vaccination. (48364)
- 11 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions he has had with the National Deaf Children's Society on (a) supporting Education, Health and Care plans and (b) ensuring teaching staff are supported to provide quality education to children who are deaf. (48391)
- 12 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he has taken to identify buildings on the schools estate which could be repurposed to house refugees from Afghanistan. (48293)
- 13 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he has taken steps to release housing from universities to house refugees from Afghanistan. (48294)
- 14 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of applications for private candidates taking GCSEs. (48205)
- 15 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of children who are being home-schooled in England. (48206)
- 16 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will restrict university tuition fees so that universities cannot charge full fees for only teaching lessons online. (48209)
- 17 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will introduce a statutory baseline for the number of hours higher education providers must provide face-to-face tuition in an academic year. (48210)
- 18 **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of changing student finance residency requirements to include UK nationals who have been resident in the UK for more than three years but have gaps in their Leave To Remain status. (48379)

- 19 **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing the discretion of the Students Loans Company to offer loans to UK nationals who do not meet residency requirements as a result of circumstances outside their control. (48380)
- 20 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Dogs Trust's report, Puppy Smuggling: the scandal continues, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the Dogs Trust's recommendation that checks at the border should include a visual check to ensure that the pet animal is the same as the animal listed on the pet passport, and is the age stated. [R] (48260)
- 21 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Dogs Trust's report, Puppy Smuggling: the scandal continues, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the Dogs Trust recommendation that the focus on enforcement of the pet travel legislation must be shifted from carriers to a qualified animal professional from a government agency and this should include a requirement for there to be sufficient out-of-hours and weekend cover at ports. (48261)
- 22 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential contribution to UK net zero targets from the introduction of financial assistance to enable and support farmers willing to change from livestock farming to plant-based protein production methods. (48302)
- 23 **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of a remelt target for glass collected under the proposed deposit return scheme. (48184)
- 24 **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of having a re-melt target for glass collected by the proposed scheme of Extended Producer Responsibility. (48185)
- 25 **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the future opportunities for kerbside recycling of glass packaging containers that are not included in the proposed Deposit Return Scheme. (48186)
- 26 **Robert Halfon** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the amount of glass that would exit closed loop recycling in the event that a proposed Deposit Return Scheme does not include a re-melt target. (48187)

- 27 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the level of the recommended bulk density for glass recyclate collected for recycling back into bottles in respect of the principles of the circular economy. (48354)
- 28 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of potential effect of the glass-drink packaging recyclate going to aggregate through (a) Deposit Return Schemes and (b) local authority household collections. (48355)
- 29 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of (a) the crushing of glass and (b) soft drop glass return through reverse vending machines on the quality of glass recyclate for re-melt. (48356)
- 30 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what comparative assessment he has made of the level of leakage of glass recyclate through (a) a deposit return scheme where glass is handled multiple times throughout collection and (b) local authority household collections. (48357)
- 31 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the ability of reverse vending machines to break glass drink bottles into a natural broken state. (48358)
- 32 **Sarah Jones** (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ban the (a) export of plastic waste and (b) most polluting single use plastics as part of its plans to tackle the causes of plastic pollution. (48336)
- 33 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many trees his Department has planted since December 2019. (48203)
- 34 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to invest in climate change preparedness to protect communities from adverse effects of climate change. (48324)
- 35 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of (a) the level of demand for sustainable aviation fuel and (b) the amount of renewable, waste derived feedstocks required to meet that demand. (48225)
- 36 **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many staff of her Department were based in EU countries in each of the last three years; and if she will publish how many such staff were based in each country; and if she will make a statement. (48132)

- 37 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what estimate she has made of the effect on long-term trends in imports of UK legal services in (a) cash and (b) percentage terms of the (i) free trade agreement with (A) Australia, (B) New Zealand and (C) Japan and (ii) UK's accession to the CPTPP. (48171)
- 38 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 27 October 2020 to Question 105392 on Motorcycles: Noise, what further research the Government has undertaken on the effectiveness of acoustic cameras on reducing levels of noise pollution. (48254)
- 39 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the (a) reliability and (b) accuracy of acoustic cameras in enforcing road traffic noise limits. (48255)
- 40 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with officials from the Metropolitan Police on the enforcement of noise pollution from vehicles. (48256)
- 41 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the enforcement of noise pollution limits from vehicles. (48257)
- 42 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the DVSA's target time is for answering customer calls on 0300 200 1122; and what their performance is against that target. (48161)
- 43 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether visa applications from red list countries will continue to be processed while covid-19 restrictions on international travel remain in place. (48365)
- 44 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of electric vehicle charging points on the motorway network. (48274)
- 45 **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with the PCS union on ensuring that DVLA staff have a covid-secure working environment. (48276)
- 46 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to inform the public of the benefits of electric powered vehicles. (48303)
- 47 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he has taken to assess whether parts of the estate of (a) his Department and (b) Network Rail could be repurposed to home refugees from Afghanistan. (48295)
- 48 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment his Department has made of trends in the level of the cost of imports via shipping containers. (48204)

- 49 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the effect of the introduction of E10 on petrol retailers. (48208)
- 50 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress has been made on the application to install step-free access at Mill Hill Broadway station in Hendon constituency. (48212)
- 51N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the number of checks undertaken by local authorities of road bridges. [Transferred] (46990)
- 52 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the potential effect on the UK's net greenhouse gas emissions of the aviation sector adopting sustainable aviation fuel. (48224)
- 53 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to encourage and require the operators of diesel locomotives in the rail freight sector to use renewable diesel in place of fossil diesel to improve air quality for rail freight terminals, local communities and railway workers. (48226)
- 54 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to require the operators of diesel locomotives employed on HS2 construction work to use renewable diesel instead of fossil diesel to improve air quality and reduce CO2 emissions along the route of HS2. (48227)
- 55 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to require the operators of diesel powered long distance high speed passenger trains to use renewable diesel instead of fossil diesel to improve support air quality for passengers in stations, railway staff and local communities close to the railway. (48228)
- 56 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment the Government has made of the impact of idling diesel powered passenger trains on railway station passengers; and if he will take steps to help increase the use of renewable diesel for trains. (48229)
- 57 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with representatives of railway and station staff on the effect of idling diesel powered passenger trains on (a) health of those staff and (b) air quality; and if he will make it his policy to support the use of renewable diesel for trains. (48230)
- 58 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the cost of full electrification of the UK's railways and the removal of all diesel powered rolling stock. (48231)

- 59 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential effect on safety of the reduced requirements for HGV driver tests. (48144)
- 60 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the number of people waiting for their driving license to be renewed by the DVLA; and what that estimate was for each of the last five years. (48142)
- 61 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reduce phone call waiting times for service users trying to contact her Department's services. (48360)
- 62 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress her Department is making on ensuring that eligible pensioners receive their state pension on time. (48361)
- 63 **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the removal of the £20 universal credit uplift on child poverty in (a) Lanark and Hamilton East constituency and (b) other areas of deprivation. (48275)
- 64 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average waiting time was for the processing of a State Pension application as of 13 September 2021. (48265)
- 65 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people who reached state pension age in 2021 are in receipt of that pension. (48266)
- 66 **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme on the level of mortgage arrears. (48188)
- 67 **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to reform Support for Mortgage Interest (SMI) for homeowners facing financial difficulties by (a) reducing the time between claiming SMI and receiving the first payment from 39 weeks to 13 weeks and (b) removing the zero earnings rule linked to universal credit that prevents people in any paid work from claiming SMI. (48189)
- 68 **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reason the zero earnings rule linked to universal credit applies to Support for Mortgage Interest loans. (48190)
- 69 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many employed people are receiving universal credit in Hendon constituency. (48207)

- 70 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people will have their universal credit reduced as a result of the planned removal of the £20 uplift to the standard allowance, in Hendon constituency. (48211)
- 71 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting lists for child and adolescent mental health services. (48359)
- 72 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many grants were awarded by Health Education England to enable existing and aspiring nurses to train as non-medical practitioners to support the prostate cancer workforce in each of the last five years. (48191)
- 73 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's Monthly Provider Based Data and Summaries, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the data set out in those publications that shows 50,000 fewer referrals for suspected prostate cancer patients than historical trends during the covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make a statement. (48192)
- 74 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Rapid Cancer Registration and Treatment Data published by the National Disease Registration Service, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the data in that publication that shows 13,000 fewer prostate cancer diagnoses to the end of April 2021 compared with historical trends; and what plans he has to increase the rate of those diagnoses. (48193)
- 75 **Sara Britcliffe** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to improve the current package of support for unpaid carers. (48385)
- 76 **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with stakeholders on the potential merits of enshrining the title of Nurse in law as a protected title, requiring an individual to be registered as a Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Council, to legally use that title. (48163)
- 77 **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much the NHS has spent on private hospital facilities that have gone unused since the start of March 2020. (48141)
- 78 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Government plans to establish a cross-government task force on housing with care. (48180)
- 79 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken with Cabinet colleagues to support cross- Government working on older people's housing and care. (48181)

- 80 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will commit £50 million over five years to establish and operate a motor neurone disease translational research institute. (48337)
- 81 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to support the Spending Review submission from the Motor Neurone Disease Association, MND Scotland and the My Name's Doddie Foundation which calls for £50 million of funding for motor neurone disease-specific research. (48338)
- 82 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential benefits of increased investment in motor neurone disease research for other neurological conditions. (48339)
- 83N **Kate Green** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Government plans to fund a full roll out of mental health support teams to all schools and colleges. [Transferred] (46986)
- 84N **Kate Green** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding has been allocated for mental health support teams in schools and colleges in each year between 2018-19 and 2023-24; and what proportion of schools and colleges were covered by those teams in each year from 2018-19 to date. [Transferred] (46987)
- 85 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to require medicine and medical device makers to declare all payments made to doctors, teaching hospitals, research institutions and charities. (48158)
- 86 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many doses of covid-19 vaccines have been destroyed as a result of expiring before their use. (48308)
- 87 **Chris Loder** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS dentists there are in West Dorset. (48362)
- 88 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 26 July 2021 to Question 35710 on Travel: Coronavirus, what discussions he has had with (a) Member States, (b) the International Civil Aviation Organisation and (b) the WHO on the recognition of certain AstraZeneca covid-19 vaccine batches by the EU Digital Covid-19 Certificate. (48263)
- 89 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his timeframe is for the publication of data on the potential benefits and risks of missing covid-19 vaccines for people who have not yet been fully immunised. (48267)

- 90 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish his Department's timescale for responding to the consultation on five new waiting time standards that mental health providers have been piloting, which closed on 1 September 2021. (48268)
- 91 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the findings of the mental health pilots on the five new waiting time standards. (48269)
- 92 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to identify property from his Department's estate that could be used to resettle refugees from Afghanistan. (48290)
- 93 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what preparations are being made to enable refugees from Afghanistan with medical or other health professional qualifications to work in the NHS. (48291)
- 94 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will put training in place to assist refugees from Afghanistan to work in the social care sector. (48292)
- 95 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to publish on a six-monthly basis the additional results achieved by the NHS through expenditure raised by the 1.25 per cent Health and Social Care Levy announced on 7 September 2021. (48147)
- 96 **Mr Andrew Mitchell** (Sutton Coldfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to publish on a six-monthly basis the value for money calculations made on the additional health and social care expenditure for which money has been raised through the 1.25 per cent Health and Social Care Levy announced on 7 September 2021. (48148)
- 97 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the provision of new models of social care for older people, such as housing-with-care. (48343)
- 98 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to set up a task force on housing with care. (48344)
- 99 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle loneliness among older people through (a) retirement communities and (b) other housing solutions. (48345)
- 100 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of private hospital services that were purchased in bulk during the covid-19 outbreak that were not used over the last 18 months. (48201)

- 101 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate has the Department made of the rise in the number of patients paying for a consultation with a GP after failing to obtain a visit through the NHS. (48202)
- 102 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the estimated recruitment costs are for the new directors and chief executives of the Integrated Care Boards and Partnerships. (48117)
- 103 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his plans are for the current management bodies for health and social care as the new Integrated Care Boards are created. (48118)
- 104 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what is the projected spend on Test and Trace is for 2021-22; and how that figure compares to 2020-21. (48119)
- 105 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many chief executives there are of bodies that are part of the NHS in England. (48120)
- 106 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many hospital beds are available in NHS England; and what the current level of occupancy is. (48121)
- 107 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the budget is for Test and Trace in 2021-22; and how that compares to Test and Trace spending levels in 2020-21. (48122)
- 108 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total cost has been of setting up and closing down the Nightingale hospitals introduced in response to the covid-19 outbreak. (48123)
- 109 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what comparative assessment he has made of the level of NHS elective surgery (a) currently and (b) prior to the covid-19 outbreak. (48124)
- 110 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much NHS England plans to spend on (a) private hospital capacity and (b) work by private hospitals in 2021-22. (48125)
- 111 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his priorities are for spending the planned additional revenue from the increase in National Insurance. (48126)
- 112 **Mark Tami** (Alyn and Deeside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of introducing a national strategy to reduce vitamin D deficiency, with particular regard to BAME groups. (48149)

- 113 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to strengthen relations and cultural exchange between the UK and (a) New Zealand, (b) Canada and (c) Australia. (48371)
- 114 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2021 to Question 41002, at what times on 13 August 2021 he spoke to the UK Ambassador in Kabul. (48278)
- 115 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has received evidence of an increase in repressive behaviour towards (a) Uyghurs and (b) other Turkic Muslim minorities in the Uyghur region of China following recent events in Afghanistan. (48160)
- 116 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the level of threat from the newly formed Taliban government in Afghanistan to (a) UK nationals and (b) Afghans who worked with British forces who remain in Afghanistan. (48373)
- 117 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the stability of the economy in Lebanon. (48196)
- 118 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support survivors of the 1988 Iranian massacre and their families who are seeking legal recourse in UK courts. (48198)
- 119 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of seeking a UN inquiry into events surrounding the 1988 massacre in Iran. (48199)
- 120 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of a UN-led inquiry into the 1988 massacre of political prisoners in Iran following representations by the Prime Minister of Slovenia and UN special rapporteurs seeking the establishment of that inquiry. (48200)
- 121 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent support the Government has provided to Lebanon in response to the Beirut port explosion in 2020. (48232)

- 122 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterparts in the Gulf region on the seizure of oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman. (48233)
- 123 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the enforcement of noise pollution limits from vehicles. (48258)
- 124 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to improve the adequacy and effectiveness of Operation Warm Welcome. (48304)
- 125 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of reports of inappropriate behaviour from G4S staff assigned to UK quarantine hotels housing refugees from Afghanistan. (48305)
- 126 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what support she has made available to (a) Lewisham Donation Hub, (b) Little Village and (c) other voluntary organisations who are supporting the distribution of medication, nappies, baby formula and other vital supplies to destitute refugee families from Afghanistan recently arrived in the UK. (48306)
- 127 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department plans to provide (a) details of (a) the Afghan refugees in quarantine and (b) the bridging hotels to which they will be moved to the voluntary organisations currently providing vital support, including Lewisham Donation Hub, Little Village and Re:Act. (48307)
- 128 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications to the EU Settlement Scheme have been outstanding for eight weeks or more in South Belfast constituency. (48381)
- 129 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for asylum have been outstanding for eight weeks or longer in South Belfast constituency. (48382)
- 130 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average time taken to process applications to the EU Settlement Scheme is in South Belfast constituency. (48383)
- 131 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average processing time is for asylum applications in South Belfast constituency in the most recent period for which figures are available. (48384)
- 132 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will place in the House of Commons Library the presentation made to the Economic Crime Strategy Board in February 2021 relating to five investment packages to transform the response to economic crime. (48130)

- 133 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with her European counterparts on the future provision of additional visa opportunities to British students wishing to study in the EU. (48392)
- 134 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to procure more resettlement hotels to move refugees on from quarantine hotel facilities. (48296)
- 135 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on adapting the disused public estate for the purposes of providing resettlement homes for refugees. (48297)
- 136 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to publish details of the Afghanistan Citizens Resettlement Scheme. (48298)
- 137 **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the impact of delays to decisions on Leave to Remain or Indefinite Leave to Remain on applications for student finance. (48378)
- 138 **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of allegations that drones from Pakistan have been used in the recent fighting in the Panjshir valley. (48146)
- 139 **James Gray** (North Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to publish the 2021 annual report produced by the Reserve Forces External Scrutiny Team; and if he will place a copy of that report in the Library. (48135)
- 140 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2021 to Question 40639 on Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft, which UK military aircraft are certified to carry that container; and on what date those aircraft were certified to do so. (48150)
- 141 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the ammunition for the CT40 cannon will be manufactured. (48151)
- 142 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the ammunition for the BAE Systems Bofors 40mm Mk4 Naval Gun will be manufactured. (48152)
- 143 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the ammunition for the BAE System Bofors 57mm Mk3 Naval Gun will be manufactured. (48153)

- 144 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the time necessary to bring HMS Bulwark to full readiness. (48154)
- 145 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on Operation Warm Welcome. (48352)
- 146 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of building bespoke housing for refugees on his Department's unused estate as an alternative to selling that land as part of the Better Defence Estate Programme. (48288)
- 147 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is planning to take to increase transparency for consumers in older people's housing and associated fees and charges. (48194)
- 148 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether it is Government policy to implement the Law Commission's proposals on event fees in older people's housing. (48195)
- 149 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions he had had with Galliard Homes on the reliability and performance of cooling systems installed for air conditioning in flats in former office blocks converted to accommodation under permitted development rules. (48240)
- 150 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he has taken to support the renovation or repurposing of local authority owned buildings to assist in the resettlement of refugees. (48289)
- 151 **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been prosecuted for riding (a) an electric bicycle and (b) an electric scooter on the pavement in England in the last 12 months. (48393)
- 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/YOI Styal 2021, published on 8 September 2021, what steps he is taking to ensure that maintenance and refurbishment works at HMP/YOI Styal are (a) completed in a timely manner and (b) value for money. (48174)
- 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/YOI Styal 2021, published on 8 September 2021, over what timescale works to ensure (a) fire safety, (b) other health and safety and c) decency is restored to all accommodation at HMP/YOI Styal will be completed. (48175)

- 154 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2021 to Question 40798 on Prisoners: Rehabilitation, how many indeterminate sentences for public protection prisoners have been waiting for a place on an offending behaviour programme in each of the last five years. (48176)
- 155 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the report, What will the end of the Universal Credit uplift mean for areas of poor health?, published by the Health Foundation on 10 September 2021, if he will make an estimate of the additional costs to (a) the NHS, (b) employers and (c) the wider economy of any impact of the planned removal £20 uplift to universal credit on healthy life expectancy. (48177)
- 156 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the report, What will the end of the Universal Credit uplift mean for areas of poor health?, published by the Health Foundation on 10 September 2021, if he will make an assessment of the impact of the planned removal of the £20 uplift to universal credit on healthy life expectancy in areas where healthy life expectancy is relatively low. (48178)
- 157 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the potential effect of the removal of the £20 uplift to the standard allowance of universal credit on the cost to the public purse of spending on health. (48179)
- 158 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent changes have been made to the Green Book in assessing value for money to give weighting for bids from particular regions; and if he will set out that weighting. (48388)
- 159 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the average length of time in days HMRC has taken to issue A1 Certificates in each month since January 2019. (48353)
- 160 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing conditions on the receipt of any new funding for social care by private care providers, to require that funds are spent only on care delivery. (48309)
- 161 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assumptions he has made for the revenue that will be raised by social care precept for each of the next five years. (48262)
- 162 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he made of the suitability of different forms of taxation to pay for a Health and Social Care Levy prior to his decision to base that levy on National Insurance contributions. (48299)

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- 163 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason he decided to fund the Health and Social Care Levy through a rise in National Insurance contributions. (48300)
- 164 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he will take to fund the current unmet needs in the social care sector. (48301)
- 165 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate his Department has made of the average Band D Council Tax bill in England for the 2022-23 financial year. (48197)
- 166 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on Operation Warm Welcome. (48351)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to publish his Department's response to the consultation Transforming Public Procurement, which closed on 10 March 2021. (48246)
- 2N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to publish the Procurement Bill. (48247)
- 3N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what ministerial responsibility he holds for covid-19 status certification. (48248)
- 4N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the oral statement of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, the Minister for Covid-19 Vaccine Deployment, of 8 September 2021, Official Report, column 307, if he will publish a copy of the equality impact assessment of covid-status certification. (48249)
- 5N **Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people are employed in (a) the civil service and (b) local government with a salary in excess of £160,000 as at 13 September 2021. (48377)

- 6N **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has appointed a voter ID implementation lead, or equivalent role, in the last three months. (48273)
- 7N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, with reference to the Catholic Relief Act 1829, what assessment the Commissioners have made of the Prime Minister's ability to advise the Sovereign on the appointment of Anglican Bishops. (48216)
- 8N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what assessment the Commissioners have made of the potential merits of repealing legislation which prevents a Prime Minister who is a Catholic from advising the Sovereign on appointing Anglican Bishops. (48217)
- 9N **Sarah Jones** (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what his Department's policy is on changing market rules to enable community energy groups to supply renewable energy on a local basis; and what steps his Department is taking to support local renewable electricity generation as a way of meeting the UK's Carbon Budget. (48335)
- 10N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how much funding has been disbursed under the Help to Grow scheme to date; and how much will be disbursed in total. (48220)
- 11N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many (a) small and (b) medium sized businesses will be helped by the Help to Grow scheme. (48221)
- 12N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the marketing costs are for the Help to Grow scheme; and from what budget those costs have been met. (48222)
- 13N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what criteria he plans to use to assess the effectiveness of the Help to Grow scheme; and whether those criteria include regional targets. (48223)
- 14N **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, when his Department will publish the gambling review. (48215)
- 15N **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps the Government is taking to prevent companies and organisations using automated social media accounts to (a) increase follower numbers on social media platforms and (b) spread disinformation online. (48164)

- 16N **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps the Government is taking to work with social media companies to eliminate automated fake profiles on social media platforms. (48165)
- 17N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what definition his Department plans to use to define venues that will be required to make people show covid-19 vaccine certificates for entrance; when his Department plans to publish that definition; and what plans his Department has to provide financial support to those venues required (a) to implement and (b) enforce those entrance checks. (48234)
- 18N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions he has had with ministerial colleagues on providing additional financial support to touring (a) artists and (b) music organisations travelling to the European Union. (48235)
- 19N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps he is taking to support venue and music organisations in booking international artists to perform in the UK. (48236)
- 20N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions he has had with ministers in the Cabinet Office on the steps being taken by them to include the level of funding on culture in the North as part of the Levelling Up White Paper. [R] (48237)
- 21N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether he plans to use Event Research Programmes (ERP) to avoid complete closures of (a) venues and (b) events in the future. (48238)
- 22N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps his Department is taking to promote apprenticeships in the digital, culture, media and sport sectors to help support the Government's agenda of levelling up across the UK. (48134)
- 23N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information his Department holds on the number of schools that have altered the length of their school day since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. (48310)
- 24N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information his Department holds on the average length of the school day by (a) local authority, (b) region and (c) nationally. (48311)
- 25N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, by what date he plans to publish his Department's review into the impact of the length of the school day on education recovery. (48312)
- 26N **Sir David Amess** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Transport on steps to mitigate the levels of air pollution around regional airports in residential areas. (48127)

- 27N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department holds data on air quality for (a) Putney constituency and (b) Wandsworth borough for each of the last five years. (48372)
- 28N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the report published by the Dog's Trust entitled Puppy smuggling, a tragedy ignored, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the recommendation in that report that the number of dogs allowed under non-commercial movement rules should be reduced to two per vehicle. (48366)
- 29N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 29 June 2020 to Question 63200 on Dogs: Imports, what the outcomes were of the (a) renewed rabies risk assessment and (b) commissioned assessments to understand the risks posed by tapeworms, ticks and tick-borne disease. (48367)
- 30N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has plans to shorten the window for tapeworm treatment of dogs before entry into the UK from 24-120 hours to 24-48 hours. (48368)
- 31N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he is having with the Welsh Government ahead of the publication of his Department's electric vehicle charging infrastructure strategy. (48183)
- 32N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions his Department is having with the Department of Health and Social Care on the red list travel restriction-status of (a) Pakistan and (b) Bangladesh. (48390)
- 33N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions officials in his Department have had with representatives of South Western Railway on the potential impact of timetable changes proposed for December 2022 on areas near to affected stations with planned local development projects that have been designed on the basis of current public transport provision levels. (48321)
- 34N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how his Department plans to reconcile the population increases resulting from the London Plan's targets for house building with proposed reductions to rail services that will affect (a) Richmond Park and (b) other constituencies in London. (48322)
- 35N **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when her Department will complete its investigation into the fraud allegedly committed against the hon. Member for Leeds Central's constituent ML and reinstate her tax credits. (48145)

- 36N **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of whether there has been a change in the average time taken to process Access to Work payments in the most recent period for which figures are available. (48133)
- 37N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her comment on BBC Breakfast on 13 September 2021 that £20 a week is about 2 hours' extra work every week, how that calculation was made. (48167)
- 38N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of additional hours a person who is in work and claiming universal credit would need to work to make up for the removal of the £20 uplift to that benefit. (48168)
- 39N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her interview with BBC Breakfast on 13 September 2021, what modelling she used to assess that the reduction of the £20 uplift was the equivalent of two hours of work where the applicable universal credit earnings taper rate is at 63 per cent. (48169)
- 40N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support universal credit beneficiaries to obtain employment that is sufficiently well-paid to enable them to offset the ending of the £20 uplift by working two additional hours each week. (48170)
- 41N **Dr Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes to women's state pension age, published on 20 July 2021, that changes to the State Pension age for women were not satisfactorily communicated after 2004 affecting the notice period for those changes, what plans her Department has to compensate people affected by that maladministration. (48128)
- 42N **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her oral contribution in response to the hon. Member for Glasgow East of 13 September 2021, what guidance her Department issues to Work Coaches to help them move people who are already in work into better paid work; and if she will place in the Library a copy of that guidance. (48340)
- 43N **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her oral contribution in response to the hon. Member for Glasgow East of 13 September 2021, what estimate she has made of the number of people who were already in work and have moved into better paid work as a result of assistance from a Work Coach in (a) Glasgow East constituency, (b) Scotland and (c) the UK in the last three months. (48341)

- 44N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many claims awarded under the Special Rules for Terminal Illness have been reviewed by her Department following the end of their three-year award duration in each of the last five years. (48131)
- 45N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment she has made of the timeliness of the delivery of the state pension to an eligible person on reaching the state pension age. (48253)
- 46N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the overall cost of the reforms to the NHS proposed within the Health and Care Bill 2021; and how much of that cost is attributed to (a) staff redundancies, (b) IT infrastructure for new organisations, (c) estates costs of closing bodies and setting up new organisations and (d) programme management. (48239)
- 47N **Sarah Atherton** (Wrexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of splitting the reported data on covid-19 deaths within 28 days of a positive test by people who are (a) fully vaccinated, (b) single vaccinated and (c) not vaccinated. (48386)
- 48N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients were treated by private sector providers contracted by the NHS during the covid-19 outbreak in each month since March 2020, by hospital trust in England. (48136)
- 49N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much NHS England has spent on purchasing hospital capacity and health services from private sector providers during the covid-19 outbreak since March 2020. (48137)
- 50N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide a breakdown of the types of services and treatments provided by private sector providers to NHS patients during the covid-19 outbreak. (48138)
- 51N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many private hospital beds have been (a) booked by NHS providers, (b) used by NHS providers and (c) unused since the start of March 2020. (48139)
- 52N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much the NHS has spent on private hospital facilities since the start of March 2020 for booked procedures that have failed to take place. (48140)
- 53N **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) support the rollout of nuclear medicines across the NHS and (b) prevent regional variations in access to those medicines. (48259)

- 54N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many covid-19 vaccine doses COVAX has sent to the UK. (48326)
- 55N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether people who have one dosage of a covid-19 vaccine as part of the Covishield programme administered by the UN are still required to quarantine when travelling to the UK from amber list countries. (48159)
- 56N **Dr Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether vulnerable residents in (a) care homes and (b) hospital facilities will be less at risk of serious illness in the event that they are infected with covid-19 by staff who have been fully vaccinated against that disease; to what extent being fully vaccinated against covid-19 prevents a person from transmitting that virus to vulnerable people; and if he will make a statement. (48129)
- 57N **Holly Mumby-Croft** (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress has been made on ensuring that PrEP can be accessed in other health settings beyond sexual health clinics. (48389)
- 58N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of commissioning a review into the use of electroconvulsive therapy. (48363)
- 59N **Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many non-clinical vacancies exist in the NHS with salary expectations in excess of £160,000 per annum as at 13 September 2021. (48375)
- 60N **Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people are employed by the NHS in a non-clinical capacity with a salary in excess of £160,000 as at 13 September 2021. (48376)
- 61N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kempdown): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the level of uptake of the HIV prevention drug, PrEP, among different population groups, including women and black African communities. (48328)
- 62N **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on (a) the number of children requiring mental health services in England and (b) waiting times for access to child mental health services. (48143)
- 63N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2021 to Question 41002, at what times on 12 August 2021 he spoke to the UK Ambassador in Kabul. (48277)

- 64N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the answer of 10 September 2021 to Question 41002, at what times on 14 August 2021 he spoke to the UK Ambassador in Kabul. (48279)
- 65N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2021 to Question 41002, at what times on 15 August 2021 he spoke to the UK Ambassador in Kabul. (48280)
- 66N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2021 to Question 41002, at what times on 16 August 2021 he spoke to the UK Ambassador in Kabul. (48281)
- 67N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2021 to Question 41002, at what times on 17 August 2021 he spoke to the UK Ambassador in Kabul. (48282)
- 68N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2021 to Question 41124 on Afghanistan: Refugees, whether he held meetings with counterparts in countries neighbouring Afghanistan on the needs of Afghan refugees in those countries and the support his Department could provide prior to 18 August 2021. (48325)
- 69N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many covid-19 vaccines the UK has donated to low income countries as of 16 September 2021. (48327)
- 70N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many covid-19 vaccines his Department will be providing to Ghana. (48313)
- 71N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help protect Afghan female judges in hiding from the Taliban. (48348)
- 72N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the number of Uyghurs in Afghanistan; and what steps is he taking to help protect ethnic minorities in Afghanistan who are at risk of persecution. (48349)
- 73N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the (a) implications for his policies of the Indian government's recent lockdown on Kashmir after the death of activist, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, and (b) human rights situation in Kashmir. (48350)

- 74N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the 220 female judges who are currently in Afghanistan are brought to the UK as rapidly as possible. (48250)
- 75N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to (a) make representations on North Korea's recent testing of a new 1,000 mile cruise missile at the UN Security Council, and (b) have cruise missiles included in the scope of weapons that are considered to be endangering regional and world peace. (48251)
- 76N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government funded (a) the two flights that left Afghanistan for Qatar on 9 and 10 September 2021 carrying 13 and 21 British nationals respectively and (b) other flights from Afghanistan to Qatar in the last two months. (48252)
- 77N **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 8 September 2021 to Question 41804 on Chevening Scholarships Programme: Coronavirus, with reference to the liaison between the Chevening Secretariat, universities, local authorities and the Home Office, by what date outstanding questions from universities and local authorities seeking (a) confirmation of the immigration status of family members of Chevening scholars who have arrived in the UK, (b) confirmation of their recourse to public funds and (c) answers to other queries will be answered. (48182)
- 78N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish a copy of the letter sent from Police Scotland's ACC Gary Ritchie to the British High Commission in Colombo on 28 May 2021 on the decision to pause activities with Sri Lanka police. (48369)
- 79N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish a copy of the letter supplied by Police Scotland on 10 June 2021 to the British High Commission in Colombo giving formal notification of the pause of the programme of work being undertaken by Police Scotland in Sri Lanka; and whether that letter was faxed to the Inspector General of Sri Lanka Police. (48370)
- 80N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many (a) UK and (b) Afghan nationals eligible for relocation to the UK have departed Afghanistan on international flights departing from Kabul Airport since 9 September 2021; and what criteria was used to select those people for those flights. (48218)

- 81N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Belarusian Government on journalists currently under house arrest and awaiting criminal trials in the country. (48314)
- 82N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has raised reports of Russian police searching the homes of investigative journalists with his Russian counterpart. (48315)
- 83N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government (a) is taking and (b) plans to take support journalists in Belarus who have experienced (i) physical violence and (ii) threats of imprisonment for their media work. (48316)
- 84N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government is taking steps to support journalists from Belarus who have fled that country and need assistance with (a) visas, (b) relocation funds and (c) financial support to continue their journalism. (48317)
- 85N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made recent representations to his counterparts in Central Asia to raise concerns on the (a) safety of media workers and (b) importance of freedom of press. (48318)
- 86N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if the Government will provide EU citizens in the UK who are granted Settled or Pre-Settled Status with physical proof of their migration status. (48323)
- 87N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 September 2021 to Question 40635 on BOWMAN Combat Radio System, which units have (a) tested and (b) accepted BCIP 5.6. (48155)
- 88N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 September 2021 to Question 40637 on BOWMAN Combat Radio System, what the forecast RDEL (run cost) is to maintain BCIP 5.6 until its out of service date. (48156)
- 89N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 September 2021 to Question 40676 on Ammunition, what the last safe year of use is for those batches of 30mm ammunition. (48157)
- 90N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to release property from his Department's estate to house refugees from Afghanistan. (48286)

- 91N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to prepare properties or repurpose accommodation on his Department's estate to ensure it is fit for habitation by refugees from Afghanistan. (48287)
- 92N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2021 to Question 43388, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy applications were received up to the period 1 to 31 August 2021; and how many of those applications were subsequently rejected. (48342)
- 93N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase Armed Forces Compensation Scheme tariffs for back injuries. (48166)
- 94N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress he has made on repealing the Vagrancy Act 1824; and what the timeframe is for the repeal of that Act. (48283)
- 95N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many people have been prosecuted under the Vagrancy Act 1824 in (a) England, (b) Yorkshire and (c) York in each of the last 10 years; and what steps he is taking to reduce the number of prosecutions. (48284)
- 96N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the penalties that have been served under the Vagrancy Act 1824 in the last five years. (48285)
- 97N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department is taking to help local authorities hold meetings in a covid-19 safe manner. (48241)
- 98N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information his Department holds on the provision of assisted garden maintenance services by local authorities in England. (48242)
- 99N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information his Department holds on the number of local authorities that have published autism strategies. (48243)
- 100N **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 beach patrols undertaken by local authorities in England. (48244)

- 101N**Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information his Department holds on the local authorities in England that have responsibility for running of canals and waterways in their area. (48245)
- 102N**Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 15 July to Question 29878 on Sexual Offences: Rehabilitation, how many and what proportion of biologically male transgender prisoners in the male estate have accessed accredited Sex Offender Treatment Programmes in each of the last five years. (48329)
- 103N**Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 13 July 2021 to Question 29877, Downview Prison, and with reference to the evidence quoted in the judgment in R (FDJ) v the Secretary of State of 2 July 2021 that biologically female prisoners have been allocated to HMP Downview's E Wing alongside biologically male transgender prisoners, what the circumstances are under which a biologically female prisoner may be considered for placement on E Wing. (48330)
- 104N**Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what research his Department has approved that analyses criminal justice policy from the perspective of trans offenders. (48331)
- 105N**Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what research his Department has approved that analyses the efficacy of prison placement policy of transgender people from the perspective of the prison management systems of (a) male and female prison officers and (b) female offenders in prisons. (48332)
- 106N**Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what research has his Department has approved that analyses how risk assessment panels understand the (a) risks being assessed and (b) needs of the female prison population when making decisions on placement of transgender people. (48333)
- 107N**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/YOI Styal 2021, how many women and girls at HMP/YOI Styal are held in one of the 16 house blocks that have been classified as a red fire risk. (48172)
- 108N**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/YOI Styal 2021, published on 8 September 2021, what steps he is taking to protect prisoners and staff at HMP/YOI Styal from serious fire risks. (48173)
- 109N**Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent steps his Department has taken to ensure legal defence practitioners are able to provide in-person attendance to all suspects in police custody. (48219)

- 110N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prosecutions have been made in (a) England, (b) Wales, (c) Thames Valley and (d) Oxford West and Abingdon constituency under the Vagrancy Act 1824 in each calendar year since 2015. (48346)
- 111N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Prime Minister, what proportion of correspondence sent to him by hon. Members received a substantive response within the service standard in each month of (a) 2018, (b) 2019 and (c) 2020. (48347)
- 112N **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) effectiveness of the operation of the Sewel Convention and (b) ability of the Scottish Parliament to carry out its legislative functions on devolved matters. [Transferred] (903455)
- 113N **Sarah Jones** (Croydon Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate his Department has made of the level of spending required in 2021-22 for the transition to achieve net zero. (48334)

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- 1N **Mrs Pauline Latham** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to ensure that his Department's standards of modern zoo practice include (a) conservation activities on supporting endangered species through the collection of genetic material for research and (b) the provision of formal education sessions.. (48214)
- 2N **Mrs Pauline Latham** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps he is taking to ensure that all local authorities are able to return to full, in-person meetings on local authority premises after the end of covid-19 social distancing restrictions in July 2021 thereby avoiding the need to hire large venues to accommodate social distancing. (48213)