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Questions tabled on Friday 26 November 2021

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Questions for Answer on Monday 29 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to help improve provision of mental health services for former armed service personnel in Newport West.
[Transferred] (82087)
- 2 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress his Department has made on supporting education and reskilling opportunities for former service personnel in Newport West.
[Transferred] (82088)
- 3 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many small businesses awarded loans from the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme are in arrears with re-payments in (a) England and (b) North East England.
[Transferred] (81952)
- 4 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many small businesses (a) applied for and (b) were awarded loans from the Coronavirus Bounce Back Loan Scheme in (a) England and (b) North East England to date.
[Transferred] (81953)
- 5 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many small businesses awarded loans from the Coronavirus Bounce Back Loan Scheme were in arrears with re-payments in (a) England and (b) North East England as of 25 November 2021.
[Transferred] (81954)

- 6N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to ensure labour rights are enforced for all workers regardless of immigration status. [Transferred] (80936)
- 7 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much the Exchequer has received in fines from water companies since 2010. [Transferred] (82079)
- 8 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on his plans to tackle Islamophobia; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (82089)
- 9 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what fiscal steps she is taking to reduce child food poverty. [Transferred] (82107)
- 10 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the November 2021 Royal College of Emergency Medicine Acute Insight Series, Crowding and its Consequences, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the estimate published in that report that there were at least 4519 excess deaths caused by crowding in accident and emergency departments in 2020-21; and if he will make a statement. (82288)
- 11N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 24 November 2021 to Question 78504, how many people have received refunds of the immigration health surcharge in each of the last three years for which figures are available. [Transferred] (81139)
- 12 **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2021 to Question 76540 on Heating: VAT, for what reason heat batteries are not considered to be an Energy Saving Material. [Transferred] (81857)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 30 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many appeals to the First-tier Tribunal have been made as a result of sanction notices issued in response to complaints of Green Deal mis-selling by HELMS. (82342)

- 2 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many intention notices have been issued by his Department in response to complaints about the mis-selling of Green Deal loans by HELMS; and how many intention notices remain outstanding. (82343)
- 3 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many new complaints his Department has received on the mis-selling of Green Deal loans by HELMS in each month since January 2020. (82344)
- 4 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many Green Deal Scheme appeal cases from Kilmarnock and Loudoun constituency have been with her Department since referral for (a) one, (b) two, (c) three, (d) four, (e) five, (f) six, (g) seven, (h) eight, (i) nine, (j) 10, (k) 11 and (l) 12 months or longer without a final decision having been made. (82345)
- 5 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many offers of compensation have been made by her Department to consumers as a result of mis-selling by HELMS; and of those offers how many were (a) accepted and settled and (b) rejected by consumers in favour of their original offer of compensation from the Green Deal Finance Company. (82346)
- 6 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many Green Deal loan appeals in respect of HELMS his Department has received; and of those how many have been completed. (82347)
- 7 **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with CGN on plans for the construction of a Chinese designed nuclear reactor at Bradwell in Essex; whether it is the Government's policy to facilitate this project; and if he will make a statement. (82261)
- 8N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many small businesses (a) applied and (b) were awarded loans from the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme in (i) England and (ii) North East England. [Transferred] (81951)
- 9 **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what correspondence (a) ministers, (b) special advisers and (c) officials in his Department have received from Alexander Temerko since 1 March 2021. (82328)
- 10 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department categorises burning trees as a source of renewable energy. (82382)

- 11 **Ben Bradley** (Mansfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if the Government's response to the National Food Strategy will consider the significant pressures that the food and logistics sectors are under and deliver strategies to tackle those pressures. (82371)
- 12 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential risk to human health from rivers. (82368)
- 13 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential financial impact to small and local business based near beaches and rivers of days rendered unswimmable as a result of sewage pollution. (82369)
- 14 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many of the 217 market access barriers fully or partly resolved in financial year 2020-21 were reported to the Government's Digital Market Access Service prior to 1 April 2020. (82272)
- 15 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many of the market access barriers fully or partly resolved by her Department between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020 were reported to the Government's Digital Market Access Service (a) between those two dates or (b) prior to 1 April 2019. (82273)
- 16 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, for what reason the figure of 1,238 published in her Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 on 16 July 2020 for the number of market access barriers reported to the Digital Market Access Service in financial year 2019-20 is different to the figure of 1,099 published in Market Access Barrier Statistics: financial year 2020-21 on 25 November 2021 for the same figure. (82274)
- 17 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, for what reason the figure of 175 published in her Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 on 16 July 2020 for the number of market access barriers fully or partly resolved in financial year 2019-20 is different to the revised figure of 181 published in Market Access Barrier Statistics: financial year 2020-21 on 25 November 2021 for the same figure. (82275)
- 18 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of local planning authorities in promoting energy from renewable and low carbon sources in (a) Leicestershire and (b) the UK. (82380)

- 19 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the effectiveness of proposals for the supply of energy from renewable or low carbon energy supply systems in new developments in (a) the UK and (b) Leicestershire. (82381)
- 20 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when feedback will be made available to hon. Members and local authorities on unsuccessful Levelling Up fund bids. (82330)
- 21 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when the Levelling Up fund will open to applications for the next round of funding. (82331)
- 22 **Felicity Buchan** (Kensington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to (a) increase the availability of on-street electric vehicle charging points in line with projected demand and (b) ensure electric vehicle charging points can be used with all EV models and are in good working condition. (82390)
- 23 **Felicity Buchan** (Kensington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the number of jobs that will be created from the nationwide rollout of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. (82391)
- 24 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to ensure that rural and remote areas, including farms and on-street locations, will be included in plans to extend electric car charge point installation to homes and workplaces. (82378)
- 25 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to ensure that the £1 billion of Government support for the electrification of vehicles and their supply chains includes (a) rural SMEs and (b) farms. (82379)
- 26 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much money his Department spent on assessing the feasibility of constructing a fixed transport link between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (82393)
- 27 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the comparative economic impact on York's economy of the Integrated Rail Plan compared to HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail proposals. (82355)
- 28 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of improving rail links between York and Hull. (82356)
- 29 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of (a) Askham Bar and (b) other rail stations on the periphery of York at diverting car drivers headed for that city centre onto rail. (82357)

- 30 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing investment in road transport infrastructure and increasing investment in improving rail routes in Yorkshire. (82358)
- 31 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what comparative assessment his Department has made of the environmental impact of the Department's road building programme across Pennine routes compared with proposals for Northern Powerhouse Rail. (82359)
- 32 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the trends in levels of funding for individual job centres since 2019. (82385)
- 33 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that job centres run efficiently. (82386)
- 34 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure adequate staffing of job centres. (82387)
- 35 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that local maternity units provide expectant mothers with the best possible care. (82372)
- 36 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to recruit additional midwives in England. (82373)
- 37 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he will take to increase the (a) recruitment and (b) training of new midwives. (82374)
- 38 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what further steps he is taking to expedite the UK's contribution to (a) COVAX and (b) other global vaccine initiatives to safeguard against further covid-19 virus mutations. (82360)
- 39 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with vaccine manufacturers to enable countries in the Global South to manufacture vaccines developed in the Global North. (82361)
- 40 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to accelerate the booster programme for covid-19 vaccinations; and what plans he has to extend eligibility for covid-19 vaccine boosters to all people under the age of 40. (82362)
- 41 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle levels of covid-19 infection among children in primary schools. (82363)

- 42 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 November 2021 to Question 71375 on Western Sahara: Human Rights; what discussions she has had with her Moroccan counterpart on Morocco's lack of facilitation of a visit to Western Sahara by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights since January 2016. (82341)
- 43 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of the covid-19 vaccination rate in Botswana. (82375)
- 44 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of the covid-19 vaccination rate in South Africa. (82376)
- 45 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of the covid-19 vaccination rate in Namibia. (82377)
- 46 **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the tensions at the Poland-Belarus border, what recent discussions she has had with her EU counterpart on (a) the treatment of asylum seekers and (b) ensuring that aid agencies are able to reach people in need. (82268)
- 47 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2021 to Question 76763 on Animal Experiments, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of establishing a Ministerial position dedicated to accelerating the replacement of animal research with human relevant techniques. (82364)
- 48 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many armed forces personnel will be located in York to support the new 19th Battalion of the Reservists planned to be based in York. (82348)
- 49 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where in York he plans to base the new 19th Reserve Battalion dealing with civil resilience. (82349)
- 50 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the (a) total and (b) per application cost to the public purse of processing exceptional case funding applications across all areas of law that are out of scope for legal aid has been in (i) cash and (ii) real terms in England and Wales in each year since 2012. (82365)
- 51 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the (a) total and (b) per application cost to the public purse of processing exceptional case funding applications for immigration matters has been in (i) cash and (ii) real terms in England and Wales in each year since 2012. (82366)

- 52 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has contingency plans in place to provide financial support to Devolved Administrations for assistance to businesses in circumstances where the outbreak of covid-19 requires lockdown measures to be taken. (82392)
- 53 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he made an assessment of the future additional annual costs to the public purse in the event that the judgment in the Supreme Court case of Royal Mencap Society v Tomlinson-Blake, UKSC 2018/0160, was decided in favour of Tomlinson-Blake. (82298)
- 54 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what date his Department's policy on staff working from home was last substantially updated. (82299)
- 55 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what date HMRC's policy on staff working from home was last substantially updated. (82300)
- 56 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what date his Department's internal policy on dealing with workplace bullying was last substantially updated. (82301)
- 57 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2021 to Question 79347, on Treasury: Staff, what recent assessment he has made of the quality of information provided to Parliament by Ministers in his Department. (82302)
- 58 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what guidance he has issued to Ministers in his Department on the timeliness and fullness of the publication of their Ministerial meetings and activities. (82303)
- 59 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the (a) completeness and (b) accuracy of published records of Ministerial meetings and hospitality received by Ministers in his Department. (82304)
- 60 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the level of staffing of HMRC. (82305)
- 61 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the level of staffing of the Valuation Office Agency. (82306)
- 62 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff by (a) full time equivalent and (b) headcount work in each directorate in his Department. (82307)

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- 63 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff by (a) full time equivalent and (b) headcount work in each directorate in HMRC. (82308)
- 64 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 11 June 2021 Question 10353, on Business: Taxation, if he will publish that information for the 2020-2021 financial year. (82309)
- 65 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 11 June 2021 to Question 10352, on Business: Taxation, if he will publish that information for the 2020-2021 financial year. (82310)
- 66 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 11 June 2021 to Question 10347, on Corporation Tax, if he will publish that information for the 2020-2021 financial year. (82311)
- 67 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities on the fitness for purpose of the Bellwin scheme in respect of claims from local authorities for costs arising from winter flooding. (82312)
- 68 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the launch of Green Savings Bonds by National Savings & Investments. (82313)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 1 December

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, pursuant to the Oral Answer of the Paymaster General to the Honourable Member for Dulwich and West Norwood of 25 November 2021, Official Report volume 704, column 444, how many contracts have been awarded under regulation 32 emergency procurement powers during the covid-19 outbreak in each month of the last year for which information is available. (82325)
- 2N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2021 to Question 79397 on Business Interests, whether he plans to complete work on improving (a) the scope and clarity of the Business

- Appointment Rules, (b) the consistency and proportionality of the implementation of the Rules across Government and (c) enforcement of the Rules by the end of 2021. (82326)
- 3N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether it is his policy that public criticism from The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments is sufficient sanction for breaching the Business Appointment Rules. (82329)
- 4N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps is he taking to tackle rising energy costs for households. (82389)
- 5N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) adequacy of the (i) structure, (ii) powers and (iii) resources of Trading Standards and (b) ability of that organisation to effectively protect consumers from scams, rogue traders and other potential harms. (82332)
- 6N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if the Government will bring forward legislative proposals to ensure that online marketplaces take greater responsibility for the safety of consumers using their platforms, including proactive measures to protect consumers from scams, fake reviews and unsafe products. (82333)
- 7N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if the Government will enable collective redress in consumer cases in line with competition cases. (82334)
- 8N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans the Government has to extend dispute resolution to sectors other than second hand car sales and servicing and home improvement. (82335)
- 9N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if the Government will introduce mandatory alternative dispute resolution (ADR) to help consumers resolve disputes in respect of the airline sector in the context of most other regulated sectors having mandatory ADR schemes. (82336)
- 10N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will place copies of correspondence (a) to Ministers in his Department from Alexander Temerko of 8 February 2021 and 22 March 2021 in respect of the Aquind Interconnector project, (b) from Ministers in his Department replying to Alexander Temerko and (c) from Ministers forwarding the original letters to other Ministers and officials in the Library. (82327)

- 11N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether costs associated with Bulb Energy Ltd entering the special administration regime will be passed on to billpayers. (82262)
- 12N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the options are for exiting the Special Administration Regime undertaken with Bulb Energy Ltd. (82263)
- 13N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what comparative assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of using the (a) Supplier of Last Resort or (b) Special Administration Regime process for energy companies that go out of business as a result of increases in wholesale energy prices. (82264)
- 14N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether there is a threshold for the number of customers a company must have to be entered into the Special Administration Regime, rather than using the Supplier of Last Resort mechanism. (82265)
- 15N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Warm Homes Discount scheme to a wider range of low income and vulnerable households. (82266)
- 16N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when alternative finance to student loans will be made available to students. (82388)
- 17N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions he has had with education leaders in (a) St Helens North constituency and (b) the North West region on improving the (i) recruitment and (ii) retention of newly-qualified teachers. (82337)
- 18N **Nick Fletcher** (Don Valley): To ask Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps the Government plans to take to reduce the use of plastics during the remainder of the UK's COP presidency. [Transferred] (904502)
- 19N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many of the 787 market access barriers reported to the Government's Digital Market Access Service between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 were (a) fully resolved or (b) partly resolved within that same period. (82271)
- 20N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the impact of increased shipping costs on (a) supply chains for UK manufacturers and (b) the availability of imported goods in the weeks leading up to Christmas. (82276)

- 21N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the effect of increased non-tariff barriers facing UK imports from the EU on (a) supply chains for UK manufacturers, and (b) the availability of imported goods in the weeks leading up to Christmas 2021. (82277)
- 22N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the impact of the construction of additional border infrastructure on the functioning of UK ports in the weeks leading up to Christmas 2021. (82278)
- 23N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether there will be any change in the frequency of (a) customs, (b) sanitary and phytosanitary and (c) safety and security checks applied at UK ports in relation to exports to the EU in the weeks leading up to Christmas 2021. (82279)
- 24N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what representations he has made to his German counterpart on the designation of the UK as a high risk travel destination for covid-19. (82383)
- 25N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what criteria his Department plans to use to assess whether travel restrictions to a particular country are necessary to help prevent the spread of b.1.1.529 variant of covid-19. (82270)
- 26N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to prioritise the economic and transport needs of the North during the reorganisation of his Department and Transport for the North. (82350)
- 27N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will have discussions with Transport for the North to ensure that the Integrated Rail Plan does not detract from the plans of Transport for the North. (82351)
- 28N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he will take to improve rail connectivity in Yorkshire in addition to the proposals set out in the Integrated Rail Plan. (82352)
- 29N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he will take to ensure that the implementation of the Integrated Rail Plan does not lead to disruption on the Transpennine Route and reduce journey times between York and (a) Leeds and (b) Manchester. (82353)
- 30N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to make improvements to rail journeys between York and Sheffield, in addition to the proposals set out in the Integrated Rail Plan. (82354)

- 31N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many individuals in (a) St Helens North constituency, (b) Liverpool City Region and (c) the North West region have undertaken roles as part of the Kickstart scheme since its inception. (82338)
- 32N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to coordinate its policies with the covid-19 restrictions that are in operation in Scotland and Wales through the Devolved Administrations; and if she will make a statement. (82339)
- 33N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that bringing non-frontline departmental staff back into workplaces in (a) Scotland and (b) Wales is in accordance with the covid-19 safety policies in operation in those devolved nations. (82340)
- 34N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of covid-19 vaccine doses that his Department will have donated to COVAX by the end of January 2022. (82367)
- 35N **Jack Dromey** (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will publish (a) the minutes of the phone call between the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Innovation and Oxford Nanopore on covid-19 testing on 4 April 2020 and (b) a list of which officials in his Department participated in the call. (82283)
- 36N **Jack Dromey** (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will publish (a) the minutes of the phone call between Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Innovation, Lord O'Shaughnessy and CEO of PUBLIC on the covid-19 test and trace programme on 10 May 2020, (b) a list of which officials or special advisers from his Department participated in the call, and (c) an explanation of the capacity in which Lord O'Shaughnessy participating. (82284)
- 37N **Jack Dromey** (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will publish (a) the minutes of the phone call between Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Innovation, Lord O'Shaughnessy and Boston Consulting Group on the covid-19 test and trace programme on 8 May 2020, (b) a list of which officials or special advisers from his Department participated in the call, and (c) an explanation of the capacity in which Lord O'Shaughnessy participating. (82285)
- 38N **Jack Dromey** (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will publish (a) the minutes of the phone call between the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Innovation and Topham Guerin on test and trace marketing materials on 26 May 2020, (b) who attended on behalf of Topham Guerin, and (c) a list of which officials in his Department participated in the call. (82286)

- 39N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he has any plans to fund research into Mitochondria Cells and the effect upon them in relation to sufferers of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome; and if he will make a statement. (82269)
- 40N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many covid-19 vaccines the Government has provided via Covax or bilaterally to (a) South Africa, (b) Botswana, (c) Namibia, (d) Lesotho, (e) Eswatini, (e) Zimbabwe, (f) Zambia, (g) Malawi, (h) Mozambique, (i) Mauritius in the last year; and how much covid-19 related Official Development Aid the Government has provided to each of those countries in the last year. (82320)
- 41N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on what date she last had discussions with representatives of the African Union Centres for Disease Control. (82321)
- 42N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions her Department has had with representatives of the African Union on preparation of contingency plans to ensure the functioning of the Union's Centre for Disease Control HQ in the event of conflict reaching Addis Ababa; and if she will make statement. (82322)
- 43N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many (a) UK citizens, (b) dual nationals or (c) those with leave to remain in the UK are estimated to be present in (i) South Africa, (ii) Eswatini, (iii) Lesotho, (iv) Botswana and (v) Zimbabwe as of 26 November 2021. (82323)
- 44N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what support the Government is offering to countries in the Southern African Development Community region to expand genomic sequencing and surveillance of covid-19 variants. (82324)
- 45N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of the UK Government repaying the outstanding historical debt owed to Iran. (82315)
- 46N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential circumstances of duress under which Abdalla Hamdok's negotiated his reinstatement as President of Sudan prior to his release from house arrest. (82318)

- 47N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the Israeli High Court's decision on 1 September 2021 relating to the West Bank that Palestinian homes can be entered without a warrant, but that settlers' homes cannot. (82267)
- 48N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to introduce a humanitarian visa scheme to create safe routes of passage for people seeking refuge in the UK. (82384)
- 49N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, whether there has been an increase since October 2019 in the number of disposal bins in men's toilets across the Palace of Westminster that are suitable for the disposal of stoma and incontinence products. (82282)
- 50N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether (a) image analysts, (b) mission planning staff, (c) UAV pilots, (d) maintenance personnel and (e) other RAF personnel have been deployed to (i) Sigonella, Sicily, and (ii) other overseas bases in connection with flights of the NATO Alliance Ground Surveillance (AGS) System in each of the last two years. (82370)
- 51N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to lawfully discharge the outstanding debt owed to Iran by International Military Service Ltd incurred on purchases of UK manufactured military equipment in the 1970s. (82314)
- 52N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in context of Taras Properties being listed as the sole shareholder of Reuben Brothers (Newcastle) Ltd listed with Companies House, what due diligence his Department carried out of (a) Taras Properties and (b) Reuben Brothers prior to moving 900 staff of his Department to a building owned by those organisations. (82319)
- 53N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many calls made to the HMRC VAT helpline were (a) answered, (b) not answered, within five minutes, in each of the last 36 months. (82294)
- 54N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many calls made to the HMRC self-assessment helpline were (a) answered and (b) not answered within ten minutes in each of the last 36 months. (82295)
- 55N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many calls made to the HMRC VAT helpline were (a) answered and (b) not answered within ten minutes in each of the last 36 months. (82296)

- 56N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many calls made to the HMRC Tax Credits helpline were (a) answered and (b) not answered within ten minutes in each of the last 36 months. (82297)
- 57N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total rateable value and number of (a) retail, (b) hospitality and (c) leisure properties is in England; and what proportion of those properties by (i) total rateable values and (ii) number will not benefit from the 50 per cent rates discount from 1 April 2022 as a result of the £110,000 cash cap announced in the 2021 Autumn Budget and Spending Review. (82289)
- 58N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total rateable value and number of (a) retail, (b) hospitality and (c) leisure properties is in Scotland; and what proportion of those properties by (i) total rateable values and (ii) number will not benefit from the 50 per cent rates discount from 1 April 2022 as a result of the £110,000 cash cap announced in the 2021 Autumn Budget and Spending Review. (82290)
- 59N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total rateable value and number of (a) retail, (b) hospitality and (c) leisure properties were in Wales as of 26 November 2021; and what percentage of properties by (i) total rateable values and (ii) number will not benefit from the 50 per cent rates discount from 1 April 2022 due to the £110,000 cash cap announced in the Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021. (82291)
- 60N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total rateable value and number of (a) retail, (b) hospitality and (c) leisure properties is in Northern Ireland; and what proportion of those properties by (i) total rateable values and (ii) number will not benefit from the 50 per cent rates discount from 1 April 2022 as a result of of the £110,000 cash cap announced in the 2021 Autumn Budget and Spending Review. (82292)
- 61N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the (a) total rateable value and (b) number of (i) warehouse, (ii) industrial and factory, (iii) office, (iv) retail, (v) hospitality, (vi) leisure properties was in each of the nine standard English regions on 1 April (A) 2015 and (B) 2021. (82293)
- 62N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to introduce a statutory obligation to provide sanitary bins (a) in existing and (b) newly-built men's toilets. (82280)
- 63N **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what her timeframe is for updating the Workplace (Health and Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 to accommodate the provision of suitable bins for men to dispose of sanitary products. (82281)

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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 24 March to Question 172052, what steps he has taken to progress the feasibility study and/or work on the Bolton-Bury tramline. (82287)
- 2N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the appropriateness of exclusively using an American company to process payments of the state pension to British citizens living overseas which leaves claimants without payment in weeks of American state holidays. (82316)
- 3N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the 12 month limit for back-payments to those couples affected by the underpayment of their state pension where the wife of a man who turned 65 before 17 March 2008 did not initially make a claim for their basic pension. (82317)