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Questions tabled on Thursday 9 December 2021

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Questions for Answer on Friday 10 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Attorney General, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of prosecutions of offences under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (89565)
- 2N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what due diligence his Department has carried out on the proposed Aquind Interconnector project and its owners, with particular reference to illicit finance and funds reported in the Pandora Papers; and whether his Department has made an assessment of whether any of those funds were used in political donations to Government ministers. [Transferred] (88821)
- 3 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care's Oral Statement on 6 December 2021 on Covid-19 Update, Official Report, columns 56-58, if sector-specific support will be made available to the travel and tourism sector affected by the introduction of covid-19 travel restrictions. [Transferred] (89704)
- 4 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential effect of the Environment Act 2021 on use of neonicotinoid Cruiser SB. (90479)

- 5 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to support disabled people living in social housing to obtain the home adaptations necessary to their wellbeing. [Transferred] (89665)
- 6N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to prevent poverty among those with No Recourse to Public Funds. [Transferred] (88814)

Questions for Answer on Monday 13 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, whether she plans to oversee the Government Legal Department in their assistance of the inquiry into the events in Downing Street on 18 December 2020 announced on 8 December 2021. (90369)
- 2 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, whether she plans to ensure full operational independence of the Government Legal Department in their assistance of the inquiry into the events in Downing Street on 18 December 2020 announced on 8 December 2021. (90370)
- 3 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, which gatherings are currently under investigation by the Cabinet Secretary as of 9 December 2021. (90507)
- 4 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish any covid-19 risk assessment undertaken before any parties that took place on Government premises in November and December 2020. (90508)
- 5 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the scope of the Cabinet Secretary's investigation into social events in Downing Street will include the costs to the public purse of any catering and alcohol supplied for the attendees. (90509)
- 6 **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's response to Freedom of Information request FOI2021/14245 of 5 July 2021, what records his Department holds of the Prime Minister's WhatsApp messages with Lord Brownlow. (90430)

- 7 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits for consumer protection of requiring installers of Energy Company Obligation 3 be approved and regulated by Ofgem. (90481)
- 8 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what comparative assessment he has made of the accessibility of information and advertisements on Energy Company Obligation 3 to consumers and energy suppliers. (90482)
- 9 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how businesses that falsely use Energy Company Obligation 3 are penalised. (90483)
- 10N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, where the additional vaccine supply for the extension of the covid-19 booster programme to younger cohorts will come from. [Transferred] (89573)
- 11 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the oral evidence by the then Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility to the Environmental Audit Committee on 18 December 2018, HC 1148, whether he has plans to publish the outcomes of investigations into underpayment of the national minimum wage and/or national living wage in Leicester's garment industry. (90517)
- 12 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the oral evidence given by the then Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility to the Environmental Audit Committee on 18 December 2018, HC 1148, if he will publish the (a) scope and (b) nature of the investigations into underpayment of the national minimum wage and/or the national living wage in Leicester's garment industry. (90518)
- 13 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the oral evidence given by the then Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility to the Environmental Audit Committee on 18 December 2018, Session 2017-19, HC 1148, if he will publish any recommendations, conclusions and findings from the investigations into underpayment of the national minimum wage and/or the national living wage in Leicester's garment industry. (90519)
- 14 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department has taken to implement recommendations arising from investigations into underpayment of the national minimum wage and the national living wage in Leicester's garment industry. (90520)

- 15 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the oral evidence of the Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility to the Environmental Audit Committee on 18 December 2018, HC 1148, published on 30 January 2019, which Government agencies were involved in the investigations into underpayment of the national minimum wage and the national living wage in Leicester's garment industry. (90521)
- 16 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the oral evidence given by the then Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility to the Environmental Audit Committee on 18 December 2018, Session 2017-19, HC 1148, whether prosecutions were made after the investigations into underpayment of the national minimum wage and/or the national living wage in Leicester's garment industry. (90522)
- 17 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department has taken to (a) improve working conditions and (b) ensure payment of at least the minimum wage in Leicester since the investigations into wage exploitation in Leicester's garment industry. (90523)
- 18 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has for the funding of the School Games Organiser network beyond March 2022. (90382)
- 19 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans he has for the future of the primary PE and Sport Premium funding. (90383)
- 20 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will commit in the next six months to long-term funding for (a) physical education and (b) sport in schools. (90384)
- 21 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made of the reasons for poorer pupils having missed more school days in autumn 2020 compared with their better off counterparts; and what plans his Department has to tackle that discrepancy. (90350)
- 22 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the open letter to the Government by the Disabled Children's Partnership, dated 26 November 2021, seeking clarification on how spending review funding will meet the health and social care needs of disabled children and their families, how his Department's spending review settlement will (a) help every family with disabled children get the short breaks social care support to which they are entitled and (b) allow disabled children to recover lost progress in managing their conditions; and if he will make a statement. (90391)
- 23 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many serious case reviews there have been in each of the last 20 years. (90455)

- 24 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many serious case reviews in the last 20 years have resulted in all recommendations being implemented. (90456)
- 25 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make it his policy to implement recommendations from serious case reviews at the earliest possible opportunity, including during the review if appropriate. (90457)
- 26 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make it his policy to establish a cross-departmental working group to review multi-agency findings of serious case reviews to help ensure co-ordinated and successful system change. (90458)
- 27 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure that vulnerable parents are supported while child needs and risk assessments are being undertaken. (90460)
- 28 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he plans to take to help ensure that children's social workers have appropriate and manageable caseloads. (90462)
- 29 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of parent and child foster placements; and what steps he plans to take to recruit and train more foster carers in those fostering arrangements. (90463)
- 30 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to promote responsible ownership of cats, dogs, and other pets. (90501)
- 31 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made a comparative assessment of (a) laboratory test standards and (b) real world conditions for assessment of wood burning stoves in the context of the EU Ecodesign regulations 2022. (90320)
- 32 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with (a) shooting and (b) country sports groups on the potential merits of population increases in (i) game pheasants, (ii) ducks and (iii) deer in the UK. (90420)
- 33 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps is he taking to enshrine World Health Organisation targets for air pollution levels into UK legislation. (90330)
- 34 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what powers the Office of Environmental Protection will have to (a) monitor, (b) regulate and (c) mitigate harmful levels of air pollution. (90331)

- 35 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Transport on mitigating levels of air pollution emitted by vehicles. (90332)
- 36 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): 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 mitigating levels of air pollution emitted by heavy goods vehicles. (90333)
- 37 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that carbon emissions produced by public and private entities are audited by local authorities. (90334)
- 38 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that local authorities have the capacity to accurately monitor levels of air pollution in their area to inform local clean air strategies. (90335)
- 39 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on steps that can be taken to enable local authorities to develop clean air strategies. (90336)
- 40 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that carbon emissions from heavy goods vehicles are substantially reduced before 2030. (90337)
- 41 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps her Department is taking to tackle disruptions in UK supply chains. (90345)
- 42 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps her Department is taking to include provisions relating to climate change, green technology and the protection of the environment in the UK's trade policy. (90346)
- 43 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the level of UK exports to the EU. (90347)
- 44 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what recent discussions she has had with her (a) South African and (b) Indian counterpart on the Government's position on the time limited waiver on covid-19 vaccine manufacture in the global south. (90348)
- 45 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, if she will make a statement on the Government's ongoing position on the time limited waiver on covid-19 vaccine manufacture in the global south. (90349)

- 46 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November to Question 73974, if he will make it his policy to compensate local authorities for the proportion of the increase to procurement costs for services contracted from third parties that are attributable to the national insurance increase, such as for adult social care provision, where the cost increase will be borne by the local authority, but payroll processed by a third party organisation or contractor. (90503)
- 47 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what support his Department is putting in place for leaseholders that have an EWS1 assessment that is under 18 meters and has been classified as a B2 property. (90498)
- 48 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he is taking steps to regulate EWS1 surveys to prevent erroneous assessment outcomes. (90499)
- 49 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to help ensure that banks are not requesting EWS1 forms for buildings that are under 18 meters. (90500)
- 50 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of funding levels for children services in local authorities. (90459)
- 51 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps she is taking to tackle benefits fraud. (90416)
- 52 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many responses the Government received to its consultation entitled Future of transport regulatory review: modernising vehicle standards. (90434)
- 53 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has been made of the adequacy of bus services in (a) rural and (b) coastal communities; what assessment he has made of the role bus services have in enabling access to (i) NHS appointments, (ii) social care provision and (iii) dental services; and what steps his Department has taken to ensure that the National Bus Strategy will support rural communities with a limited access to the rail network. (90362)
- 54 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what preparations his Department is making to safeguard against a cyber-attack on public transport infrastructure. (90466)
- 55 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many reports of cyber incidents in respect of public transport infrastructure his Department received in each of the last 12 months. (90467)

- 56 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many cyber incident reports his Department received from rail companies that received a green rating in their cyber security self-assessment test in each of the last 12 months. (90468)
- 57 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what qualifications are required for staff within the Department for Transport to be able to review and sign off cybersecurity self-assessments. (90469)
- 58 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what percentage of his Department are qualified to assess if a rail company is meeting the cyber security regulations. (90470)
- 59 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to prevent unreasonable cost mark-ups on second hand cars. (90417)
- 60 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to help ensure that carbon emissions from heavy goods vehicles are substantially reduced before 2030. (90338)
- 61 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps is he taking together with local authorities to help ensure that carbon emissions from taxis are reduced substantially by 2030. (90339)
- 62 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on mitigating levels of carbon emission from ambulances. (90340)
- 63 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on protecting the health of HGV drivers from road air pollution. (90341)
- 64 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to invest in the development of hydrogen powered vehicles. (90342)
- 65 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that consumers have accurate information to make informed decisions when purchasing covid-19 testing services; and what measures the Government plan to implement to protect consumers from potential scammers operating in the covid-19 testing market. (90412)
- 66 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has undertaken an assessment of the number of international travellers expected to travel to and from the UK over the Christmas period 2021-22 and the consequent demand that is expected to be placed on the private covid-19 testing market. (90413)

- 67 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate she has made of the (a) unemployment and (b) youth unemployment rates in Enfield North constituency; what comparative assessment her Department has made of those figures and the equivalent UK rates; what assessment her Department has made of the factors that contribute to geographical disparities in unemployment rates; and what steps she is taking to reduce unemployment in Enfield North constituency. (90512)
- 68 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2021 to Question 84427, Social Security Benefits: Disqualification, with reference to the 149,057 cases suspended under the Risk Review Process, how many and what proportion (a) remain suspended, (b) have been closed and (c) were reinstated. (90473)
- 69 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the answer of 8 December 2021 to Question 84427 on Social Security Benefits: Disqualification, how many of the 149,057 cases that have been suspended under the Risk Review Process were suspended in each month from May 2020 to December 2021. (90474)
- 70 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the answer of 8 December 2021 to Question 84427 on Social Security Benefits: Disqualification, with reference to the 149,057 cases that were suspended under the Risk Review Process, how many were suspended due to (a) suspected fraud and (b) claimant error. (90475)
- 71 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2021 to Question 84427 on Social Security Benefits: Disqualification, of the 149,057 cases that were suspended under the Risk Review Process how many appeals have been lodged after a decision was issued. (90476)
- 72 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2021 to Question 84427 on Social Security Benefits: Disqualification, of the 149,057 cases suspended under the Risk Review Process, what the average time is between (a) the start of the suspension and (b) a decision being issued. (90477)
- 73 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many universal credit claims were issued with a negative decision on the grounds that the claimant failed the habitual residence test in each month from January 2015 to December 2021. (90478)
- 74 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department has assessed the potential merits of increasing child maintenance payments for recipients who have lost between 20 and 25 percent of their gross annual income. (90502)

- 75 **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the uptake of covid-19 booster vaccines amongst people offered them in care homes; and if he will make a statement. (90351)
- 76 **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many care homes have been visited to administer covid-19 booster vaccinations since 1 November 2021. (90352)
- 77 **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many care home residents have received a covid-19 booster vaccination who received their second covid-19 vaccination outside the care home setting. (90353)
- 78 **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2021 to Question 59814, on Genetics: Screening, whether data will be (a) collected and (b) published to outline performance on delivering the national Genomic Test Directory across each of the seven Genomic Laboratory Hubs. (90436)
- 79 **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2021 to Question 59814 on the NHS Genomic Medicine Service, what plans he has to develop operational level guidance for the NHS Genomic Medicine Service to further support NHS delivery and Genome UK. (90437)
- 80 **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 November 2021 to Question 59814 on the NHS Genomic Medicine Service, what amount of funding was provided through (a) specialised commissioning and (b) highly specialised services to the NHS Genomic Medicine Service annually; for the most recent time period that data is available. (90438)
- 81 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2021 to Question 84528 on Dentistry: Assessments, for what reason his Department has no plans to fund a catch-up programme of Overseas Registration Exams for dentists to compensate for disruption to those exams during the outbreak of covid-19; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits and estimated costs of running a catch-up programme. (90529)
- 82 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the introduction of NHS vaccine passes in incentivising the take up of the covid-19 vaccine. (90449)
- 83 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the level of covid-19 transmission in venues that have introduced requirements for proof of vaccination and testing in the context of the outbreak of that virus at York Racecourse. (90450)

- 84 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of people taking (a) PCR and (b) lateral flow covid-19 tests. (90451)
- 85 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to monthly NHS data on delayed transfers of care, what assessment he has made of whether delayed discharges are caused by (a) unavailability of domiciliary care, (b) unavailability of placements in care homes, (c) unavailability of a suitable placement in residential care for a person with specific needs or (d) lack of care staff capacity. (90453)
- 86 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to increase capacity in the social care sector over the next four months. (90454)
- 87 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Policy paper entitled The best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days, what steps he is taking to help ensure that vulnerable parents are given the support they need to safely parent from the point of conception through to birth. (90461)
- 88 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of the covid-19 vaccine mandate for care home staff on the provision of health and care across (a) emergency services, (b) hospital treatment, (c) care homes and domiciliary care and (d) other sectors; and what steps he plans to take to use that information to inform potential future policy decisions on any further vaccine mandates. (90489)
- 89 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the total cost was of setting up, running and closing the Nightingale hospitals. (90311)
- 90 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what happened to the beds and medical equipment from the Nightingale hospitals. (90312)
- 91 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to increase the number of beds in NHS England hospitals. (90313)
- 92 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many medically trained people have returned from retirement to relieve shortages in response to requests. (90314)
- 93 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what evidence his Department holds of predicted future hospitalisation rates from the Omicron variant of covid-19. (90315)

- 94 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of breast cancer in younger women. (90419)
- 95 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the new NHS funding announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review will double the number of cancer specialist nurses. (90422)
- 96 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he will take to prioritise cancer (a) diagnosis, (b) treatment and (c) care over the winter period. (90423)
- 97 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that the NHS has a fully costed workforce plan to meet projected future population demands. (90424)
- 98 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reassure people experiencing symptoms of heart valve disease that they will have access to a face to face GP appointment during the covid-19 booster vaccine rollout. (90402)
- 99 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Competitions and Market Authority publication entitled Advice on PCR travel tests, published 10 September, what plans he has to implement the recommendations. (90414)
- 100 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, following covid-19 restrictions announced on 8 December 2021, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the existing guidance for clinically vulnerable people. (90480)
- 101 **Jacob Young** (Redcar): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department is having with relevant stakeholders on expanding vaccine recognition for UK residents vaccinated abroad with a covid-19 vaccine approved for use by the MHRA. (90513)
- 102 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the UNHCR Pledging Conference 2021: UK statement, published on 7 December 2021, what assessment she has made of the impact on (a) refugee protection, (b) UK influence within the UNHCR and (c) UK influence with countries affected by large refugee populations or flows of the reduction in UK contributions to the UNHCR from \$134 million in 2020 to \$78.6 million in 2021. (90371)
- 103 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the UNHCR Pledging Conference 2021: UK statement, published on 7 December 2021, what recent estimate she has made of trends in the quantity of UK financial support for the UNHCR per person forcibly displaced over the last five years. (90372)

- 104 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the UNHCR Pledging Conference 2021: UK statement, published on 7 December 2021, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of the provisions in the Nationality and Borders Bill on the credibility of UK representatives. (90373)
- 105 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of the roles of (a) Wagner mercenaries, (b) Government forces and (c) rebel forces in (i) human rights abuses and (ii) restrictions on humanitarian access in the Central African Republic. (90374)
- 106 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of how Wagner mercenaries are paid by the Government of the Central African Republic. (90375)
- 107 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of the security options available to the government of the Central African Republic in providing security in that country; and what recent representations she has made to that government on establishing a peace process between it and rebel groups. (90376)
- 108 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent diplomatic steps she has taken to help prevent a potential further military coup in Sudan. (90377)
- 109 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to prevent wastage of covid-19 vaccines donated to (a) Nigeria, (b) Malawi, (c) South Sudan and (d) other African countries as a result of (i) inadequate time for distribution before expiry dates, (ii) inadequate distribution infrastructure and (iii) other reasons. (90378)
- 110 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what information her Department holds on the number of covid-19 vaccine doses donated by the UK that have (a) been used, (b) been destroyed following expiry and (c) become unusable in other ways. (90379)
- 111 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to ensure that covid-19 vaccines donated by the UK which are then destroyed rather than being used are excluded from being counted as Official Development Assistance. (90380)
- 112 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the impact on the risk of (a) starvation and (b) malnourishment of the suspension of

- the distribution of World Food Programme aid in Kombolcha and Dessie towns following a deterioration in the local security situation; and what steps she is taking to enable secure humanitarian access in that area. (90381)
- 113 **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps her Department is taking to help ensure that that Iran will not become a nuclear power. (90435)
- 114 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she made representations on ending Ukrainian supply of arms to the Myanmar military in her meeting with her Ukrainian counterpart on 8 December 2021. (90390)
- 115 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the impact of Hamas's recent statement calling for an escalation of violence against Israel on stability in that region. (90527)
- 116 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that UK aid does not promote antisemitism. (90528)
- 117 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether an equality impact assessment was conducted prior to the creation of the Immigration Enforcement Competent Authority; and whether an estimate was made on the additional cost of having two National Referral Mechanism decision making bodies in place. (90464)
- 118 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to publish any consultation undertaken by her Department on the creation of the Immigration Enforcement Competent Authority. (90465)
- 119 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many passports have been delivered since TNT became the delivery provider; and how many complaints have been received regarding their service. (90399)
- 120 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of complaints in respect of the delivery of passports since TNT became the delivery provider. (90400)
- 121 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether officials in her Department have had discussions with representatives of TNT about complaints in respect of their passport delivery service. (90401)
- 122 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he last spoke to his counterparts in Russia and China on the NPT Review Conference taking place in January 2022. (90328)

- 123 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the Stockholm Initiative for Nuclear Disarmament. (90329)
- 124 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that women who leave the armed forces are not subject to (a) abuse or (b) attacks. (90421)
- 125N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent discussions he has had with the Law Commission on the time taken for publication of their consultation into marriage law in England and Wales; and what her planned timetable is for responding to the Commission's recommendations in the event that it is published in July 2022. [Transferred] (89542)
- 126 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the 46 legal exercises analysed in his Department's report Ad-Hoc Analysis of Judicial Diversity Statistics 2021, published on 9 December 2021, how many (a) Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic and (b) White candidates were considered at the paper sift stage for exercises carried out (i) before and (ii) after the introduction of name-blind assessments in 2020. (90367)
- 127 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his Department's report Ad-Hoc Analysis of Judicial Diversity Statistics 2021 published on 9 December 2021, when name-blind marking was introduced for online scenario tests completed by candidates for legal recruitment exercises. (90368)
- 128 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what financial support his Department plans to provide to (a) businesses and (b) the self-employed in the event that they experience financial challenges as a result of covid-19 restrictions announced on 8 December 2021. (90510)
- 129 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what comparative assessment he has made of trends in the levels of tax avoidance and the increase of people employed by umbrella companies following the IR35 reforms. (90490)
- 130N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with (a) the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and (b) the Scottish Government on the financial impact of the Social Care Levy on (i) private and (ii) voluntary sector employers in the social care sector in (A) the UK and (B) Scotland. (90439)
- 131 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with the Bank of England on steps to help tackle rising inflation rates. (90418)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, what advice she provided to Government colleagues regarding the compliance of their Departments with measures under the (a) 5 November – 2 December 2020 national lockdown; and (b) the 2 December 2020 – 4 January 2021 tiered covid regulations during the period of those restrictions. (90364)
- 2N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, whether she has (a) been asked to provide or (b) provided advice to Government colleagues since 1 December 2021 regarding the compliance of their Departments' with measures under the (a) 5 November – 2 December 2020 national lockdown; and (b) the 2 December 2020 – 4 January 2021 tiered covid regulations. (90365)
- 3N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) the Cabinet Secretary and (b) any officials working on the Cabinet Secretary's Inquiry into government staff parties were in attendance at any of the gatherings under investigation. (90506)
- 4N **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the entry and exit logs for No. 10 Downing Street on the 18 and 19 December 2020. (90524)
- 5N **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people were present within Number 10 Downing Street on (a) 18 December 2021 at (i) 4pm, (ii) 6pm, (iii) 10pm and (b) 19 December 2021 at (A) 12am and (B) 2am. (90525)
- 6N **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any social events took place between three or more people within his Departmental buildings between (a) 5 November 2020 and 1 December 2020 and (b) 16 December 2020 and 22 February 2021. (90526)
- 7N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, how the extension to the Expression of Interest to determine membership of the Domestic Advisory Group and Civil Society Forum was communicated to (a) the devolved administrations and (b) wider stakeholders. (90431)
- 8N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department has conveyed to applicants of the Domestic Advisory Group and Civil Society Forum since the first closing date for applications on 9 November 2021. (90432)

- 9N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether applicants to the Domestic Advisory Group and Civil Society Forum will be informed of the outcome of their applications before the House rises for the Christmas 2021 recess. (90433)
- 10N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Oral contribution of the Prime Minister of 8 December, Official report, column 372, and the Oral contribution of The Paymaster General of 9 December 2021, Official Report, who gave the repeated assurances to the Prime Minister referred to in those answers. (90429)
- 11N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to facilitate community renewable energy generation; what assessment he has made of the potential for the provisions in the Local Electricity Bill to achieve that; and whether he plans to support that Bill. (90343)
- 12N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to his Department's press release, Over 200 employers called out for falling short of paying staff the minimum wage, published on 8 December 2021, how many employers were named and fined; how many people were paid back; and what amount of wages were recovered as a result of unpaid trial shifts at the outset of employment. (90445)
- 13N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2021 to Question 904619 on financial crimes, what related due diligence his Department has undertaken specifically on (a) the proposed Aquind Interconnector Project and (b) its owners, following the publication of the Pandora Papers. [Transferred] (89650)
- 14N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the total cost to the Government is of new border infrastructure, including IT systems, put in place to process goods imported from the EU. (90484)
- 15N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the economic impact of the covid-19 restrictions announced on 8 December 2021. (90415)
- 16N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many properties in (a) Wales (b) England (c) Scotland (d) Northern Ireland, have received cavity wall insulation in each year since 2018. (90354)
- 17N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the number of properties in (a) Wales (b) England (c) Scotland (d) Northern Ireland which are eligible for cavity wall insulation. (90355)

- 18N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many properties owners who received cavity wall insulation submitted complaints on the service they received in (a) Wales (b) England (c) Scotland (d) Northern Ireland in each year since 2018. (90356)
- 19N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department is taking steps to protect homeowners when the companies who issue guarantees for cavity wall insulations going into administration. (90357)
- 20N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will bring forward (a) a review of the cavity wall insulation industry and (b) proposals for reforming the system to better protect homeowners. (90358)
- 21N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether organisations that have received funding from the Tampon Tax Fund will continue to receive Government funding after the end of the fund. (90511)
- 22N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2021 to Question 86209 on Schools: Ventilation, for what reason only 1000 air cleaning units are being funded for poorly ventilated teaching spaces and staff rooms; and what assessment he has made of the ability of schools that do not qualify for that funding to afford such units. (90514)
- 23N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2021 to Question 86209 on Schools: Ventilation, what estimate his Department has made of the total number of air cleaning units needed for poorly ventilated teaching spaces and staff rooms in all state educational settings in England. (90515)
- 24N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of providing air filtration devices to schools to reduce the risk of airborne transmission of covid-19. (90516)
- 25N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when the outcome of the Post-16 study at level 2 and below consultation will be published. (90397)
- 26N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when he plans to publish the qualifications to have funding removed under the level 3 qualification review; and if he will include in publication the criteria used to identify them. (90398)

- 27N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department will bring forward legislation to enable local authorities to undertake remote meetings following the guidance issued on 8 December 2021 to work from home. (90385)
- 28N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made an assessment of the implications for its policies of the results of the Local Government Association survey of councils, conducted before the emergency of the Omicron covid-19 variant, on the impact of returning exclusively to in-person local authority meetings. (90386)
- 29N **Anna McMorrin** (Cardiff North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department plans to allocate funding to the Welsh Government to tackle unsafe cladding in residential properties. (90495)
- 30N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he plans to link park home pitch fee increases to CPI. (90316)
- 31N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the economic impact of the Integrated Rail Plan on connectivity between Sheffield (a) Leeds and (b) Manchester. (90427)
- 32N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the reasons for delays in the return of physical driving licences to applicants by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. (90411)
- 33N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of the (a) potential viability of providing additional financial support to pensioners during winter 2021-22 and (b) impact of additional support on the financial wellbeing of pensioners in Barnsley Metropolitan. (90428)
- 34N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will implement measures to ensure convalescent covid-19 positive travellers are not disadvantaged by the Government's covid-19 travel testing requirements; and if he will make a statement. [R] (90410)
- 35N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to monitor care homes' compliance with Government guidance on facilitating visits during the covid-19 outbreak. (90496)
- 36N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the average length of delay in updating covid-19 vaccination records in cases where vaccinations have not been properly documented as a result of computer error. (90408)

- 37N **Nick Gibb** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2021 to Question 80898 on Coronavirus: Vaccination, what steps he is taking to help ensure a higher uptake of vaccinations among the 12 to 15 age group. (90317)
- 38N **Nick Gibb** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 December 2021 to Question 80898 on Coronavirus: Vaccination, what proportion of 12 to 15 year olds have had their covid-19 vaccination in (a) Arun District Council area, (b) Bognor Regis, (c) West Sussex and (d) England as of 9 December 2021. (90318)
- 39N **Nick Gibb** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of eligible adults have received their covid-19 booster vaccination in (a) England, (b) West Sussex and (c) Bognor Regis as of 9 December 2021. (90319)
- 40N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many doses of covid-19 vaccines have been destroyed in the UK in each of the last 12 months as a result of (a) passing their expiration date or (b) any other reasons. (90442)
- 41N **John Howell** (Henley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the covid-19 restrictions on certification announced on 8 December 2021, what advice he plans to give to people who were vaccinated against covid-19 in Scotland and cannot display their vaccine status on the NHS England App. (90387)
- 42N **John Howell** (Henley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is aware of problems with the 119 helpline to resolve covid-19 vaccine data inaccuracies; and what steps he is taking to help people whose data is incorrect. (90388)
- 43N **John Howell** (Henley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the covid-19 restrictions on certification announced on 8 December 2021, what advice his Department is giving to people who have taken part in covid-19 vaccine trials and cannot have their data accurately reflected on the NHS App. (90389)
- 44N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the closures of all Plasma Donation Facilities in Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council on the number of blood plasma donations. (90425)
- 45N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the closures of all Plasma Donation Facilities in Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council on (a) unemployment and (b) regional health disparities. (90426)

- 46N **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when vaccines administered overseas may be recorded via a method that shows that status in the NHS App; and if he will make a statement. (90393)
- 47N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the passage of aerosol particles when singing; and for what reason are singers exempt from the requirement to wear face coverings introduced on 30 November 2021. (90446)
- 48N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to not make vaccines mandatory due to the effect on trust between a clinician and their patient. (90447)
- 49N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in the context of transmission of covid-19 being able to occur between people who have been vaccinated, for what reason the Government is introducing the NHS vaccine pass. (90448)
- 50N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will specifically encourage people to take a covid-19 test ahead of seeing family over the Christmas period. (90452)
- 51N **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to reply to correspondence from the hon. Member for Hemel Hempstead dated 12 August 2021, case number MP 71131 on NHS Staffing Levels. (90363)
- 52N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2021 to Question 85192 on Hospitals: Waiting Lists, and in the context of the additional funding for the NHS on tackling hospital waiting times announced by the Prime Minister, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of additional elective surgical procedures by speciality that the NHS will have the capacity to carry out in each of the next three years. (90344)
- 53N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many staff have been employed by the UK Mission to the EU in each of the last 10 years. (90494)
- 54N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether all British Council staff that have applied under the ARAP scheme are now in the UK. (90359)
- 55N **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government plans to take steps at the United Nations Human Rights Council to promote human rights in Bahrain. (90444)

- 56N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the number of Armed Forces personnel who have experienced symptoms and side effects typically associated with Long Covid after testing negative for covid-19; and how many personnel are experiencing those symptoms as of 9 December 2021. (90323)
- 57N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Written Statement of 22 September 2020, HCWS 461 on Negotiations on the UK's Future Trading Relationship with the US: Update, how many UK military engineers are being deployed to Poland to support the Polish armed forces. (90324)
- 58N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many UK officials will be attending the 2022 Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference. (90325)
- 59N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, on what dates he last met the Prime Minister to discuss the matter of the 2022 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. (90326)
- 60N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff in his Department are working on issues of non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament as of 9 December 2021. (90327)
- 61N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 September 2021 to Question 903506, when he plans to publish an updated Equipment Plan document. (90360)
- 62N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the 46 legal exercises analysed in his Department's report Ad-Hoc Analysis of Judicial Diversity Statistics 2021, published on 9 December 2021, what the success rates were for (a) Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic and (b) White candidates at the paper sift stage for exercises carried out (i) before and (ii) after the introduction of name-blind assessments in 2020. (90366)
- 63N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Prime Minister, whether the remit of the public inquiry into the Government's handling of the covid-19 pandemic will include consideration of (a) the destruction of expired doses and (b) any potential wastage of covid-19 vaccines. (90443)
- 64N **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he attended an indoor gathering at Downing Street on 13 November 2020. (90392)
- 65N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Prime Minister, what recent assessment he has made of the degree of compliance by UK Government departmental offices located in the devolved nations with the guidance on the need for continued home working issued by the devolved administrations. (90441)

- 66N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will publish full details of hospitality expenses incurred by No. 10 Downing Street for each day of November 2020. (90471)
- 67N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will publish full details of visitors admitted to No. 10 Downing Street on each day of (a) November 2020 and (b) December 2020. (90472)
- 68N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has received recent communications from the Scottish Government on the role of the Lord Advocate. (90504)
- 69N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2021 to Question 904619 on financial crimes, what related due diligence his Department has undertaken specifically on (a) the proposed Aquind Interconnector Project and (b) its owners following the publication of the Pandora Papers. (90497)
- 70N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with (a) the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and (b) the Scottish Government on the financial impact of the Social Care Levy on (i) private and (ii) voluntary sector employers in the social care sector in (A) the UK and (B) Scotland. (90440)
- 71N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total business rates payable were in (a) warehouse, industrial and factory, (b) office, (c) retail, (d) hospitality and (e) leisure properties; and what the total amounts payable would have been for each of those property categories without transitional relief in (i) 2017-18, (ii) 2018-19, (iii) 2019-20, (iv) 2020-2021 and (v) 2021-22. (90403)
- 72N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the percentage changes in the rateable values between 1 April 2015 and 1 April 2021 on average for the same (a) warehouse, industrial and factory, (b) office, (c) retail, (d) hospitality and (e) leisure properties on both of those dates in England. (90404)
- 73N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of at what percentage of turnover the estimated receipts to the Exchequer for an Online Sales Tax would equal the total business rates payable on retail property. (90405)
- 74N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) retail, (b) hospitality and (c) leisure properties, in the absence of short-term covid relief, would not have been entitled to the full benefit of a downward rates reduction because of downward transitional limits, in (i) 2020-2021 and (ii) 2021-2022 in each of the nine standard English regions. (90406)

- 75N **Rachel Reeves** (Leeds West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the changes in total rateable values were between the 2010 and 2017 rating lists (a) in total, (b) for retail, (c) for office and (d) for warehouse, industrial and factory properties in (i) each standard English region and (ii) England as a whole. (90407)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate his Department has made of the number of pensioners at risk of fuel poverty following the increase in the energy price cap in (a) October 2021 and (b) April 2022. (90491)
- 2N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will publish guidance on the rules for isolation of classrooms in the event that a pupil in the class tests positive for the Omicron Covid-19 variant. (90505)
- 3N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has plans to reintroduce remote meeting options for local authorities in response to the Omicron variant and Plan B restrictions announced on 8 December 2021. (90321)
- 4N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent discussions he has had with the Local Government Association on the emergence of Omicron and the number of councils who have had to (a) cancel meetings, (b) restrict attendance and (c) reduce items for discussion in an attempt to reduce the risks of transmission. (90322)
- 5N **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will implement measures to ensure that convalescent covid-19 positive travellers are not disadvantaged by the Government's covid-19 travel testing requirements; and if he will make a statement. [R] (90409)
- 6N **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much the Government has spent on anti-drink driving campaigns in (a) 2019, (b) 2020 and (c) 2021 as of 9 December 2021. (90492)
- 7N **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much the Government has spent on alcohol awareness campaigns in (a) 2019, (b) 2020 and (c) 2021 as of 9 December. (90493)
- 8N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has held with NHS England on the specialised recruitment of mental health nurses. (90361)

- 9N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what Barnett consequential will the Welsh Government receive from the £12.8bn allocated to the HS2 East Core Network in the Integrated Rail Plan. (90394)
- 10N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what Barnett consequential the Welsh Government will receive from the £17.2 billion allocated to the Northern Powerhouse Rail Core Network in the Integrated Rail Plan. (90395)
- 11N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what Barnett consequential the Welsh Government will receive from the £5.4 billion allocated to the Transpennine Route Upgrade in the Integrated Rail Plan. (90396)
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Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 15 December. (904804)
- 2 **Stephen Flynn** (Aberdeen South): (904805)
- 3 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): (904806)
- 4 **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): (904807)
- 5 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): (904808)
- 6 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): (904809)
- 7 **Dr Liam Fox** (North Somerset): (904810)
- 8 **Ronnie Cowan** (Inverclyde): (904811)
- 9 **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): (904812)
- 10 **Kate Hollern** (Blackburn): (904813)
- 11 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): (904814)
- 12 **Laura Farris** (Newbury): (904815)
- 13 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): (904816)
- 14 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): (904817)
- 15 **Joanna Cherry** (Edinburgh South West): (904818)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps the Government has taken to inform small and medium sized enterprises of the new import processes taking effect from 1 January 2022; and how much money the Government has spent on dispersing that information. (90485)
- 2N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many registrations to the goods vehicle movement service for imports have taken place as of 9 December 2021. (90486)
- 3N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate the Government has made of the time it will take the typical import consignment or other relevant unit to clear the UK border from 1 January 2022. (90487)
- 4N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many meetings Ministers have held with representatives of the toys industry in the last year; and what steps his Department is taking to tackle the impact of (a) supply chain issues, (b) trade disruption and (c) labour shortages on the import and manufacture of toys. (90488)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- 1 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): What steps his Department is taking to help resolve delays at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. (904779)
- 2 **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): If he will hold discussions with the Mayor of London on Transport for London's funding. (904780)
- 3 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): What recent discussions he has had with (a) Transport for the North and (b) other stakeholders in the north of England on completing further sections of Northern Powerhouse Rail. (904781)
- 4 **Danny Kruger** (Devizes): What steps his Department is taking to maintain funding for Restoring your Railway projects following the covid-19 outbreak. (904782)
- 5 **Ben Bradley** (Mansfield): What steps his Department is taking to improve the condition of England's roads. (904783)
- 6 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): What progress he has made on the delivery of the 4,000 new zero-emission buses announced by the Government in February 2020. (904784)
- 7 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): What steps he is taking to support affordable bus travel in the North East. (904785)

- 8 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): If he will hold discussions with the Mayor of London on Transport for London's funding. (904786)
- 9 **Marco Longhi** (Dudley North): What steps the Government is taking to help prevent climate activists from blocking major roads in England. (904787)
- 10 **Tom Hunt** (Ipswich): What steps the Government is taking to help prevent climate activists from blocking major roads in England. (904788)
- 11 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): What discussions he has had with transport authorities on the role of park-and-ride schemes in encouraging people to use public transport. (904789)
- 12 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): What recent discussions he has had with the Home Secretary on tackling labour shortages in the transport and logistics sectors. (904790)
- 13 **Mr Steve Baker** (Wycombe): What steps his Department is taking to help improve the condition of roads in Wycombe. (904791)
- 14 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): What steps he is taking to help ensure that work begins on delivering a mass transit system in Leeds. (904792)
- 15 **Darren Henry** (Broxtowe): What steps his Department is taking to help make all new road vehicles in the UK zero-emission by 2040. (904793)
- 16 **Mark Eastwood** (Dewsbury): What steps he is taking to help improve connectivity on rural rail networks. (904794)
- 17 **Giles Watling** (Clacton): What steps his Department is taking to improve the condition of England's roads. (904795)
- 18 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): What steps he is taking to help support investment in transport in London. (904796)
- 19 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): If he will take steps to make provision for a dynamic passing loop on the Lakes Line in Cumbria. (904797)
- 20 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): If he will ensure that funding for junction 10A on the A14 at Kettering is incorporated into Road Investment Strategy 3 from 2025. (904798)
- 21 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What recent steps his Department has taken to facilitate decarbonisation of (a) public transport and (b) the wider travel sector in line with the Government's net zero target. (904799)
- 22 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): What recent discussions he has had with (a) Transport for the North and (b) other stakeholders in the north of England on completing further sections of Northern Powerhouse Rail. (904800)
- 23 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): What steps he is taking to help improve east-west rail connections in the north of England. (904801)

- 24 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): What assessment he has made of the effect on transport in the West Midlands of the suspension of tram services due to cracks on vehicles. (904802)
- 25 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Melton): What plans he has to further develop the A1 from Peterborough to Blyth. (904803)
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Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- T1 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (904769)
- T2 **Suzanne Webb** (Stourbridge): (904770)
- T3 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): (904771)
- T4 **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): (904772)
- T5 **Antony Higginbotham** (Burnley): (904773)
- T6 **Dr Liam Fox** (North Somerset): (904774)
- T7 **Rob Butler** (Aylesbury): (904775)
- T8 **Mark Fletcher** (Bolsover): (904776)
- T9 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Melton): (904777)
- T10 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): (904778)