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Questions tabled on Friday 4 February 2022

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Questions for Answer on Monday 7 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he plans to take steps to ensure that people who claim benefits receive full relief on the increase in their energy prices. [Transferred] (117834)
- 2 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make it his policy to offset the increase in energy prices for (a) the elderly, (b) disabled people who are unable to work and (c) other people who are not in work. [Transferred] (117836)
- 3 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of (a) the reduction in global coal use since 2010 to date and (b) progress made in meeting the target of 80 per cent reduction by 2030. [Transferred] (117781)
- 4 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many people on prepayment meters have (a) applied and (b) been approved for the Warm Home Discount scheme in each of the last 5 years. [Transferred] (117812)
- 5 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many people on prepayment meters have been (a) issued with and (b) redeemed discount vouchers after successfully being approved for the Warm Home Discount scheme in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (117813)

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- 6 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps the Government taken to help increase energy suppliers outreach programmes that help people with prepayment meters to apply for the Warm Home Discount scheme. [Transferred] (117814)
- 7 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what is the average time taken between application and issuing of the Warm Home Discount scheme vouchers to people on prepayment meters. [Transferred] (117815)
- 8 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has had recent discussions with his Cabinet colleagues on the effectiveness of the Warm Home Discount scheme at reaching people on prepayment meters. [Transferred] (117816)
- 9 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she plans to consult UK Fisheries on the interests of the UK far fishing fleet as part of the trade negotiations with Greenland. [Transferred] (117882)
- 10 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps her Department is taking to support UK small and medium enterprise engineering firms to reach a global market. [Transferred] (117777)
- 11N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, on what date the Government last submitted a report to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. [Transferred] (117047)
- 12N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how the Levelling Up White Paper will help determine priorities for the next Comprehensive Spending Review. [Transferred] (116987)
- 13 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending the 12.5 per cent VAT rate until the end of 2022 for the hospitality sector. [Transferred] (117890)
- 14N **Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the status is of the Government Social Research Publication Protocol entitled Publishing research and analysis in government; and what the consequences are in the event of a breach of that protocol. [Transferred] (116832)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 8 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to raise awareness of the availability of the Warm Home Discount Scheme. [Transferred] (117824)
- 2 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if he will make an assessment of the potential effect of the measures introduced by the Treasury on 3 February to tackle rising energy bills on (a) consumers and (b) businesses. (118570)
- 3 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department will take through its Net Zero Strategy to reduce energy costs for residential dwellings in each of the next 10 years. (118571)
- 4 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to introduce more renewable energy sources into the UK energy supply; and when those sources will be in place. (118572)
- 5 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to close the gap between the 30,000 heat pumps a year currently being installed and the Climate Change Committee's recommendation of installing 900,000 heat pumps a year by 2028. (118550)
- 6 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has had discussions with representatives of water companies following the publication of research by Water UK on 4 February which found that water bills in the UK will rise by 1.7 per cent from April 2022. (118599)
- 7 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate his Department has made of number of households currently in fuel poverty in (a) Cynon Valley constituency and (b) Rhondda Cynon Taff local authority. (118641)
- 8 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what estimate his Department has made of number of additional households likely to enter fuel poverty as a result of OFGEM decision to raise the price cap by £693 to £1971 in (a) Cynon Valley constituency and (b) Rhondda Cynon Taff local authority. (118642)
- 9 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that under-represented communities in the West Midlands are involved in the work of the Public Broadcasting Review. (118614)

- 10 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the implications for its policies of OFCOM's recommendation in July 2021 that the accessibility of on-demand services should become a legal requirement. (118549)
- 11 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to increase access to all inland waters for enjoyment by recreational users, such as swimmers and canoeists. (118524)
- 12 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate she has made of the proportion of inland waters to which canoeists have uncontested accesses; and what assessment she has made of trends in the level of that proportion over the last 10 years. (118525)
- 13 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to remove misinformation on covid-19 vaccines online. (118636)
- 14 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will introduce an attendance code to specifically authorise home learning whilst children in risk groups, as defined in table 4 of the Green Book Chapter 14a, are awaiting full covid-19 vaccination. (118620)
- 15 **Matt Hancock** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools have signed up to the Nuffield Early Language Intervention programme; and what assessment has been made of the effectiveness of that programme. (118529)
- 16 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance his Department has issued to schools regarding students diagnosed with long covid. (118548)
- 17N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring local authorities to include the need for after-school provision in the education, health and care plans of disabled children. [Transferred] (117830)
- 18 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding has been allocated to the SEND transport budget (a) in York and (b) nationally in each of the last five years. (118584)
- 19 **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire dated 29 November 2021 regarding food poverty, reference ZA58355. (118513)

- 20 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the closest polychlorinated biphenyls sediment level testing location is for the rivers (a) Ely, (b) Taff, (c) Usk, including beside old Newport Monsanto factory, (d) Severn Estuary, (e) Dee below old Cefn Mawr Monsanto Factory, (f) Cardiff Bay and (g) Newport Glebeland ditches. (118605)
- 21 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether determinations under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 have been completed at known polychlorinated biphenyls and para-nitrochlorobenzene locations including (a) Sutton Walls, Herefordshire, (b) Cefn Mawr factory site, (c) Maendy Quarry, (d) Tyr Llwyd old quarry, (e) Llwyneinion acid tar lagoon, Ruabon, and f) Stoneyhill quarry, Telford. (118606)
- 22 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which environmental impact assessments detailing polychlorinated biphenyls leakage levels from historic landfill sites into South Wales watercourses have been made publicly available. (118607)
- 23 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when the Government intends to end the practice of operator self-monitoring for water companies; which agency will take over that monitoring; and what funding will be made available for the delivery of that activity. (118523)
- 24 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish the findings of the Habitats Regulations Assessment Advisory Working Group. (118526)
- 25 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made of the economic benefit to York that will result from his proposals for levelling up. (118579)
- 26 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, who will be (a) responsible for the delivery of the levelling up agenda and (b) accountable to Parliament for areas of that agenda which intersect with (i) health, (ii) education and (iii) other departmental areas not within his Department. (118580)
- 27 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what plans he has to measure his levelling up agenda and how often that data will be published, to support parliamentary scrutiny of that agenda. (118581)
- 28 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what analysis he has undertaken to determine good practice when it comes to residential parking schemes; and which local authorities have adopted that model. (118585)

- 29 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the extent to which digital residential parking schemes may exclude people who are not connected to digital technology. (118586)
- 30 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's oral contribution of 3 February 2022, Official Report, column 472, what guidance his Department is providing to local authorities on distributing the discretionary fund to support people in fuel poverty. (118587)
- 31 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate his Department has made of the number of families who are (a) eligible and (b) not eligible for the Energy Bills Rebate; in (i) Cynon Valley constituency and (ii) Rhondda Cynon Taff local authority. (118643)
- 32 **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps is he taking to ensure that Northern trains can restore the currently suspended direct service from Meadowhall station to York. (118602)
- 33 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has plans to (a) coordinate an integrated bus strategy and (b) increase leadership for the bus sector. (118582)
- 34 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has he made of (a) the cost of (i) rail travel and (ii) bus travel on people's transport choices, and (b) the effectiveness of fare levels with regard to attracting more passengers, in the context of rising costs of living. (118583)
- 35 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps is he taking to mitigate the impact of poor air quality on pregnant women. (118507)
- 36 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to mitigate the impact of air pollution on new-born children. (118508)
- 37 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has plans to extend the legislative powers of local authorities to enable them to use cameras for the purposes of enforcement of noise pollution regulation. (118509)
- 38 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps is he taking to ensure that assistance dog owners are not unlawfully refused entry to taxis and mini cabs. (118510)
- 39 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment the Government has made of the impact of rising inflation and cost of living on low-income families with children. (118562)

- 40 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment the Government has made of the impact of increasing the child element of universal credit on reducing child poverty. (118566)
- 41 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment the Government has made of the effect of increasing benefits in line with living costs on levels of child poverty. (118567)
- 42 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues about the potential merits of creating a dedicated Minister for tackling child poverty. (118568)
- 43N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will take steps with the Treasury to uprate benefits in line with inflation. [Transferred] (117752)
- 44 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the increase in the energy price cap announced on 3 February 2022, what steps she is taking to encourage eligible people to claim pension credit. (118573)
- 45 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many eligible people are not currently claiming their pension credit (a) in York and (b) nationally in each of the last 2 years. (118574)
- 46 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether a covid recovery pass can be obtained following registration of a positive lateral flow test. (118619)
- 47 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to authorise school absences of children in risk groups as defined by table 4, the Green Book Chapter 14a, until they have been fully vaccinated and obtained maximum protection. (118621)
- 48 **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire dated 13 October 2021 regarding student nursing funding, reference ZA57966, which was transferred to his department from the Department for Education. (118514)
- 49 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has received an extra £350 million per week as a result of savings made from the UK leaving the EU. (118637)
- 50 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the reasons for the year-on-year fall in the number of midwives employed by the NHS in England. (118631)

- 51 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS midwives in England are recorded as having retired in each month since January 2020. (118632)
- 52 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the NHS budget was spent on NHS maternity services in each year since 2015. (118633)
- 53 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many student midwives were in receipt of a bursary in the most recent two academic years for which figures are available; what the average bursary paid to a student midwife was in each of those years; and what the total cost of those bursaries was to his Department in each year. (118634)
- 54 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 22 October 2021 to Question 56519 on Blood: Donors, what updated guidance and training has been issued to front line NHS Blood and Transplant Service staff following changes to blood donation rules. (118635)
- 55 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women aged between 40 and 50 have been diagnosed with breast cancer since January 2021. (118626)
- 56 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women under the age of 35 have been diagnosed with breast cancer since January 2021. (118627)
- 57 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the UK National Screening Committee on the potential merits of lowering the breast cancer screening age. (118628)
- 58 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of lowering the breast cancer screening age to help prevent the late diagnosis of breast cancer. (118629)
- 59 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of people awaiting an invitation for breast cancer screening. (118630)
- 60 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to reply to the letters from the hon. Member for Weston-super-Mare of 12 November 2021 and 6 January 2022 on behalf of his constituent, Joan Davis. (118517)
- 61N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 1 February 2022 to Question 101748 on PPE Medpro: Baroness Mone, whether PPE Medpro was rated as red, amber or green in his Department's financial assessment. [Transferred] (117796)

- 62 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department holds data on the proportion of pregnancies put at risk through (a) still birth, (b) preterm birth, (c) low birth weight and (d) congenital abnormalities because of air pollution since 2010. (118504)
- 63 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether services or treatments are available through the NHS to support pregnant women with the impacts of poor air quality. (118505)
- 64 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department (a) has conducted or (b) holds information on research on the relationship between exposure to air pollution before or just after conception and the prevalence of birth defects in (i) England, (ii) Wales, (iii) Scotland and (iv) Northern Ireland. (118506)
- 65 **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department paid £600 million to Unispace Global Ltd for the purchase of personal protective equipment in 2020. (118520)
- 66 **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Unispace Global Ltd met its contractual obligations for providing adequate personal protective equipment under the contractual terms set by his Department in 2020. (118521)
- 67 **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any Government department has taken steps to investigate why payments made to Unispace Global Ltd were not reported by that company in its financial accounts; and if he will make a statement. (118522)
- 68 **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when she intends to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire dated 17 November 2021 regarding persecution of Christians around the world and the Bishop of Truro's 2019 report, reference ZA58272. (118515)
- 69 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate her Department has made of the number of political prisoners being held in Egypt. (118588)
- 70 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her policy is on the validity of indefinite leave to remain applications for individuals from Afghanistan who travelled to Afghanistan before August 2021; and if she will make a statement. (118543)
- 71 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of people who are in Afghanistan who have indefinite leave to remain in the UK. (118544)

- 72 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department is reviewing the validity of indefinite leave to remain applications for those currently stranded in Afghanistan. (118545)
- 73 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what monitoring her Department has undertaken of fires caused by e-scooters in (a) single owned properties, (b) privately owned properties of multiple occupation and (c) multiple occupation social housing properties. (118518)
- 74 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department is providing to local authorities and housing associations on the safe storage of e-scooters, in response to recent fires. (118519)
- 75 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it is her policy that fraud and computer misuse should be reclassified from crimes to another category; and if she will make a statement. (118640)
- 76 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent estimate his Department has made of the strength of (a) Pakistan's and (b) Israel's nuclear arsenal. (118589)
- 77 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether military equipment supplied by the UK has been used by Turkey in Syria. (118590)
- 78 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 February 2022 to Question 114942, what the market value was of the weapons given to Ukraine. (118622)
- 79N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many female service personnel have served sentences at the Military Correctional Training Centre in Colchester in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (117871)
- 80 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many applications to become a band 3-5 prison officer were received in each year since 2010. (118603)
- 81 **Rosie Cooper** (West Lancashire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for West Lancashire, dated 27 October 2021, on Lord Morse's review of the Loan Charge, reference ZA58107. (118516)
- 82N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much has been spent on infrastructure per capita by the Government in (a) London, (b) the North East and (c) South Shields in each year from 2010 to 2022. [Transferred] (117792)

- 83 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an estimate of the potential amount of the Energy Bills Rebate announced on 3 February 2022 that will be written off within a five-year period. (118638)
- 84 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the council tax rebate, announced on 3 February, will be received by tenants whose council tax is paid in the name of their landlord; and if he will make a statement. (118639)
- 85 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of changing the repayable loan of £200 to assist households with increased energy prices into a non-repayable grant in the event that energy and gas prices continue to rise in 2023-24. (118593)
- 86 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he will take to ensure that the £150 one-off council tax rebate will be given directly to renters and not to their landlords, in cases where the tenant pays their council tax through their landlord and not directly. (118594)
- 87 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of renters pay their council tax directly, rather than through their landlord. (118595)
- 88 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of renters pay their gas and electric bills directly, rather than through their landlord. (118596)
- 89 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will provide additional financial support to low income households to help with the rise of water bills from April 2022. (118598)
- 90 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the Resolution Foundation of 3 February 2022 that lowest-income decile households will see the energy bills as a share of their total spending rise to 10 per cent. (118649)
- 91 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the Resolution Foundation of 3 February 2022 that there will be an average fall in real household disposable incomes of around £1,000 per household in 2022. (118650)
- 92 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation findings of 3 February 2022, that single adult households on low incomes will spend 43 per cent on average of their income after housing costs on energy bills. (118651)

- 93 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation of 3 February 2022, that lone parent families on low incomes will spend 22 per cent on average of their income after housing costs on energy bills. (118652)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 9 February

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, whether he has made an estimate of the cost to the public purse of the Second Permanent Secretary's investigation into alleged gatherings on Government premises during covid-19 restrictions, as of 31 January 2022. (118538)
- 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 January 2021 to Question 107597, on Government Departments: Coronavirus, what guidance was issued to Cabinet Office staff on managing the risk of covid-19 in the workplace was in place as of 13 November 2020. (118539)
- 3N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the request from the Minister of State, Lord Agnew, of 25 September 2020, contained on page 40 of the Return to an Address of the Honourable the House of Commons, 17 November 2021, relating to Government contracts awarded to Radox Laboratories Ltd HC 1072, that proper international benchmarking of pricing for comparable tests take place over the next month, what benchmarking for covid-19 tests had been conducted by the end of October 2020. (118540)
- 4N **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans he has to implement trials of a four-day working week in the UK public sector on similar basis to those underway in Scotland and Ireland. (118557)
- 5N **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential contribution of a four-day working week to the Government's wider strategy for flexible working. (118558)
- 6N **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what organisations and stakeholders he has met to discuss the potential merits of a four-day working week. (118559)

- 7N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has plans to revoke EU Commission Regulation 2017/542 of 22 March 2017, amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, named as Annex VIII to CLP, copied from EU law into UK law which governs poison centre notification requirements for hazardous chemical mixtures. (118535)
- 8N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department has had discussions with British Gas regarding (a) their closure of applications for the Warm Home Discount scheme for 2021-22 and (b) a date for reopening the scheme in 2022-23. (118591)
- 9N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of setting up a not-for-profit public energy company to offer energy tariffs to consumers. (118569)
- 10N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether he has held discussions with the UNK Accreditation Service regarding the provision of accreditation services to companies owned by the Myanmar military. (118530)
- 11N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether energy customers will have the ability to opt out of the energy bill discount scheme. (118511)
- 12N **Ian Blackford** (Ross, Skye and Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, when constituents in the area of Strathcarron, post code IV54 8XU, will have fibre broadband connectivity. (118546)
- 13N **Yvonne Fovargue** (Makerfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether smart products sold on online marketplaces will be subject to the provisions of the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Bill. (118527)
- 14N **Yvonne Fovargue** (Makerfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to include provisions for when a smart product is recalled within the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Bill. (118528)
- 15N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans his Department has regarding the inclusion of RSL vocational qualifications, specifically at levels 1 and 2, in future school and college performance measures; and if he will make a statement. (118551)
- 16N **Anne Marie Morris** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what reason local authorities with higher attainment outcomes designated as Opportunity Areas were chosen as Education Investment Areas ahead of local authorities with lower attainment outcomes. (118536)

- 17N **Anne Marie Morris** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what reason Devon was not selected as one of the 55 Education Investment Areas despite ranking within the top 55 areas with the lowest Standardised KS2 and KS4 composite measure. (118537)
- 18N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential relationship between the quality of school lunches and levels of eating disorders among people under 18. (118617)
- 19N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made of the potential relationship between examinations and levels of depression and anxiety among people under 18. (118618)
- 20N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that the National Food Strategy prioritises the affordability of food and the resilience of the food supply chain, alongside the necessary health and environmental outcomes. (118600)
- 21N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when eco-modulation fees for Extended Producer Responsibility will be announced to allow industry to invest in the right packaging solutions. (118601)
- 22N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will provide the latest performance statistics for the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency against each of the targets given in sections 1.1 to 1.4 of DVLA's Business Plan for 2021-22. (118552)
- 23N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of online applications for a driving licence, where further information on the applicant's medical condition is required from a GP or other health professional, have been completed within three working days for the period since 1 April 2021. (118553)
- 24N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of postal applications for a driving licence, where further information on the applicant's medical condition is required from a GP or other health professional, have been completed within ten working days for the period since 1 April 2021. (118554)
- 25N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of postal applications for a vocational driving licence, where further information on the applicant's medical condition is required from a GP or other health professional, have been completed within ten working days for the period since 1 April 2021. (118555)

- 26N **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of postal applications for a driving licence, where further information on the applicant's medical condition is required from a GP or other health professional, have been completed within ten weeks for the period since 1 April 2021. (118556)
- 27N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether an impact assessment has been produced regarding the withdrawal of Bus Recovery Grant funding on bus companies. (118609)
- 28N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with relevant stakeholders on extending the Bus Recovery Grant to (a) 1 October 2022 and (b) 31 December 2022. (118611)
- 29N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the amount of Bus Recovery Grant funding issued in (a) England, (b) Oxfordshire and (c) each local authority in Oxfordshire. (118612)
- 30N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment the Government has made of the implications for its policies of the findings of Action for Children's Coronavirus during Childhood report, published in October 2020. (118561)
- 31N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Government has a strategy for tackling child poverty. (118563)
- 32N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Government has a cross-departmental strategy to reduce child poverty. (118564)
- 33N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Government has made an assessment of the potential merits of reinstating the cross-departmental Child Poverty Unit, that was jointly sponsored by her Department, HM Treasury and the Department for Education, and was abolished in 2017. (118565)
- 34N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Department of Health and Social Care Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21, Paragraph 212, how much of the £8.7 billion loss to the public purse on (a) items not suitable for any use, (b) items not suitable for use in the NHS, (c) changes in market price and (d) excess stock was borne as a result of contracts which were awarded via the high priority lane. (118608)
- 35N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients have been admitted to NHS hospitals from private hospitals in each of the last 30 months. (118533)

- 36N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the approved Novavax vaccine will be manufactured at the Fujifilm plant in Billingham. (118534)
- 37N **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of providing an annual health check for those people diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who may not be independently able to identify other health issues. (118604)
- 38N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a report of the Bilateral Scientific Summit; and if he will provide additional resources to support the UK's role in any new UK-US shared plan for action resulting from that Summit. (118610)
- 39N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any suppliers of PPE items procured by the Government use factories based in Xinjiang as part of their supply chain. (118613)
- 40N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the request from the Cabinet Office of 25 September 2020, contained on pages 38-39 of the Return to an Address of the Honourable the House of Commons relating to Government contracts awarded to Radox Laboratories Ltd, 17 November 2021, HC1072, that his Department initiate a competitive process in time for new contracts to be let from March 2021, whether a competitive tendering process for covid-19 procurement had been initiated by that date. (118541)
- 41N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Return to an Address of the Honourable the House of Commons for specified minutes, notes, and correspondence relating to Government contracts awarded to Radox Laboratories Ltd, HC1072, laid before the House on 17 November 2021, whether his Department searched for relevant WhatsApp messages (a) to or (b) from the former Parliamentary Under Secretary for Innovation, Lord Bethell, in meeting the terms of the Humble Address. (118542)
- 42N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of children who live in insecure housing who have been referred to specialist care for serious mental health problems. (118615)
- 43N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of asylum children who live in hotel accommodation who have been referred to specialist care for serious mental health problems. (118616)
- 44N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has (a) commissioned research on and (b) allocated funding to research on Triple Negative Breast Cancer. (118623)

- 45N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she is taking steps to deport the Myanmar military attache loyal to the Burmese military regime from the UK. (118531)
- 46N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Government funding is currently provided to Myanmar civil society organisations documenting Human Rights violations; and if she will increase funding to the human rights defenders and civil society organisations in Myanmar that are collecting evidence of the Myanmar military activities. (118532)
- 47N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of effect of the use of British and Commonwealth judges in cases relating to the National Security Law in Hong Kong on the independence of the judiciary. (118597)
- 48N **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what written assurances her Department has given to international NGOs operating in Gaza that the proscription of Hamas as a terrorist organisation will not adversely affect their work. (118512)
- 49N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help ensure more crimes of sexual violence go to trial. (118577)
- 50N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the police in handling accusations of crimes of sexual violence. (118578)
- 51N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget was for the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, in each year since 2010. (118502)
- 52N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much money his Department has spent on litigation in respect of failures to upgrade military accommodation and housing in each year since 2010. (118503)
- 53N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what impact assessment has been undertaken of the numbers of households which will be classed as being in fuel poverty due to the energy cap rise (a) without any mitigation measures and (b) with the mitigation measures announced on 3 February 2022. (118560)
- 54N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential effect of making a further uplift in the rate of the state pension on the level of pensioner poverty as a result of increases in the cost of domestic energy. (118575)

- 55N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will (a) make an assessment of the disputed interpretation HMRC has placed on the scope of the agreement between HMRC and Roadchef Employee Benefit Trustees, arrived at by mediation and (b) take steps to resolve that matter. (118501)
- 56N **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the statement of the Governor of the Bank of England of 3 February 2022 on the need to see moderation of wage rises. (118644)
- 57N **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the Bank of England Monetary Policy Report of 3 February 2022, that pay has risen by less than prices, such that households real incomes are being squeezed. (118645)
- 58N **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of the Bank of England Monetary Policy Report of 3 February 2022, that real post-tax labour income will fall by 2 per cent in 2022. (118646)
- 59N **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Bank of England Monetary Policy Report of 3 February 2022, what steps he is taking with regard to firms passing through increases in wage costs to prices. (118647)
- 60N **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Bank of England Monetary Policy Report of 3 February 2022 projection of a 7.25 per cent inflation rate in April, what steps he is taking to prevent a fall in real incomes. (118648)
- 61N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if the Government will develop an app to support women who have experienced sexual harassment or violence to provide advice and navigate them to support services. (118576)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 10 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many weeks of work-focused study a universal credit recipient can undertake without losing their entitlement; what criteria were used to decide how many weeks of work-focused study a universal credit recipient can undertake without losing their entitlement; and what criteria are set out in guidance for Jobcentre Plus advisors to assist them in deciding whether a universal credit recipient can undertake work-focused study without losing their entitlement. (118547)

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- 2N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many universal credit official error overpayments were made in the last 12 months; and what proportion of those overpayments were not recovered as a result of a successful waiver request. (118653)
- 3N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of replacing ceremonial caps made from the skins of bears with ceremonial caps made using faux fur. (118592)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 25 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to Amnesty International citing human rights abuses against Palestinian civilians, published 1 February 2022, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure international law is upheld in the Middle East. (118624)
- 2N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made for the implications of her policy of the latest report by Amnesty International on the seizures of Palestinian land and property, unlawful killings, forcible transfer, drastic movement restrictions, administrative detention and the denial of nationality and citizenship to Palestinians. (118625)