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New EDMs

939 Stars in their Homes nominated for a Pride of Scotland Award

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates mother and son duo Anne and Grant Stanley of Loanhead Midlothian for being nominated for a Pride of Scotland award in the Community Spirit category; notes that the duo launched their Stars in their Homes Lockdown Entertainment group to bring entertainment and support to Midlothian residents through gathering more than 65 performers, singers and dancers; commends that duo's hard work to fundraise for good causes and entertain and support their community; welcomes the Pride of Scotland awards as an opportunity to shine a light on the extraordinary achievements of people of all ages and from all walks of life, as nominated by the public; and encourages anyone who knows an unsung hero in their community to nominate them for a Pride of Scotland Award.

940 Saudi-led coalition military action against Yemen

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House condemns the UK Government's continued facilitation of the supply of arms to the Saudi-led coalition bombing Yemeni civilians.

941 Resist China Global Day of Action

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 1

Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House notes that 1 October is celebrated in The People's Republic of China as National Day to officially commemorate the formal establishment of the nation; further notes that the Chinese government celebrates this annual day with a military parade in Beijing; recognises that The People's Republic of China is reported to have up to three million Uyghur Muslims in concentration camps, forced 500,000 Tibetan farmers into labour camps, and a similar programme in the western Xinjiang (East Turkistan) region; welcomes the Resist China Global Day of Action to highlight the plight of millions; pressures the Government of The People's Republic of China to release political prisoners; and urges the UK Government to use its power to work with international partners and allies to bring change and freedom to the region.

942 Importance of eye care

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 2

**Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan**

That this House notes the end of National Eye Health Week; further notes the work of the brain tumour charity which highlights that approximately 30 per cent of people who have brain tumours experience visual symptoms and 60 per cent of people with brain tumours experience headaches and they visit their GPs without going for an eye test; urges people to be mindful that eye tests do not simply indicate if you need glasses but can give greater insight into other problems; and further encourages the general public to ensure that their two year eye test is an important part of any health routine.

943 Funding for school counselling services

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House notes with concern research from the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy which found that 80 per cent of young people say their mental health has worsened during the covid-19 pandemic; further notes with concern that there could be significant future human and financial costs associated with the covid-19 pandemic unless there is Government intervention to stem that growing mental health crisis among young people; believes that provision of funding for counselling in all schools and colleges in England is the best way to address that problem; acknowledges that the average wait time for counselling in schools being 21 days, compared to CAMHS having an average wait time of 188 days, supports that viewpoint; and therefore calls on the Government to allocate resources in the Comprehensive Spending Review that are aimed at tackling the growing crisis of mental health among young people through a national commitment to counselling provision for all children in England's secondary schools.

944 Extension of protection measures for renters during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House is concerned about the large number of tenants facing eviction as a result of the ban on evictions coming to an end as covid-19 lockdown restrictions are eased; notes with concern research by Shelter which found that 227,000 private renters have fallen into arrears since the

start of covid-19 lockdown in March 2020; expresses concern that 1 in 6 parents who rent privately, equivalent to 458,000 people, have concerns that their family could become homeless as a result of the Coronavirus crisis; further notes with concern that whilst individuals served with an eviction notice from August 2020 have been given a 6 month notice period, that exemption does not apply to the estimated 55,000 individuals who received notice of eviction between March 2020 and August 2020; and calls on the Government to extend the ban on evicting renters during the covid-19 pandemic in order to avert a winter homelessness crisis.

945 **Black History Month 2020**

Tabled: **30/09/20** Signatories: **1**

Anne McLaughlin

That this House notes that October is Black History Month and welcomes the many events and initiatives across these islands to mark it; resolves to encourage every single person living on these islands to take advantage of all events being online to raise their own awareness of the equal contribution made to the modern world by people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities; resolves to work towards the day when black history does not need a month of its own and is acknowledged, taught and celebrated every bit as much as white history.

946 **Glenkinchie Distillery Green Tourism Gold Award**

Tabled: **30/09/20** Signatories: **1**

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates the Glenkinchie Distillery in East Lothian for its receipt of a Green Tourism Gold Award; welcomes the commitment of Diageo to improving the sustainability of its distilleries and attractions; notes that the Distillery has done significant work to achieve that award in the areas of water and energy usage, waste, nature conservation and travel; further welcomes the commitment from the team at the Distillery to continue the work of improving their environmental effect across the distillery complex and as a vital part of East Lothian's high-quality drink and tourism economies; and looks forward to seeing that improvement in action as the distillery re-opens for business in the near future.

947 **SATS in the 2020/21 academic year**

Tabled: **30/09/20** Signatories: **1**

Daisy Cooper

That this House recognises the enormous impact that the covid-19 pandemic has had on pupils' mental health; further recognises the Institute of Education findings that 80% of headteachers agree that SATs have a negative effect on pupils' wellbeing; believes that the UK's 'teach to the test' approach to education has led to valuing high stakes exams above other more meaningful measures of attainment; further believes that high-stakes testing – exemplified by SATs – distorts the work of schools, narrows the curriculum, increases stress on pupils, adds to teachers' workload, and impacts most severely on those who are most in need; notes that SATs do not provide teachers with any further information on their students' progress than was not already available to them; further notes that during the covid-19 pandemic teachers are having to spend ever more time on pastoral care and that preparing students for tests that are not useful is wasting valuable time that could be used more productively elsewhere; believes that parents want teachers to spend more time teaching and less time testing pupils; and calls on the Government to scrap SATs for primary age pupils in the 2020/21 academic year.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

893 Air pollution and inequality

Tabled: 16/09/20 Signatories: 26

Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe
Ms Diane Abbott
Ian Byrne
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House expresses its concern at the recent findings of the Environment Agency's State of the Environment report; notes that air pollution is the single biggest environmental threat to people's health in the UK; further notes that many environmental factors, such as pollution and flooding, have been found to contribute to an increase in mental health conditions; is further concerned that access to nature is not equally distributed across our society and that exposure to pollution mirrors that difference; recognises that those living in more deprived areas experience the poorest quality of environment, as well as worse health, and that those facts are linked; asserts that in Tower Hamlets, according to campaigners, more than 40 per cent of the borough's population live with unacceptable air quality; further asserts that examples such as Tower Hamlets often reflect the higher levels of inequality experienced by BAME communities; and calls on the Government to implement clean air policies, accompanied by an equalities report, to ensure that air quality levels are equal across our society and to ensure that the right to clean air is not determined by income or ethnic background.

895 Extension of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Tabled: 17/09/20 Signatories: 19

John Nicolson
Alison Thewliss
Carol Monaghan
Stephen Farry
Allan Dorans
Liz Saville Roberts

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House recognises the importance of retaining jobs in industries still affected by the ongoing covid-19 pandemic; further recognises that the cliff-edge October cut-off date of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is set to result in hundreds of thousands of avoidable redundancies; notes research from the Trussell Trust that the end of coronavirus job and income support is expected to spark a 61 per cent rise in food bank use this winter, plunging families across Scotland and the rest of the UK into poverty; and calls on the Government to act in line with other countries such as France, Ireland and Germany by extending the Job Retention Scheme into 2021.

896 Teaching of British Sign Language in schools

Tabled: 17/09/20 Signatories: 15

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Rosie Cooper
Zarah Sultana
Ms Diane Abbott
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House recognises the importance of ensuring that all members of society are able to communicate effectively and clearly; notes that this includes ensuring that people who are deaf or hard of hearing are able to communicate effectively and clearly; recognises that 11 million people in the UK are deaf or hard of hearing, highlighting the need to teach British Sign Language more widely; calls on this Government to introduce British Sign Language classes beginning at Key Stage 1 through to Key Stage 3; and further calls on this Government to introduce a British Sign Language GCSE course.

898 Ban on goods produced by state-sponsored forced labour

Tabled: 17/09/20 Signatories: 32

Siobhain McDonagh
Caroline Lucas
Paul Girvan
Andrew Gwynne
Mike Hill
Ian Blackford

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House welcomes the United States Department of Home Security issuing five Withhold Release Orders which will ban the import of products from the People's Republic of China produced with state-sponsored forced labour in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region where the Chinese Communist Party government is engaged in systematic human rights abuses against the Uyghur people and other ethnic and religious minorities; notes that the latest orders cover computer parts made by Hefei Bitland Information Tehncology Co., cotton produced by Xinjiang Junggar Cotton and Linen Co., clothing from the Yili Zhuowan Garment Manufacturing Co., hair products made in the Lop County Hair Product Industrial Park in Xinjiang, and all products made with labour from the notorious Lop County No.4 Vocational Skills Education and Training Centre, the latter of which is little better than a slave labour concentration camp through which, and through a network of similar camps, genocide is now being perpetrated by the Chinese Communist Party against the Uyghur people; and urges the Government to review and upgrade its own import control arrangements to ensure that British consumers are protected from inadvertently supporting slave labour and genocide in China.

901 Loch Ness Hub

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 6

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Hannah Bardell
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans

That this House welcomes the news that the Loch Ness Hub in Drumnadrochit will be used as a Community Transport Hub, tours and ticket sales office, baggage transfer base, tourist information hub and will promote local business, and things to do in the area; recognises that the hub is a community benefit company, which will put profits from its operations back into the community; notes that the hub has launched a community share offer, to allow the local community to invest in what matters to them; and wishes the hub continued success for the future.

902 Ukrainian miners' strike

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 7

John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mike Hill
Sir Peter Bottomley

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes that iron ore miners in Ukraine have been on strike since 3 September 2020 at the mines of KZRK in the city of Kryvyi Rih; salutes those courageous protests including an underground sit in, against unacceptable working conditions, low wages, authoritarian management, a lack of necessary tools and attacks on retirement rights; notes that the Kryvyi Rih City Council has appealed to the President to assist the miners and resolve that dispute; condemns intimidation of the families of union leaders and the use of the security service the SBU against the mineworkers; recognises the iron ore market currently enjoys high profitability; and calls on the employers linked to the oligarchs Ihor Kolomoisky and Rinat Akhmetov to recognise the miners' just demands and settle that dispute.

903 Planning for health and wellbeing

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 8

Caroline Lucas
Hilary Benn
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claire Hanna

Christine Jardine

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House is concerned about the low quality of new homes and places that are being created; recognises the overwhelming evidence of the link between people's mental and physical health and the quality of their homes and neighbourhoods, including access to nature; notes the number of new homes which lack decent space and natural light; further notes that many homes do not provide walkable access to green space; is further concerned that the Planning White Paper reduces

democratic accountability, significantly reduces the number of affordable homes delivered overall but particularly in rural areas and gives developers too much power over local decisions; and calls on the Government to put democracy, affordability, people's health and wellbeing, and a right to access to nature for all at the heart of the planning reform process.

904 Policing of the 1984-85 miners' strike

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 20

Ian Lavery
Ian Mearns
Apsana Begum
Ms Diane Abbott
Jeremy Corbyn
Mick Whitley

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House welcomes the proposals made by an independent review established by the Scottish Government into the policing of the dispute during the 1984-85 miners' strike in Scotland to introduce legislation to pardon those convicted for matters related to that strike; notes that the National Union of Mineworkers have been campaigning on these issues since the end of that strike; further notes that during the dispute across the UK 11,291 people were arrested, 8,392 charged and between 150 and 200 imprisoned; calls on the Government to follow the lead of the devolved administration in Scotland and set up an independent review into policing in the UK during the dispute, with a view to issuing pardons to all of those convicted.

905 Winter support for tourism hospitality jobs and businesses

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 11

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain
Daisy Cooper
Layla Moran
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House acknowledges and is grateful for the unprecedented package of support for workers and business throughout the covid-19 outbreak; notes the importance of the spring and summer months for the UK's £100bn tourism and hospitality industry; recognises that businesses in that sector missed out on much of that season due to lockdown; further recognises that many of these businesses are working at a reduced capacity due to social distancing guidelines which is resulting in lower income for these businesses; further notes the warning from UKHospitality that at least 900,000 jobs in the hospitality sector are at risk without further support; urges the Government to protect jobs and help give the confidence businesses need to help them survive the traditionally quiet autumn and winter months; and calls on the Government to implement proposals put forward by Cumbria Tourism including, helping to fund hospitality and tourism jobs from November 2020 to March 2021, extending funding grants for businesses in the sector and reintroducing the hugely successful Eat Out to Help Out scheme during the winter months.

906 Midlothian Young People's Advice Service award from BBC Children in Need

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Hannah Bardell
Allan Dorans

That this House welcomes the contribution of £67,851 by BBC Children in Need's Next Steps Fund to Midlothian Young People's Advice Service (MYPAS); notes that this will fund a full-time counsellor over the next 18 months, engaging with young people aged 12-18, across Midlothian and East Lothian, adversely mentally affected by the situations brought about by the covid-19 outbreak, with particular regard to LGBT+ young people; and congratulates MYPAS on this award which will allow their excellent work to further develop in East and Midlothian.

909 The Nourish charity

Tabled: 22/09/20 Signatories: 4

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the tremendous support offered to parents of children with additional support needs by Nourish, a charity set up by parents in Kirkcaldy to bring together families affected by disability, supplying information and links with other organisations as well as preventing isolation by providing an inclusive space for families to support each other to relax, unwind and offload; welcomes the opportunity the organisation has to improve its services by moving to a new facility; congratulates the charity on its fundraising efforts to date; and notes the progress made towards the £15,000 needed to set up the new Nourish support centre.

911 Battle of Prestonpans commemoration

Tabled: 22/09/20 Signatories: 6

Kenny MacAskill
Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans

That this House joins in commemorating the 275th anniversary of the Battle of Prestonpans; notes that the battle was a decisive victory for Jacobite troops, dramatically increasing morale and leading directly to the early success and eventual failure of the 45 Rising; congratulates the Battle of Prestonpans 1745 Heritage Trust on holding a small socially distanced event; and notes that a fuller commemoration of that battle is planned for 2021.

912 Riverside Hall's response to covid-19

Tabled: 22/09/20 Signatories: 5

Chris Stephens
 Hannah Bardell
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Allan Dorans

That this House commends the Riverside Hall in Govan, Glasgow, for their inspiring work during the covid-19 outbreak by supporting families and children in the community with the delivery of over 5,000 emergency food parcels to isolated pensioners and local children and the offer of a regular prescription pick-up service; further commends the effort of their staff and local volunteers at the hall to bring a little cheer and combat the risk of mental health difficulties and social isolation among vulnerable people in the Govan area by reaching out with daily contact to make sure that those people knew they had support if they needed it; and thanks everyone involved with that community hall including staff, external agencies and volunteers who gave up their time to support those people most at need in their community at a time of national difficulty.

914 Upgrading digital selling skills to safeguard jobs

Tabled: 22/09/20 Signatories: 7

Martyn Day
 Hannah Bardell
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Mike Hill
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises that with unemployment rising Britain needs to sell its way out of recession to safeguard jobs; notes that the covid-19 pandemic has speeded up the digitisation of how UK businesses sell by 5.3 years; further notes that 93.3 per cent of SMEs do not train their staff in digital skills; and calls on the Government to take forward a range of measures to promote digital selling skills especially in SMEs in order to safeguard jobs across the whole economy.

915 Midlothian Young People's Advice Service grant from BBC Children in Need

Tabled: 22/09/20 Signatories: 5

Owen Thompson
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Marion Fellows
 Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates MYPAS (the Midlothian Young People's Advice Service) on its award of a £67,851 grant from BBC Children in Need's Next Steps Fund; understands that this will fund a full-time counsellor over the next 18 months to engage with young people adversely mentally affected by the situations brought about by the covid-19 pandemic, with particular regard to LGBT+ young people; notes that MYPAS promotes the health and wellbeing of young people (aged 12 to 25) in Midlothian through the provision of drug and alcohol services, street work, art therapy, counselling, sexual health drop-ins and more; further notes the serious impact on young people's

mental health caused by the covid-19 pandemic; and commends organisations such as MYPAS which seek to address those issues.

916 Ian Miller's retirement from Scotmid Co-operative

Tabled: **22/09/20** Signatories: **7**

Owen Thompson
Hannah Bardell
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Allan Dorans

That this House sends its best wishes to Ian Miller upon retiring from Scotmid Co-operative after 17 years on the co-operative's East Regional Committee and nine years on its central board; notes that Ian served as a branch manager in Penicuik for 15 years and has held society membership for 36 years; and commends Ian for his contribution to the community.

917 Humanitarian and human rights situation in Zimbabwe

Tabled: **23/09/20** Signatories: **6**

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Brendan O'Hara
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House is deeply concerned about the on-going humanitarian and human rights crisis in Zimbabwe, despite the fresh start promised by President Mnangagwa when he took office over two years ago after the end of former President Mugabe's rule; notes with alarm that over half the population is dependent on food aid, as well as the virtual collapse of the health and education systems, and more general infrastructure; further notes with regret that fundamental rights are routinely being violated, with reportedly more than 70 Government critics having been abducted and tortured by men suspected to be state security agents in the last year, including MDC Alliance MP Joanna Mamombe and activists Cecilia Chimbi and Netsai Marova, who are now incredibly being tried for faking their abduction and torture; urges the Zimbabwean Government to undertake meaningful political and economic reform, and particularly to investigate alleged serious human rights abuses and corrupt practice over the last two years and prosecute those responsible; and calls on the Government to continue providing vital humanitarian assistance to Zimbabweans on the basis of need, to support and protect Zimbabweans committed to democracy, rule of law and an equitable economic recovery, and to apply targeted sanctions on those responsible for the most serious human rights abuses.

918 Death penalty sentences against protestors in Iran

Tabled: 23/09/20 Signatories: 8

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards

Sir Peter Bottomley

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House is shocked by the execution of champion wrestler, Navid Afkari and the alarming frequency of death penalty sentences being handed down to those involved in anti-Government protests in 2018 and 2019 in Iran; notes with alarm that the execution of Mr. Afkari is the second recent execution in connection with those protests and that his trial was held behind closed doors and allegedly relied on forced confessions extracted under torture; echoes the call of UN human rights experts earlier this month to the Iranian Government to immediately halt all executions of protesters sentenced to death; and calls on the Government to raise relevant concerns with the Iranian Government as a matter of urgency to ensure that the death penalty is imposed only for the most serious crimes and after proceedings meeting the highest level of respect for fair trial and due process standards.

919 Shortage of learning disability nurses

Tabled: 23/09/20 Signatories: 6

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Mike Hill
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
John McDonnell

That this house expresses concern that there will potentially be a repeat of the 134 per cent increase in deaths of people with learning disabilities that happened between 10 April and 15 of May 2020 with the recent rise of covid-19 cases without more learning disability (LD) nurses; notes that the NHS North West London Trust recently decided to recruit another learning disability nurse to address the issues that led to this increase in deaths; further notes that more LD nurses would help the Government implement its incoming Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training in Learning Disability and Autism; and calls on the Government to launch a campaign to support the recruitment of more learning disability nurses and get more into lead positions at hospitals.

921 Maira Shahbaz and child abduction, forced conversion and marriage in Pakistan

Tabled: 23/09/20 Signatories: 19

**Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Dr Lisa Cameron
David Linden
Marion Fellows**

Sammy Wilson
Allan Dorans

Sir Peter Bottomley
Amy Callaghan

Carol Monaghan
John McDonnell

That this House notes with grave concern reports from Pakistan on Maira Shahbaz, a 14-year-old Christian girl who was abducted at gunpoint from the streets of Madina Town in Faisalabad by three men, forced to convert to Islam and then marry one of her abductors, Mr. Nakash; is further concerned that, despite her family producing a birth certificate showing Maira to be 14-years-old and the Grand Mufti of a local mosque condemning as false the marriage certificate produced in court by Mr Nakash, the Lahore High Court overruled an earlier decision by the Faisalabad Sessions and District court to place her in a women's shelter, subsequently forcing her to return to Mr Nakash; understands that recently, Maira managed to escape from the home of Mr. Nakash and that she and her family are currently in hiding; calls on the UK government to do everything in its power to help Maira and all of the estimated 1,000 Pakistani Christian and Hindu girls who are kidnapped, forced to convert and marry their abductor every year.

922 Relocation of asylum seekers and refugees from Aegean Islands

Tabled: 23/09/20 Signatories: 13

**Stuart C McDonald
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Joanna Cherry
Deidre Brock
Caroline Lucas**

Carol Monaghan
John McDonnell

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Amy Callaghan

That this House recognises the deteriorating conditions faced by asylum seekers and refugees on the Aegean Islands and notes the recent fire at the Moria camp in Lesvos which has left 13,000 people without shelter; welcomes the fact that Germany, France and Norway have agreed to take some of those vulnerable people; and calls on the UK government to participate in relocating asylum seekers and refugees from the Aegean Islands to local authorities in the UK and to provide the necessary support to enable that relocation.

923 A covid-19 recovery mental health strategy for children

Tabled: 24/09/20 Signatories: 8

Dr Lisa Cameron
 Mohammad Yasin
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon
 Sir Peter Bottomley
 Allan Dorans

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

John McDonnell

That this House notes that a survey by the mental health charity Re-Think found that one third of children feel more anxious, sad and stressed now than before lockdown; further notes that the charity Action for Children has asked the Government to prioritise children's mental health in covid-19 recovery planning with sufficient funding; notes that at their press conference of 21 September 2020, Chief Medical Officer Professor Chris Whitty and Chief Scientific Officer Sir Patrick Vallance predicted that mental health would be further jeopardised if the virus goes out of control; and calls upon the Government to publish a distinctive Mental Health Strategy for Children and Young People, focusing on the covid-19 pandemic with an accompanying commitment that the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people will be placed at the heart of the overall Covid-19 Recovery Plan.

924 County lines and child criminal exploitation

Tabled: 24/09/20 Signatories: 14

Grahame Morris
 Ian Mearns
 Chris Stephens
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Claudia Webbe
 Mohammad Yasin

Sir Peter Bottomley

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

John McDonnell

That this House is alarmed at the expansion of county lines networks, recently exacerbated by covid-19; calls for clarification of laws to ensure that all young people who are groomed, coerced and controlled into committing crime are recognised as victims of trafficking and exploitation; advocates the adoption of a new public health approach to drug prevention that works with schools, pupil referral units and providers for those outside of mainstream education; notes the need for new local safeguarding partnerships enabling multi-agency work to identify and respond to child criminal exploitation; further notes that a system is required for seamlessly sharing data across borders and agencies and disrupting grooming and criminality that has migrated from the streets to encrypted apps; and calls upon the Government to introduce a stand-alone national strategy on child criminal exploitation that includes these recommendations as a matter of urgency.

925 Mandatory reporting on plastic packaging

Tabled: 24/09/20 Signatories: 36

Geraint Davies
Mr Robert Goodwill
Layla Moran
Liz Saville Roberts
John McNally
Claire Hanna

Sir Peter Bottomley
 Apsana Begum
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 John McDonnell

Barry Gardiner
 Clive Lewis
 Carol Monaghan

Rosie Duffield
 Ms Angela Eagle
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes that UK supermarkets use some 114 billion pieces of throwaway plastic packaging each year; recognises that this equates to 653,000 tonnes of plastic waste, the equivalent of almost 3,000 747 jumbo jets; further recognises that almost all of this waste will end up polluting the natural environment; is concerned that many leading supermarkets in the UK fail to provide detailed data on the amount of plastic they use; believes that transparent reporting on plastic use is critical to reducing plastic waste; notes that existing pacts and pledges have failed to have a significant impact on the amount of plastic polluting the environment; backs campaign group A Plastic Planet's calls for UK supermarkets to transparently report their plastic use; and calls on the Government to introduce mandatory annual reporting on plastic packaging use by UK supermarkets alongside targets to reduce it.

926 Removal of requirement to publicise Planning Notices in local newspapers

Tabled: 28/09/20 Signatories: 8

Barry Gardiner
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Mike Hill
Sir Peter Bottomley
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

John Spellar

John McDonnell

This House recognises that local and regional newspapers, in print and digital form, reach 40.6 million people each week across the UK; notes that they perform vital democratic functions by nurturing debate, investigating local issues and running powerful campaigns that foster community identity and hold vested interests to account; considers that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government proposals to remove the statutory requirement to publicise planning applications in local newspapers would make the planning process less transparent, less accountable and less democratic; and therefore urges the Government to recognise that local newspapers have the trust of the public and are best placed to distribute and publicise impartial factual details about planning applications in the form of planning notices.

927 Giro d'Italia, S4C, Tinopolis and Geraint Thomas

Tabled: 28/09/20 Signatories: 3

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts

That this House congratulates S4C and Carmarthenshire based media production company Tinopolis for securing sole UK terrestrial media rights for the 2020 Giro d'Italia; notes that the Giro d'Italia is one of cycling's biggest events, consisting of 21 stages beginning in Sicily and finishing in Milan; and wishes Geraint Thomas from Wales well in his attempt to win the Maglia Rosa.

928 Abertay University, UK university of the year for teaching quality

Tabled: 28/09/20 Signatories: 5

Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Stewart Hosie
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Abertay University and all of its staff for its award of UK University of the Year for Teaching Quality in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide; further congratulates the institution for placing top in Scotland in the Guide for Social Inclusion; recognises that this followed a top placing in Europe earlier this year for its video games education in the Princeton Review; further recognises that Abertay University plays a vital role in supporting the growth of Dundee's creative and technology industries; and wishes all the staff and students at the University, both new and returning, all the best for this student year.

929 Pride of Scotland Awards

Tabled: 28/09/20 Signatories: 4

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Loanhead Post Office in Midlothian for being nominated for a Pride of Scotland award to recognise their outstanding community efforts during the covid-19 outbreak; welcomes the Pride of Scotland awards as an opportunity to shine a light on the extraordinary achievements of people of all ages and from all walks of life, as nominated by the public; encourages anyone who knows an unsung hero in their community to nominate them at www.prideofscotland.org; and wishes every success to this new landmark event to celebrate and honour Scotland's inspirational citizens.

930 Beer Duty 2020Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **10**

Jamie Stone
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Christine Jardine
Layla Moran

Sir Peter Bottomley Gavin Robinson

That this House commends the Government for freezing Beer Duty at previous Budgets; acknowledges that again the UK has the highest total Beer Duty bill in Europe at £3.4 billion and a Beer Duty rate at three times the EU average, as well as 11 times that of Germany or Spain; notes that over 40 per cent of a brewery's turnover is Beer Duty making the tax on beer feel like a tax on pubs; further notes that the added effect of covid-19 puts pubs and breweries at risk of closing and therefore threatens the approximate 900,000 jobs that this industry provides; and calls on the Government to intervene by cutting Beer Duty by 25 per cent.

931 National Day of PrayerTabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **12**

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Gavin Robinson
Paul Girvan
Andrew Selous
Fiona Bruce

Tim Farron

That this House notes the unprecedented position that the covid-19 pandemic has brought the nation to; further notes that in this time of economic and societal uncertainty the country should follow the lead of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and recognise the importance of prayer when Her Majesty said in her 2013 address that prayer helps us to renew ourselves; and calls on the Prime Minister to initiate a National Day of Prayer to enable those for whom this is important to seek God for strength, peace, comfort, hope, wisdom, forgiveness and even joy at this difficult time.

932 Celebrating Communities Award for Supporting Our Community HillhouseTabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **4**

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
John Nicolson

That this House notes that the annual Scottish Charity Awards ceremony took place virtually on 25 September 2020; understands that Supporting Our Community in Hillhouse won the Celebrating Communities Award at the Scottish Charity Awards; further understands that the Celebrating Communities Award was given to Supporting Our Communities for their work in tackling loneliness, isolation and poor mental health; believes that the work done by Supporting Our Community in Hillhouse, Burnbank and Blantyre is absolutely critical in improving health and wellbeing in these communities, especially during the challenging circumstances created by covid-19; and congratulates

all the volunteers at Supporting Our Communities on receiving this prestigious award and wishes them every success for the future.

933 Challenge Poverty Week: 5 to 11 October 2020

Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **17**

David Linden
Jim Shannon
Ronnie Cowan
Margaret Ferrier
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans

Alan Brown
 Gavin Newlands
 John McDonnell
 Pete Wishart

Richard Thomson
 Mhairi Black
 Martyn Day
 Dr Lisa Cameron

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Amy Callaghan
 Chris Law

That this House celebrates the important work being undertaken by the Poverty Alliance during their Challenge Poverty Week; supports the various events taking place across Scotland to end the stigma around poverty and build awareness for solutions to poverty; and commits to advocating for those affected by poverty to ensure that the UK is a more just and equal society.

934 Online harassment and stalking of content creators

Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **5**

David Linden
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
John Nicolson
Allan Dorans

That this House condemns the harassment and stalking of online content creators on platforms such as Twitch; notes these cases of online abuse need to be taken as seriously as offline abuse; recognises that more must be done to understanding how stalkers operate online, including knowledge of methods such as doxxing and using a VPN and urges action to be taken to prevent the abuse and harassment seen online against content creators.

935 Conclusion of Mahatma Gandhi 150th birth anniversary celebration

Tabled: **29/09/20** Signatories: **6**

Martyn Day
Sir Peter Bottomley
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell

That this House commends the Government of India and the Indian people on the two year celebration throughout the world of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi which ends on 2 October 2020; thanks posthumously Mahatma Gandhi who made a significant contribution as a peaceful freedom fighter, father of India and an inspiration to the world; acknowledges Mahatma

Gandhi is revered by many people all over the world as a symbol of unity and peace; and looks forward to ongoing strengthened peaceful relations between our nations.

936 Disqualification of the President of Catalonia

Tabled: 29/09/20 Signatories: 14

Hywel Williams
Andrew Rosindell
Stewart Hosie
Sir Peter Bottomley
Joanna Cherry
Ronnie Cowan

Carol Monaghan
 Ben Lake
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Jonathan Edwards
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Tommy Sheppard

Margaret Ferrier
 Douglas Chapman

That this House notes its great concern at the decision of the Spanish Supreme Court to remove the President of Catalonia, Quim Torra, from office by banning him from holding public posts; notes that that decision was taken because banners calling for support of the rights of Catalan political prisoners were displayed on government buildings and were not taken down immediately when the court ruled they must be taken down; believes that this case centres on the fundamental right to free speech and that the court's verdict on this case is a severe blow to that right as well as to democracy; and calls on the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to convey these concerns most strongly to the Spanish Government.

937 Government funding for zoos and aquariums

Tabled: 29/09/20 Signatories: 7

Andrew Rosindell
Christine Jardine
Bill Wiggin
Sir George Howarth
Sir David Amess
Sir Peter Bottomley

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House is concerned that not a single zoo has yet benefited from the Government's Zoo Animals Fund and that very few are likely to stand to benefit from that funding; notes that, including the previous Zoo Support Fund, only 2 per cent of the Government's support funds for that sector have been spent; is further concerned that, despite the UK facing at least a further six months of covid-19 related restrictions, and zoos and aquariums entering an extremely challenging winter period, the deadline for applications for that fund is currently set as 16 November 2020; recognises that zoos and aquariums urgently need to be able to access that Government fund but are prevented from doing so by overly restrictive eligibility criteria and an absence of support for the invaluable conservation, education and research work carried out by that sector; and calls on the Government to ring-fence that £100 million fund into 2021 and work with sector representatives in order to review the eligibility criteria for that fund, ensuring that zoos and aquariums can access this much needed support.

938 Local Legends award for Billington's Deli in Lenzie

Tabled: 29/09/20 Signatories: 3

Amy Callaghan
Allan Dorans
Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates Billington's Deli in Lenzie, East Dunbartonshire on being chosen as the Scottish winner of Convenience Store UK's Local Legends competition; recognises that that award is due to the resilience shown by Billington's during the covid-19 lockdown and their tremendous effort to assist the wider community throughout the covid-19 pandemic; notes that Billington's voluntarily delivered soup to the elderly and vulnerable in their local area; further notes that Billington's created care boxes filled with everyday essentials for delivery to those shielding in the community; and commends Billington's on donating £500 of their prize to local charity Sporting Aces.