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New EDMs

1096 Free school meal vouchers during the covid-19 pandemic

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House expresses dismay at the decision by the Government not to extend free school meals to eligible children during school holidays during the covid-19 outbreak; notes that the proposed second lockdown will plunge more families into poverty; notes that such a decision places over 11,000 children in Wakefield District and 1 million nationally at risk of going hungry during the school holidays; believes that such a decision highlights a lack of compassion and understanding of the challenges facing many working people across the country, who are increasingly struggling to make ends meet as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, forcing holiday hunger; applauds the actions of actions of Wakefield Council for committing to provide these children with food vouchers during the upcoming Christmas period and expresses gratitude to the vital role community organisations in Hemsworth constituency and elsewhere in the country have played during the October half-term break provide food to families and children who need it the most; and calls on the Government to provide funding to provide food vouchers for all children eligible for free school meals until the end of the Covid-19 pandemic and publish an action plan to end food poverty once and for all.

1097 Robert Fisk

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 1

Jonathan Edwards

That this House pays tribute to the contribution of renowned foreign correspondent, Robert Fisk following his death on 30 October 2020; notes that Mr Fisk began his career with the Sunday Express before working for the Times and finishing his career with the Independent; further notes that Mr Fisk reported on conflict around the world, becoming one of the most respected commentators on the Middle East; recognises that during his career, Mr Fisk won the International Reporter of the year on several occasions as well as a host of other awards for his work, including

the Orwell prize and the Amnesty International media award; further notes that Mr Fisk was fearless in his reporting, basing his stories on first-hand experience as opposed to what authorities wanted him to report; and notes that his forthright despatches and his willingness to hold power to account will be missed.

1098 Falkland Islands mine-free declaration

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 1

Andrew Rosindell

That this House recognises the Falkland Islands will officially be declared mine-free on November 14 2020, fulfilling the UK's commitment of its clearance obligation under the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention; notes that with this declaration the entire UK and her Overseas Territories will be mine-free; pays tribute to the members of the UK armed forces who contributed to mapping, fencing and clearing the minefields between 1982 and 2009 and the de-mining team from SafeLane Global Ltd who between 2009 and 2020 have destroyed over 10,000 mines and other items of unexploded ordnance; and understands that the project has released 23 million square meters of land allowing the access to large areas of ground which had been fenced off for 38 years.

1099 Duty and tax-free shopping

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 21

Gavin Newlands

Alyn Smith

Alan Brown

Martyn Day

Kirsten Oswald

Allan Dorans

Ian Blackford

Richard Thomson

Patricia Gibson

Dr Philippa Whitford

Kenny MacAskill

Drew Hendry

Deidre Brock

Stephen Flynn

John McNally

Tommy Sheppard

Dave Doogan

Dr Lisa Cameron

David Linden

Neil Gray

Owen Thompson

That this House notes the recent Government consultation on the continuation of duty and tax-free shopping for visitors from outside the EU, including the published summary of responses which indicated a majority of respondents supported the continuation of the VAT Retail Export Scheme (VAT RES) and the airside Extra Statutory Concession (ESC); expresses concern that despite those responses, HM Treasury has indicated that it plans to scrap the RES and ESC schemes at the beginning of 2021; further notes that those schemes support hundreds of jobs at Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Aberdeen Airports and across the wider Scottish retail and aviation sectors at a time when the economy faces its biggest set of challenges since World War Two; understands the removal of RES and ECS will directly result in the loss of hundreds of jobs in Scotland and thousands around the UK; and calls on the Government to abandon its plans to end RES and ECS and engage in real dialogue with businesses and trade unions on how best to support retail and aviation employment in the future.

1100 Support for hostels

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 1

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House notes that hostels have been hit particularly hard by the covid-19 outbreak; further notes that shared spaces, such as bathrooms and kitchens, are often part of a hostel's business model and that this has made operating at full capacity, and even reopening, difficult for many while operating within the necessary public health guidelines; acknowledges that many hostels had viable business models and were flourishing before the covid-19 outbreak; recognises that many hostels play a key part in the rural economy, bringing visitors who support other local businesses; further recognises that in rural areas, hostels are often used by people who intend to take part in outdoor activities and that ensuring that people can still access healthy outdoor holidays at accessible prices will be important after the covid-19 outbreak; stresses that hostels must be supported so that they are ready to open and return to full capacity as soon as restrictions can be lifted; and calls on the Government to underpin health measures with economic support and urgently put packages of support in place for the hostel sector.

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.

1014 Democratic process and attacks on Kurds in Turkey

Tabled: 14/10/20 Signatories: 10

Chris Stephens**Allan Dorans****Jim Shannon****Sir Peter Bottomley****Jonathan Edwards****Owen Thompson**

John McDonnell

That this House notes that the Turkish authorities have issued arrest warrants for 82 members of the pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP), including current and former democratically elected mayors, and the party's current Central Executive Board; further notes that the HDP is the third largest political party in Turkey; notes that in 2019 the HDP won 65 municipalities in local elections and that the Turkish State has arbitrarily taken control of 51 of those municipalities; is deeply concerned that at least 200 democratically elected HDP representatives including 7 MPs are imprisoned; believes that this mass incarceration amounts to a violation of fundamental rights including the rights to political association, political participation and freedom of expression; is further deeply concerned that this undermines the rights of the Turkish people to have their democratic will upheld; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to express these concerns to his Turkish counterpart as a matter of utmost urgency.

1022 Drug deaths

Tabled: 15/10/20 Signatories: 17

Grahame Morris
Ian Lavery
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Caroline Lucas
Apsana Begum

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House is concerned that deaths related to drug poisoning registered in England and Wales rose to a record 4,393 in 2019; notes that two-thirds of drug poisonings are due to drug misuse; further notes that half of the deaths involved an opiate, although cocaine deaths are also rising at an alarming rate; recognises that the highest death rates are in areas suffering greatest deprivation; and calls on the Government to tackle the problem through immediate increased investment in treatment services, encouragement of harm reduction initiatives and expansion of opiate-overdose antidote Naloxone provision.

1034 Baby loss support

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 13

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Mike Penning
Gavin Robinson
Alison Thewliss
Paula Barker

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House notes the end of baby loss awareness week UK; highlights that for so many the pain continues on; underlines the statistic that 1 in 4 suffering from loss does not include the wider pain and grief of loved ones and family; encourages women and partners to mourn as they need to and understands that their loss matters and is worthy of voicing and remembering; and further underlines that Government must enhance counselling services and other help available to families devastated by the loss of their little child and the promise of a future that will not happen.

1038 Minister for Travel

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 19

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Rachel Hopkins
Ian Lavery
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House recognises that the travel trade is a crucial sector of the British economy and furthermore an industry now facing an existential threat as a result of the coronavirus pandemic; regrets that many travel businesses have closed with many more on the brink of collapse due to the Covid-19 crisis with at least 90,000 jobs already lost or at risk across high street travel agents and the wider travel trade sector; welcomes the recent call by the TSSA transport and travel union and

others for the creation of a Minister for Travel to arrest this trend and champion the industry; and calls on the Government to act without delay to save Britain's travel trade by providing bespoke sector-specific government support while reconsidering an extension of furlough for the industry.

1039 Unionlearn

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 61

Grahame Morris
Mike Hill
Ian Mearns
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Ian Byrne
Kate Osborne

Stephen Timms
 Alan Brown
 Dr Rupa Huq
 Jack Dromey

Kirsten Oswald
 Rebecca Long Bailey
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Claire Hanna

Maria Eagle
 Stephen Farry
 Yvonne Fovargue

That this House recognises the exemplary and invaluable role played by Unionlearn in helping people acquire skills and qualifications to boost their job prospects and make a valuable contribution to the economy; applauds Unionlearn for aiding hundreds of thousands of learners at all levels, from basic numeracy and literacy to degree level qualifications; notes that during the past 12 years more than 40,000 Union Learning Representatives have been trained, and over a quarter of a million people are being given training and learning opportunities through their union every year; is appalled that the Government intends to axe this vital resource at such a challenging time for education, employment and the economy; and calls upon the Government to reconsider and reverse this damaging decision.

1039A1 [Amendment]

Tabled: 20/10/20 Signatories: 2

Robert Halfon
Sir Peter Bottomley

At end add 'and urges the Secretary of State for Education to consider the value Unionlearn offers in promoting skills and opportunities and to reinstate the scheme.'

1040 Support for tourism, leisure, hospitality and the arts

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 13

Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House recognises the importance of the tourism, leisure, hospitality and arts sectors; further recognises the severe impact Covid-19 has had on their earnings; acknowledges that many of the businesses in these sectors had viable business models and were flourishing before the pandemic and must be supported so that they are ready to open as soon as restrictions can be lifted; notes that outdoor education centres are a specific example of a sector which has been forced to shut down during this crisis; further notes that outdoor education centres are reliant on school

residential visits for significant amounts of their funding and so will continue to struggle whilst necessary precautions are in place; recognises the essential role of outdoor education centres in promoting children's health and the necessity of ensuring that such facilities survive the Covid-19 emergency in order to be able to improve young people's opportunities to experience the well-being and health benefits of outdoor activities in future; and calls on the UK Government to underpin health measures with economic support and urgently put packages of support in place to support these sectors, including a further targeted expansion of the furlough scheme.

1044 Local Government Pension Scheme

Tabled: 20/10/20 Signatories: 21

John McDonnell
Paula Barker
Clive Lewis
Jonathan Edwards
Ian Lavery
Ian Byrne

Rachel Hopkins

That this House notes with concern that with the prospect of potentially significant further cuts in jobs in local government, the Government is seeking to drive through plans to cut the pension or severance payments to public sector members of the Local Government Pension Scheme aged 55 and above; and supports those trade unionists campaigning both to expose the implications of the Government's plans and to oppose their imposition.

1045 Eden Court Theatre and Cinema's transformation into a community hub

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 13

Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Deidre Brock
Ronnie Cowan
Hannah Bardell
Carol Monaghan

Jim Shannon

That this House commends Eden Court Theatre and Cinema in Inverness on transforming into a community hub to provide an emergency response to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic situation across the Highlands; notes that workers at that venue have been providing help and support to the covid-19 response since March 2020 when that venue was forced to close; further notes that those workers have been nominated for a prestigious humanitarian award, the Achatas Philanthropy Prize, which celebrates cultural giving across the UK; and wishes those workers all the best for the future.

1046 1st Battalion The Highlanders' Guinness World Record

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 17

Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Deidre Brock
Dr Philippa Whitford
Hannah Bardell
Ronnie Cowan

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the 1st Battalion The Highlanders for setting a new Guinness World Record for most attendees to complete a mental health course in 24 hours to mark World Mental Health Day; recognises that a total of 45 members from the area took part in the course, alongside 1,622 members from across the UK; notes that the 30-minute course discussed how to recognise the signs of poor mental health and ways to help to end the stigma and discrimination around those struggling with difficulties; and further notes that all those participants will receive a medal and official Guinness certificate to honour their achievements.

1047 Scottish Poppy Appeal 2020

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 26

Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Gavin Newlands
Deidre Brock
Dr Philippa Whitford
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the excellent work of Poppy Scotland through the Scottish Poppy Appeal which runs annually from 26 October to 11 November; further recognises that the Scottish Poppy Appeal is Poppy Scotland's largest fundraising campaign; acknowledges the importance of that appeal in paying tribute to the millions of people who lost their lives during conflict; and calls on the community to support the Scottish Poppy Appeal in recognition of the sacrifices made by service personnel.

1048 National Mentoring Week

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 4

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the importance of mentoring, as young people, like the rest of society are facing monumental changes in their lives during the covid-19 outbreak; celebrates National Mentoring Week and The Diana Award who are ensuring that physical distancing during this challenging time does not exacerbate disconnection and disorientation for our young people as they continue to provide support, advice, friendship and constructive role modelling for young people across the UK; applauds the efforts of the over 100 hon. Members and Peers who have signed up for National Mentoring Week with the Diana Award and the All-Party Parliamentary

Group on Mentoring, which is indicative of the value of mentoring; and hopes that such efforts are sustained for years to come.

1049 Psoriasis Awareness Week 2020

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 6

Sir Edward Leigh
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Paul Girvan
Ian Mearns

That this House notes that Psoriasis Awareness Week takes place between 29 October and 4 November 2020; recognises the vital work of the Psoriasis Association in continuing to provide information, support and help to all those affected by psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis during the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that this year's Psoriasis Awareness Week will focus on types of psoriasis after identifying through the recent Priority Setting Partnership that there are many unrecognised knowns that have already been addressed by research but which are not familiar to patients and healthcare professionals; and calls on the Government to investigate ways to improve access to all relevant healthcare professionals for people with psoriasis whose essential treatment has been unfairly delayed by the impact of the recent covid-19 pandemic.

1050 Police brutality and End SARS protests in Nigeria

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 19

Layla Moran
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Stephen Farry
Ed Davey
Sarah Olney
Christine Jardine

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House condemns the reported deliberate shooting of unarmed protesters in Lagos and other parts of Nigeria; calls on the Nigerian Government to demonstrate their commitment to human rights and fulfil obligations to hold the police to account for extra-judicial killings, widespread torture and other ill-treatment of detainees in their custody; supports the call from the Nigerian people and Amnesty International to bring those responsible for committing such crimes to justice in fair trials; calls on the Nigerian authorities to comply at all times with international human rights standards on policing, in particular the UN Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials and the UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials; and urges the UK Government to take action to reprehend such actions.

1051 Closure of TSB Easterhouse branchTabled: **21/10/20** Signatories: **8**

David Linden
Chris Law
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Drew Hendry

Jim Shannon

That this House expresses disappointment in response to the news that TSB Bank will be closing its Easterhouse branch in Glasgow; notes that the closure of bank branches across the UK severely disadvantages the rural population, the elderly and people without access to appropriate technology; highlights that bank branches act as vital services for those unable to access online banking services; condemns the closing of that bank branch during a pandemic, which will undoubtedly cause people to travel further to access in person banking; and urges TSB to urgently reconsider its closure of the Easterhouse branch.

1052 Bath City Farm 25th AnniversaryTabled: **21/10/20** Signatories: **2**

Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Bath City Farm on its 25th anniversary; recognises the integral role the farm continues to play in the local community; commends the staff and volunteers who cooked and delivered thousands of meals during the covid-19 outbreak; further recognises the importance of city farms in connecting people to food and farming, whilst also supporting those living alone or facing the challenge of mental health; notes with concern that city farms across the UK are facing very challenging times during the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to fully recognise the vital role that city farms play in the provision of a wide range of services for vulnerable members of the community.

1053 Minority rights in Southern MongoliaTabled: **21/10/20** Signatories: **7**

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Layla Moran
Clive Lewis
John McDonnell
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts

Jim Shannon

That this House expresses concern at reports from human rights groups that the Chinese Government has enforced a severe crackdown on protesters in Southern Mongolia who are reacting to the replacement of the Mongolian language in schools with Mandarin Chinese, with up to 10,000 protesters placed in police custody since August 2020; notes that crackdown tactics are alleged to include mass arrest, arbitrary detention, imprisonment, torture and blacklisting; further notes that these reports of a crackdown come at a time when there are growing concerns about minority groups' struggle against Chinese hegemony; calls on the UK Government to make clear its opposition to this repression of the Southern Mongolian community; and urges the Chinese

Government to cease the crackdown on protesters in the region and protect Mongolian minority rights, culture and identity within China.

1054 **Creation of Shetland Space Centre**

Tabled: **22/10/20** Signatories: **5**

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Stephen Farry
Douglas Chapman
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the Government's approval of the Shetland Space Centre's plans to build and operate a satellite launch site on Unst in Shetland; notes that the spaceport will create hundreds of new, high-quality jobs, not only locally in the Northern Isles but across the country; recognises that this will strengthen the UK's position as a European small satellite launch destination of choice; congratulates Shetland Space Centre for this development; and calls on the Government to support similar initiatives to maintain the excellent work of the UK's space agencies.

1056 **Students' mental health during the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: **22/10/20** Signatories: **7**

Mr Barry Sheerman
Clive Lewis
John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards
Andrew Gwynne
Sir Peter Bottomley

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises that immense strain that students are currently under with regard to covid-19 restrictions implemented across UK universities; recognises that the need for accessible and high-quality mental health provision is paramount for the welfare of students across the country; notes the profound impact that the current restrictions will have on the academic engagement for many students; urges the Government to consistently and deliberately review restrictions across all UK universities to determine their effectiveness in curtailing the spread of covid-19 and the impact that they are having on the welfare and academic performance of students; and further urges the Government to increase investment in high-quality mental health services across all universities, regions and countries of the United Kingdom.

1057 Murrayfield Ice RinkTabled: **22/10/20** Signatories: **7**

Christine Jardine
Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Tim Farron
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse

Jim Shannon

That this House regrets the difficult decision to close Murrayfield Ice Rink for the foreseeable future; recognises its historical importance at the heart of local community life since it opened to the public in 1952; further recognises its necessity to the sporting and tourism industry as home to Scottish ice hockey champions, the Murrayfield Racers; applauds the achievement of Murrayfield to successfully provide training opportunities to athletes, including European Championship medallists; notes that it is the only permanent ice rink in Edinburgh; further notes the benefits of ice skating to both physical and mental health; expresses deep concern over potential job losses and the impact on affected individuals and their families; and calls for necessary funding to be made available to safeguard the ice rink for the employment and enjoyment of future generations.

1058 United Nations Day on 24 October 2020Tabled: **22/10/20** Signatories: **37**

Stephen Farry
Munira Wilson
Layla Moran
Clive Lewis
Andrew Gwynne
Gavin Robinson

Sir Peter Bottomley

Jim Shannon

That this House joins in celebrating United Nations Day on 24 October 2020, marking the 75th anniversary of the United Nations Charter coming into effect; acknowledges the significant contributions made by the United Nations Organisation and the other agencies of the United Nations System to international peace and security, humanitarian protection and assistance, the promotion of human rights, economic, social and cultural co-operation, the global environment and climate change, sustainable development and tackling poverty along with many other interventions; stresses the importance of a rules based international order and international co-operation around shared global challenges; and calls on the Government to ensure that the UK plays a proactive, leadership role in pursuing reform to ensure that the United Nations can have a more enhanced and effective role over the years ahead.

1059 Cyprus 60th Independence Day and FamagustaTabled: **23/10/20** Signatories: **8**

Geraint Davies
Mr Virendra Sharma
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Sammy Wilson
Bob Blackman
Christine Jardine

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Cyprus on its 60th anniversary independence day and supports the comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem, based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation with political equality, as set out in the relevant Security Council Resolutions and the High Level Agreements; endorses the Declaration of the European Parliament of 14 February 2012 on the return of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants; notes that the city of Famagusta in the Republic of Cyprus was captured by the invading Turkish forces in August 1974, that a section of Famagusta was then sealed off and remains uninhabited, under the direct control of the Turkish military, and that the return of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants would facilitate efforts toward a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem; further notes the 1979 High Level Agreement and UN Security Council Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) and the 2008 Report of the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament on Petition 733/2004; calls on the Government of Turkey to act according to those UN Security Council Resolutions and Report Recommendations and return Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants, who must resettle under conditions of security and peace; urges the UK Government, as a guarantor power of Cyprus, to promote Turkey's cooperation and to forward this Resolution to President Nicos Anastasiades, Mr Ersin Tatar, the UN Secretary General and the Government of Turkey.

1060 Digital exclusion of asylum seekersTabled: **23/10/20** Signatories: **14**

Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
John McDonnell
Alison Thewliss
Kenny MacAskill
Drew Hendry

Sir Peter Bottomley

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises that asylum seekers in the UK receive cash support of £37.75 per week in the form of cash loaded on to an ASPEN debit card; notes that the Home Office describes this cash support as helping asylum seekers pay for essentials such as food, clothing and toiletries; considers that the ability to get online is also an essential need in modern society; appreciates that the need for online connectivity is particularly acute for asylum seekers, many of whom are vulnerable, isolated, and have family and friends trapped in dangerous conditions elsewhere around the world; regrets that many asylum seekers find themselves digitally excluded due to their inability to access affordable, reliable internet access through the asylum support system; understands that the ASPEN card system prevents asylum seekers from paying for efficient, low-cost mobile internet contracts through direct debit, and instead forces many to choose between purchasing prohibitively expensive pay-as-you-go data packages or affording other essentials such as food and toiletries; believes that it is grossly unfair that those with the lowest amount to live on are forced to pay the highest price to get online; thanks the Scottish Asylum Seeker Residents Association and Maryhill Integration Network for their work highlighting this important issue; and calls on the Government to widen the scope of asylum support system to ensure that asylum seekers can access affordable,

reliable internet service, and provide a commensurate increase in the asylum support to cover these costs.

1062 Tao Geoghegan Hart winner of the 2020 Giro D'Italia

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 5

Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts

That this House warmly congratulates Tao Geoghegan Hart from London and Team Ineos Grenadier on winning the 2020 Giro D'Italia; notes that Mr Geoghegan Hart becomes only the fifth UK cyclist to win a Grand Tour following in the footsteps of Sir Bradley Wiggins, Chris Froome, Simon Yates and Geraint Thomas.

1063 Lewis Hamilton's 92 Formula 1 victories

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 5

Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts

That this House congratulates Lewis Hamilton on winning his 92nd F1 Grand Prix in Portugal on 25 October 2020, thereby overtaking Michael Schumacher as the most successful driver of all time.

1064 Proposed closure of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 3

Daisy Cooper
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon

That this House regrets the abrupt and unexpected decision to close the Institute of Commonwealth Studies (ICwS); encourages relevant stakeholders to reconsider this decision; notes that the ICwS stands at the heart of Commonwealth and Post-Colonial Studies; notes that the ICwS is the only postgraduate academic institution in the UK devoted specifically to the study of the Commonwealth; commends the ICwS as a national and international centre of excellence for policy-relevant research; notes that the ICwS provides the editorial and administrative office for the Human Rights Consortium, and the Refugee Law Initiative; recognises the role the ICwS plays as host to numerous interdisciplinary academic events, workshops and conferences; further regrets that the closure of the ICwS alongside the Institute of Latin American studies would be a critical blow to the School of Advanced Study, its staff, fellows and alumni; fears that this decision will do untold harm to Commonwealth and Post-Colonial Studies throughout the UK and further afield; notes that the decision will contribute to job losses in higher education institutions across the country; and calls for the immediate reversal of this decision.

1065 Cancer Research UK Uniting Communities Award

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 4

Chris Law
Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker

That this House congratulates Auchterhouse's Jo Williamson following his receipt of the Uniting Communities Award at Cancer Research UK's Flame of Hope Awards; notes that Jo has been a campaign ambassador for Cancer Research UK since 2013, and has featured in adverts and met with Members of Parliament on behalf of the charity through this role; recognises that there is still more to be done in the campaign to raise funds and awareness of cancer; further recognises the hard work and dedication that campaigners like Jo are putting in across the country; and wishes Jo and everyone at Cancer Research UK the best for the future.

1066 Thirteen year old Christian girl abducted, converted and married to a 43 year old man

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Paula Barker
Gavin Robinson

That this House notes with grave concern reports from Pakistan that on 13 October 2020, a 13-year-old Christian girl Arzoo Raja, was abducted from a street near her home in Karachi, forced to convert to Islam and marry the abductor, 43 year old Mr Ali Azhar; is further concerned that, despite her family producing a National Database and Registration Authority birth certificate showing Arzoo to be 13 years old, the authorities failed to stop the illegal marriage, and the Sindh Police has failed to rescue her so far; understands that Arzoo's parents are being threatened by the abductor's family and calls on the Government to lobby the Pakistani authorities to intervene and help Arzoo and other Pakistani Christian and Hindu girls who are kidnapped, forced to convert and marry their abductor every year.

1067 PeachyKeen

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon

That This House recognises the innovative work of Kirkcaldy-based PeachyKeen, who design and manufacture products that utilise human movement to generate electricity; notes the international reach these sustainable products are having, enabling enjoyable and interactive ways to improve fitness as well as powering equipment across all sectors from education and playparks, to pedal-powered discos; and further notes ongoing work with St Brycedale Church in Kirkcaldy to test the Jackson wheel which aims to provide sustainable energy to power the church lights at night.

1068 Nursing students placements during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 13

Olivia Blake
 Rachel Hopkins
 Mick Whitley
 Paula Barker
 Grahame Morris
 Ms Diane Abbott

Sir Peter Bottomley Jim Shannon

That this House notes that in the first wave of the covid-19 outbreak, student nurses were rewarded with pay for their contribution to the response to the outbreak; further notes that throughout the covid-19 outbreak student healthcare workers have regularly worked 40 hour weeks, without pay, sick leave or death-in-service coverage, in high-risk areas and often having to find alternative accommodation at cost to themselves to ensure they do not put their families at risk; and calls on the Government to recognise and reward the efforts of healthcare students, alongside healthcare workers, to keep the country going throughout the covid-19 outbreak by paying them a fair wage for the hours they have worked.

1069 WASPI women

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 9

Sir George Howarth
 Andrew Gwynne
 Jonathan Edwards
 Claudia Webbe
 Navendu Mishra
 John McDonnell

Sir Peter Bottomley Jim Shannon Paula Barker

That this House notes with great concern the continuing unfair treatment of WASPI women; further notes that many of the women concerned had no prior notice that their pensionable age and eligibility was to be pushed back; draws attention to the ongoing injustice of the situation which has placed many women into poverty, even though they had taken all reasonable steps to prepare for their retirement; and calls on the Government to put right this injustice.

1070 Children's Hospices Across Scotland support for families of children with life-shortening conditions

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 3

Neale Hanvey
 Jim Shannon
 Kenny MacAskill

That this House recognises the tremendous contribution Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) makes in supporting families of children with life-shortening conditions; commends the extraordinary lengths gone to by the charity to continue this lifeline support throughout the covid-19 outbreak, including doubling their CHAS at Home service which provides highly skilled nursing care in the children's own homes and setting up the UK's first virtual hospice to offer families nursing, medical and pharmacy advice by phone and video; notes that CHAS offers invaluable bereavement support, money and benefits advice, and practical advice around covid-19, as well as a storytelling service for children at home, activity packs and art clubs, and virtual

Clowndocor visits; and believes that these achievements build on the seamless service CHAS offers in supporting the Scottish NHS and Scottish Government in pioneering the integration of multi-disciplinary teams, including providing the first hospital-based palliative care teams in the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow and specialist colleagues working alongside the NHS at hospitals in Edinburgh, Inverness, Aberdeen and Kilmarnock.

1071 Charity fundraiser Andrew Nicholson

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 3

David Linden
Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon

That this House commends Glasgow East constituent, Andrew Nicolson, on his fundraising for the Glasgow North East foodbank; congratulates Mr Nicolson on meeting his fundraising goal of £5,000; highlights the fantastic work of Glasgow North East foodbank in providing emergency food parcels to help feed people in crisis, particularly during the covid-19 outbreak; calls attention to the fact that a report from the Trussell Trust has predicted a 61 per cent increase in the distribution of food parcels across its UK network from October to December, working out to approximately six parcels given out every minute; and notes that the fundraiser is open until 30 October 2020 and encourages all to donate to a worthy cause

1072 Entry into force of Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 10

Caroline Lucas
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kirsten Oswald
Hywel Williams
Tommy Sheppard
Jeremy Corbyn

Kenny MacAskill

Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes that the United Nations adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2017; welcomes confirmation that 50 countries have now ratified this historic agreement which will enter into force in January 2021; further notes that upon entering into force the Treaty will ban nuclear weapons in participating states and generate international momentum towards global nuclear abolition; considers that the coming into force of this treaty offers the UK an opportunity to engage with an emerging global nuclear disarmament process; further considers that the Government's stated commitment to global nuclear disarmament through its ratification of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, can be put into practice by also supporting this Treaty; and urges the Government to sign the Treaty and to bring forward a credible and timetabled plan for the disarmament of the UK's nuclear weapons.

1073 Historic distillery in East Lothian reopens

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the reopening of the historic Glenkinchie distillery located just south of Pencaitland after its refurbishment; understands Barbara Smith, managing director, brand homes for Diageo marked the official opening by planting a ceremonial tree; notes the grounds, that have been landscaped with wildflowers from the nearby Macplants nursery, are an inviting sight for visitors; understands the distillery with its rich history is much loved and cherished by locals and welcomes visitors from near and far to the facilities for tours, experiencing the tastes and smells of Scotland's beloved national drink; notes the refurbishment has been completed after a £1 million investment and was two years in the making as part of a wider investment in whisky tourism in Scotland; further notes the distillery prides itself on specialising and producing lowlands whisky; and we wish all the best to the bright future at Glenkinchie distillery, its team and all those who visit.

1074 North Berwick artist shortlisted for national prize

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 2

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the great work of the North Berwick based artist Jayne Stokes; understands Jayne has been put forward for 2020's The Sunday Times Watercolour Competition; notes her nominated piece Day by Day is made up of 132 miniature watercolour paintings, each documenting the local East Lothian landscapes she found sanctuary in during lockdown; understands the award is the largest and most prestigious watercolour competition in the UK; notes it aims to celebrate and reward excellence and originality; further notes the winners will be announced in The Sunday Times on 8 November 2020; and wishes Jayne all the very best of luck and well done on her nomination.

1075 Community Carrot Co-operative

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 2

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the great work of the co-operative community run shop the Community Carrot in Dunbar; understands the shop has been recognised as part of a parliamentary report on resilience of co-operatives in Scotland and how this has helped communities during the covid-19 outbreak; notes the report was produced by the Scottish Parliament's cross party group on co-operatives called Revive and Thrive: Why Co-ops are pivotal to a fairer, stronger Scotland; understands the Community Carrot became community-run 12 months ago and has 600 members and produced around 350 vegetable boxes per week during lockdown when premises were closed; notes it worked in partnership with other local businesses and community organisations to supply and deliver to many across East Lothian; and wishes the Community Carrot all the best to come and a huge thank you for all they did during the pandemic and continue to do for the local community.

1076 East Lothian Brownies remember polio victims

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 2

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the Cockenzie chapter of the Brownies have planted thousands of crocuses in Port Seton with help from the Port Seton Rotary Club, to mark and remember those who have died and continue to suffer from polio; understands that on 17 October 2020 the groups planted crocuses in Goolwa Park as part of the Rotary Clubs Purple-4- Polio Project that aims to end polio worldwide; notes that together the Brownies and Rotary club planted 4,000 crocus corms that will bloom come the spring for many to enjoy; further notes they also planted crocuses in a heart shape in support of the NHS and their work during the covid-19 outbreak; recognizes that this is a wonderful community initiative raising awareness of polio and thanking the NHS; and looks forward to enjoying the beauty of the blooming crocuses come the spring.

1077 Two East Lothian locals nominated for Health Walk Volunteer of the Year award

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 2

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates East Lothian residents Sue Jardine and Elaine Peach on their nomination for the Health Walk Volunteer of the Year award; understands they were recognised for their significant contribution towards improving the health and wellbeing of people within their local community; the women volunteer with Ageing well East Lothian and took part in the training with Paths for All, launching their own walking groups in their local areas of Aberlady and Haddington; notes the endeavour has kept mind and body healthy and allowed for exploring areas of East Lothian they would never have otherwise been exposed to; notes it has been particularly beneficial to many in the community coming out of lockdown; and wishes Sue and Elaine all the best of luck with the virtual awards ceremony hosted by BBC Scotland and all the best with everything in the future.

1078 British record breaking Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 6

Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Jim Shannon
James Sunderland
Jonathan Edwards
Alec Shelbrooke
Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House congratulates Formula One World Champion Lewis Hamilton on winning his 92nd Grand Prix thus making him the most successful race winning F1 driver of all time in addition to the world record that he already holds for all-time career points; acknowledges that Lewis is a fantastic ambassador for British Motorsports and for our country generally; and looks forward to him receiving further national recognition for his terrific sporting achievements.

1079 Peter Krykant and drug consumption van facility

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 5

Alison Thewliss
Grahame Morris
Patrick Grady
Ronnie Cowan
Jim Shannon

That this House is concerned to learn that Peter Krykant, who recently set-up a drug consumption van in Glasgow city centre, has been charged and cautioned by Police Scotland; understands that Mr Krykant set up the facility in an attempt to help and support people with addictions; firmly believes that the work he is doing helps to reduce harm and save lives; is grateful for the action taken by a volunteer of the service to save the life of an individual recently by administering Naloxone; is aware that individuals are being driven to these types of interventions as a result of Home Office opposition to the establishment of a Supervised Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF); urges Ministers to view this critical issue not as a criminal justice one, but through the lens of public health and in the context of increasing numbers of drug-related deaths across the UK, in order to properly support people with addictions; and demands that the Government amend the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 immediately to allow for SDCFs to operate legally.

1080 Ethnicity pay gap reporting

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 4

Martyn Day
Patrick Grady
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the efforts of Business in the Community to help cross-sector employers better understand ways that ensure the UK workplace is a place that Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) employees, business owners, entrepreneurs and communities feel they belong; further notes the potential benefit to the UK economy is estimated at £24 billion annually if BAME individuals are fully represented across the labour market; notes its concern that racial disparities have been highlighted by the covid-19 pandemic; regrets that leadership and management roles across public and private sectors does not reflect equity of the BAME population; urges the Government to introduce mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting alongside gender pay gap reporting; and further urges the Government to require employers to set and publish targets so that BAME individuals are better represented at senior levels.

1081 Big Bang Competition 2020

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 6

Stephen Metcalfe
Alan Brown
Jonathan Edwards
Patrick Grady
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates all the competitors who have taken part in the Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Competition 2020 on the day that they would have normally been attending the Big Bang in Parliament during Tomorrow's Engineers Week and would have been given the opportunity to showcase their brilliant projects to the members of this House; notes how much time and effort these young people have put into their work; expresses its thanks to

the teachers for supporting these students in putting these projects together; further expresses its thanks to the organisations and in particular GSK who make this competition possible; notes the importance of STEM activities and opportunities in inspiring young people to choose engineering and other STEM professions as a career; acknowledges that access to careers information, advice and guidance as well as outreach activities is more important than ever to young people who feel that their options have been limited as a result of the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to support efforts to inspire, engage and inform the next generation of scientists and engineers.

1082 Future Social Care Coalition and support for care staff

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 12

Barbara Keeley
Ed Davey
Jim Shannon
Munira Wilson
Dr Lisa Cameron
Rosie Cooper

Sir Peter Bottomley

Paula Barker

Ian Lavery

That this House welcomes the launch of the cross party and cross sector Future Social Care Coalition and believes now is time for Government to support a fair deal for the social care workforce; notes that since the covid-19 outbreak social care workers are now seen as essential and not unskilled; is concerned that half of the 1.6 million social care workforce on the forgotten frontline earn less than the real Living Wage of £9.30 an hour or £10.75 in London, and thousands are still not paid in full for all the hours they work; further notes that a third of care staff leave their roles each year, up to a quarter are on zero hours contracts and that currently there are 112,000 staff shortages resulting in at least 1.5 million elderly and vulnerable people having unmet care needs and only 15 minute time and task visits; observes that staff shortages and high turnover affect the quality and continuity of care for service users, as does the low level of training and low pay many staff receive; contends that if we value those who are in care then we must value their carers; supports the Future Social Care Coalition's request for parity of esteem for the social care sector with the NHS and a long term social care funding solution; and urges the Government to establish an immediate £3.9 billion Emergency Support Fund to deliver greater skills training and a professional career structure as well as improved pay and conditions for social care workers.

1083 Centenary of formation of Ulster Special Constabulary

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Mike Penning
Gavin Robinson

That this House notes the centenary of the formation of the Ulster Special Constabulary, also known as B Specials, in October 2020; further notes 95 USC members were killed in the line of duty with the majority, 72, killed in conflict with the IRA in 1921 and 1922; highlights the death of Kenneth Smyth, the cousin of the hon. Member for Strangford, who was a former B Special and a UDR soldier murdered on 10 December 1971; thanks every member of our security forces and veterans for the price they paid in their service to Queen and Country in an attempt to face down terrorism and evil and enable us to sleep safely in our beds at night; and reaffirms the dedication of this

House not simply to prevent the re-writing of history by terrorists but also to continue to proudly stand with veterans and serving security forces in Northern Ireland and throughout the UK.

1084 Immediate return of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori to the UK

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 12

Layla Moran
Wendy Chamberlain
Sarah Olney
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Jamie Stone
Daisy Cooper

Sir Peter Bottomley

Jim Shannon

That this House condemns the unjust imprisonment of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori; notes the unfair sentencing of Anoosheh to 12 years imprisonment and summoning of Nazanin to court yet again; recognises the difficult and dangerous conditions that Nazanin is facing by being confined to remaining within 300 metres of her parents' house and Anoosheh in prison due to his vulnerability to covid-19; acknowledges the UK's historic role in standing up for British citizens wrongfully detained abroad; and therefore calls on the Government to make representations to the Iranian authorities for the immediate return of both Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori to the UK.

1085 Martin Donaldson's fundraising efforts

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 3

David Linden
Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Glasgow East constituent Martin Donaldson on raising over £3,000 for the Celtic FC Foundation and British Heart Foundation; notes that Mr Donaldson cycled nine miles every day for nine weeks, completing a virtual cycle around all Scotland's top flight football grounds from his shed in the East End of Glasgow, covering a distance of 920km; commends Mr Donaldson on undertaking such an intense physical challenge for two worthy causes; and looks forward to Mr Donaldson receiving further donations.

1086 Delays to NHS fertility services as a result of the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 14

Steve McCabe
Ms Harriet Harman
Caroline Lucas
Siobhain McDonagh
Layla Moran
Christine Jardine

Jim Shannon

Paula Barker

Tony Lloyd

That this House acknowledges the delays to NHS fertility services caused by the covid-19 outbreak, and the distressing impact of these delays on fertility patients; further notes the imposition of strict

female age limits for NHS-funded IVF by CCGs in England, which range from 34 to 42 years old; recognises that in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, commitments have been made to stop the clock for fertility patients to ensure they do not exceed age limits for NHS-funded IVF due to pandemic-related delays; shares concerns raised by BPAS Fertility, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Association of Reproductive and Clinical Scientists and others, that no such directive has been issued in England; further recognises that fertility patients in England are already subject to an unacceptable postcode lottery due to disparities between CCGs' commissioning policies, which commonly diverge from NICE guidance; urges the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to issue guidance to CCGs on the issue of covid-19 delays, to promote a standardised approach across England and offer reassurance to all fertility patients during the pandemic, regardless of where they live; and finally urges the Secretary of State to confirm in said guidance that fertility patients affected by the delays should not be disadvantaged as a result of their age, and no patient who has crossed an age threshold since fertility clinics were instructed to close on 23 March 2020 should be considered ineligible for care on that basis.

1087 **Creating a welfare system that works for disabled people**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 5

Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts

That this House recognises the serious challenges and barriers disabled people face within the welfare system; further recognises the impact that the covid-19 outbreak has had on people with disabilities; notes that research by Scope has found that, on average, disabled people face extra costs of £583 a month; calls on the Government to use the upcoming Welfare Green Paper and National Disability Strategy to ensure that the welfare system works for disabled people by removing conditionality and sanctions for disabled claimants, removing the need for face-to-face assessments and replacing the Work Capability Assessment with a new assessment for financial support and a new, separate and optional assessment of employment support needs; and further calls on the Government to build on the temporary changes made to the welfare system during the covid-19 outbreak to make permanent improvements to the system.

1088 **Mr Alun Wyn Jones - most capped international rugby player in the world**

Tabled: 3/11/20 Signatories: 4

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams

This House congratulates Welsh national Rugby Union captain Alun Wyn Jones on becoming the most capped international rugby union player in the world; notes that Alun Wyn Jones reached an incredible 149 International caps on October 31 2020 during Wales v Scotland, overtaking former New Zealand captain Richie McCaw; further notes that Alun Wyn Jones made his Welsh rugby union debut in 2006 and has since helped Wales win four Six Nations titles, three Grand Slams and two World Cup semi-finals; recognises that Alun Wyn Jones has been selected for three Lions tours and played nine test matches; and pays tribute to Alun Wyn Jones for his contribution to the game of rugby union and Welsh national life as a whole.

1089 Places of worship

Tabled: 3/11/20 Signatories: 8

John Spellar
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
Ian Lavery

Rachel Hopkins

Sarah Owen

That this House recognises the considerable role played by places of worship of all faiths in providing support to communities and individuals; is deeply concerned at the impact on mental health and personal wellbeing, especially on the the elderly, of the closure of places of worship during the period of new national covid-19 lockdown restrictions; calls on the Government to publish the evidence that the banning of communal worship is an effective part of controlling the covid-19 rate of infection; and urges the Government to urgently engage with faith leaders to reach a better arrangement for the period of the new national covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

1090 High Street Heroes Awards

Tabled: 3/11/20 Signatories: 3

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Douglas Chapman

That this house congratulates all those in the Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey constituency who have been honoured in the High Street Heroes Awards for the ways that they have helped their communities during the recent covid-19 outbreak; recognises that the Crafty Wee Birdie in Nairn, The Inverness Business Improvement District and The Dolphin Chip Shop in Nairn were Highly Commended for their efforts in the High Street Heroes Awards; further recognises that Kevin Waddington of the Post Office and Village Store in Kiltarlity, Martin MacDougall of Inverness and Swanson's Food Wholesalers in Nairn were recognised as High Street Heroes; and pays tribute to all those who were not recognised in those awards but who have paid a vital part in helping the local community during the covid-19 crisis.

1091 Celebrating Fifth Annual Ayurveda Day on Friday 13 November 2020

Tabled: 3/11/20 Signatories: 2

Mr Virendra Sharma
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the Fifth Annual Ayurveda Day on 13 November 2020, first celebrated by the Government of India in 2016; notes that in the midst of an international health crisis, Ayurveda, the science (Veda) of life (Ayus), offers a time-tested tradition of holistic and multi-faceted approaches to health and wellbeing; acknowledges Ayurveda as an ancient system of natural healthcare; recognises the World Health Organization's recognition of Ayurveda's ethos and value to humanity as preventative and curative for a wide range of health conditions, both physical and mental; notes 'health' means 'wholeness' and therefore a holistic approach to the promotion of health is needed, at the heart of which is a comprehensive health education programme to bring the individual and society to harmony; further notes that Ayurveda addresses well-being through personalised dietary and lifestyle management strategies that are specific to an individual's unique physical and psychological constitution in all stages of life; and urges the Government to ensure that its National Health Service Long Term Plan, with its stated commitment to prevention of ill-

health and promotion of good health, is supported through considering Ayurveda at all levels of the National Health Service.

1092 Universal Basic Income pilots

Tabled: 3/11/20 Signatories: 7

Beth Winter
Ronnie Cowan
Jim Shannon
Kenny MacAskill
Jonathan Edwards
Claudia Webbe

Ian Lavery

That this House acknowledges that the current system of social security provision in the UK is not sufficient to provide financial security nor protect public health during the covid-19 outbreak; asserts that the provision of a Universal Basic Income (UBI) would establish a targeted system with no gaps and an income floor that nobody could fall below, with the effect of reducing poverty without reducing the incentive to work; notes that local authorities and devolved Governments across the four nations of the UK have called for pilots of UBI in their communities; and calls on the Government to provide co-operation through the Treasury and the Department for Work and Pensions, in addition to financial support, to enable those pilots to take place.

1093 Elections for the Shura Advisory Council

Tabled: 3/11/20 Signatories: 6

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Sir David Amess
Mark Tami
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Margaret Ferrier

That this House welcomes the announcement by His Highness Sheikh Tamin bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of Qatar, that the country will hold elections for its Shura Advisory Council next October; recognises that these elections are an important step, as they will allow Qatari citizens to elect Shura Council members for the first time; expresses the hope for the fair and free conduct of these elections; and looks forward to further democratic reform in Qatar as a result.

1094 2020 Great Taste Gold Fork award winners

Tabled: 3/11/20 Signatories: 2

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Tayport Distillery on winning the 2020 Great Taste Golden Fork Scotland award for its 1992 Raspberry Liqueur; notes that this prestigious prize is awarded to the best tasting product in Scotland; highlights that this award was achieved after the liqueur demonstrated its "jammy and unctuous" flavour notes over 14 weeks of blind-tasting virtual judging sessions; congratulates Tayport Distillery for making such an excellent liqueur which beat

over 12,000 competitors to win the prize; and further celebrates the fantastic high quality products which are produced by the distilleries in North East Fife.

1095 Letham Primary School fundraising success

Tabled: 3/11/20 Signatories: 2

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates primary 1-4 class at Letham Primary School who raised £600 for Mountain Rescue Teams; praises the 18 pupils who took part in a fundraising hill walk; notes that the children ably succeeded in completing the very hilly walk; thanks the teachers and parents for assisting with the event; and offers its thanks to the important role that which Mountain Rescue Teams play to keep people safe while on hills or mountains.