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New EDMs

1169 Ealing Carers Short Breaks Service

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 1

Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House recognises the important work of Ealing Carers Short Breaks Service in providing respite for carers during this particularly difficult period during the covid-19 outbreak; notes that six groups came together to form Ealing Carers Short Breaks Service, namely, Dementia Concern, Southall Day Centre, The Asian Health Agency, BeFriend, TuVida and the Centre for Armenian Information and Advice; welcomes the news that Ealing Carers Short Breaks Service have been able to deliver 12,367 interventions in the first half of 2020 despite the covid-19 outbreak; further welcomes that Service's plans to provide remote support options and increase the range of online activities available to carers; and thanks Ealing Carers Short Breaks Service for going above and beyond to support service users' and their dedication to creating new opportunities, that expand upon the potential for this fantastic service.

1170 Obashi Falkirk

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 2

John McNally
Martyn Day

That this House recognises that Obashi, a Falkirk-based start-up has joined an elite world organisation - the World Economic Forum's Global Innovators Community and its centre for the Fourth industrial revolution; recognises that Obashi is the first start-up in Scotland to be invited to that community; notes that the global innovators community is a select, by invitation-only group of the world's most promising start-ups and scale-ups that are the forefront of technology and business model innovation; asserts that, as part of that global innovators community, Obashi will help define the global agenda on key issues with a particular focus on shaping the future of

technology governance-artificial intelligence and machine learning; and congratulates the company and its founders, Fergus Cloughley and Paul Wallis, on joining that global innovators community.

1171 Book Week Scotland 2020

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House welcomes Book Week Scotland 2020, an annual celebration of books and reading across Scotland, from 16th to 22nd November 2020; recognises that this event, which is now in its ninth year, is organised by the Scottish Book Trust with support from partners, and represents Scotland's biggest celebration of reading and writing; understands that, due to the covid-19 pandemic, the week cannot go ahead as normal, however thanks to the tireless work of organisers, libraries and various community groups throughout Scotland, notes that the celebration will go ahead in a digital format instead, continuing to provide a diverse and engaging programme of activities to celebrate books and reading; notes that this year's theme is the Future, and that the annual writing project has created a free book, with 50,000 copies distributed to libraries, schools and other community venues across the country, as well as being available to download online; understands that during the covid-19 pandemic, many people have turned to books as a welcome escape, and even in the digital age books remain as relevant and popular as ever; further recognises Scotland's rich literary heritage and welcomes this event as it seeks to inspire the next generation of Scottish writers, poets and authors; and wishes the event every success in its goal to celebrate the joy of reading.

1172 Charity lotteries and the Gambling Review

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 1

Daisy Cooper

That this House welcomes the Government's intention to review the Gambling Act 2005, especially in light of the need to tackle problem gambling; notes the huge success of charity lotteries in raising funds for a wide range of good causes across the country, which is particularly important given the impact of the covid-19 outbreak on charity fundraising; notes that charity lotteries, although classed as a gambling product are widely considered low risk from a problem gambling perspective; and calls on the Government to recognise this distinction between charity lotteries and the rest of the gambling sector as it reviews the Gambling Act 2005 and ensure that policy on that matter is differentiated accordingly.

1173 VisitScotland first national tourist organisation to join Tourism Declares Initiative

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 5

**Brendan O'Hara
David Linden
Alan Brown
Drew Hendry
Gavin Newlands**

That this House welcomes VisitScotland's commitment to playing a leading role in the development of Scotland as a globally-recognised responsible destination by becoming the first national tourism organisation in the world to join the Tourism Declares Initiative; congratulates partners comprising one hundred travel groups, businesses and individuals including Wild Scotland and Sail Scotland

who have declared under the banner Tourism Declares a Climate Emergency; commends the formation of that Initiative which recognises the importance of balancing business survival with a sustainable and responsible recovery from the covid-19 outbreak; and notes that that Initiative encourages positive contributions towards addressing climate change ahead of COP26 including reducing emissions, working with communities and focusing on responsible, green tourism, in line with Scottish Government's targets to become net-zero by 2045, and the national tourism strategy, Scotland Outlook 2030, as well as a long-term commitment to increase promotion of public transport and active travel.

1174 Public sector pay freeze and hon. Members pay rise

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 1

Sir Mike Penning

That this House calls on the Government not to bring in a public sector pay freeze; notes that the public sector, including our armed forces, has done the country proud during the covid-19 pandemic crisis and all too often has gone beyond the call of duty and put their lives at risk; and further notes that if such a pay freeze is contemplated hon. Members should be included in such a freeze as they are public sector employees.

1175 National Mining Museum Scotland

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates the National Mining Museum Scotland in Newtongrange on being awarded £140,000 of funding from Museums Galleries Scotland; recognises the important role played by the National Mining Museum Scotland in raising awareness of and educating people about Midlothian and Scotland's proud mining heritage; notes that that award includes a contribution towards operational costs, supports the recruitment costs and three months' salary costs of a new Operations Manager, a staff structure review, urgent electrical testing and repair work and the installation of new LED lighting; further notes that that funding will come from Museums Galleries Scotland's Recovery and Resilience Fund, which aims to secure the future of Scottish independent museums put at risk by the covid-19 pandemic; and recognises that many museums face deep uncertainty due to the covid-19 pandemic and therefore thanks Museums Galleries Scotland for working to support the sector through the covid-19 crisis and ensure that museums continue to play a vital role in our national life and in our local communities.

1176 VAT Retail Export Scheme

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 1

Tracey Crouch

That this House expresses its concern at the Government's decision to abolish the VAT Retail Export Scheme, otherwise known as tax-free shopping, from 1 January 2021 with inaccurate determinations having been made of the impact of that decision; acknowledges that since that decision was announced, businesses have been facing the challenges posed by new covid-19 restrictions and that that decision will worsen that situation; believes that by implementing that decision thousands of job losses could be caused around the UK; recognises that since that announcement, France has lowered its threshold for international shoppers to claim back VAT and Ireland has extended its scheme to include the UK, making the UK the least competitive market in Europe for international shoppers; notes that no businesses have spoken up publicly in favour of that move but many have warned of its consequences; calls on the Government to avoid causing

significant damage to the retail and hospitality sector in the UK and to not bring forward the required legislation to implement that decision; and further calls on hon. Members to vote to annul any Statutory Instrument on that matter if it is laid before this House.

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.

1109 Increase in violence against women in Turkey

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 14

Joanna Cherry
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Caroline Lucas
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts

Steven Bonnar

That this House is extremely concerned about the eroding of women's rights in Turkey and notes the alarming increase of reported assaults and homicide against women over the past year; finds it concerning that that increase has occurred during a global pandemic which disproportionately impacts women economically; is concerned about the growing rhetoric of the Turkish Government and their officials including attacking women's rights and threatening withdrawal from the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention to tackle violence against women; fears that that rhetoric is leading to an acceptance of violence against women; notes that the abuse of women by security personnel is particularly a feature against Kurdish women and women active in the women's movement, trade unions and opposition political parties; encourages Turkey to implement the four pillars of prevention, protection, prosecution and coordinated policies underpinned in the Istanbul Convention; shows solidarity to those protesting in Turkey to protect women's rights and end the violence against women in their country; and calls on the UK Government to use its international influence to encourage the Turkish regime to end its dangerous rhetoric and fully implement the Istanbul Convention.

1110 Dismissals of app-based courier and private hire driver workers

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 63

Ian Byrne
Apsana Begum
John McDonnell
Kate Osborne
Dan Carden
Zarah Sultana

Claire Hanna

That this House condemns the opaque and unjust process by which app-based couriers and private hire drivers working for companies such as UBER and Deliveroo can be blocked permanently from their accounts and thus effectively dismissed from their jobs; recognises that couriers and private hire drivers are key workers who are working on the frontline of the covid-19 pandemic and are often putting their own health at risk in the process; recognises that that practice of dismissal is

leaving many key workers on low-incomes facing potential destitution; notes that transparency is lacking both in terms of what is expected of workers in those industries and around the reasons for their dismissal; further notes that workers are facing dismissal and destitution for reasons beyond their control such as technical issues with the company's app; notes that such dismissals can be triggered by unfounded customer allegations or traffic delays, regardless of the worker's length or quality of service; calls for all app-based companies to end unfair dismissals by implementing fair dismissal processes, including a hearing prior to dismissal, and the right to appeal a dismissal with union representation.

1129 Closure of Suicide Forums

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 30

Richard Burgon
Mick Whitley
Ian Lavery
Kate Osborne
Jeremy Corbyn
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Wera Hobhouse

Jon Cruddas

That this house notes with sadness the death of Joe Nihill, a popular young man and former army cadet from Whinmoor in East Leeds who, following three bereavements, tragically took his life at 23 years old after accessing online forums that encourage suicide; is concerned that these forums, which contain content that both promotes suicide and recommends methods of suicide, can constitute a real danger to people, particularly people suffering with severe mental health problems; calls on the Government to significantly expand funding for mental health treatment and support, particularly for young people; congratulates his family for their inspiring campaign to prevent what happened to Joe happening to other people; and calls on the Government to assess the harm caused by forums that encourage suicide and look at what can be done to stop such promotion by such online promotion.

1134 International Day of People with Disabilities

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 40

Dr Lisa Cameron
Sir Peter Bottomley
Mike Hill
Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Colum Eastwood

Steven Bonnar

That this House recognises 3 December is the International Day of People with Disabilities, a day to celebrate disabled people and champion their abilities; supports the United Nation's work surrounding this campaign, notes this year's theme is entitled not all disabilities are visible, which aims to spread awareness and understanding of disabilities that are not immediately apparent such as mental illness, learning difficulties, head injury and other non-visible conditions; acknowledges that over 15 per cent of the world's population live with a disability and that during these unprecedented times, they are likely to be disproportionately affected; acknowledges the work the all-party Parliamentary group on Disability has done to raise the profile of disability across the House; further acknowledges the fantastic work charities have done to support disabled people globally, including Leonard Cheshire, Sense and Sense International; encourages the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; understands the importance of combatting the

stigma surrounding disability; and urges parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable society for people with disabilities leaving no one behind in line with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

1136 Health and safety protections for gig economy workers

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 13

Kirsten Oswald
Chris Stephens
Sir Peter Bottomley
Mike Hill
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon

Steven Bonnar

That this House welcomes the finding of the High Court that the UK Government has failed to properly implement EU health and safety directives and has failed to transpose important EU health and safety protections into UK law; notes that the case was taken to court by the Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain (IWGB) because workers not classed as employees have to date been denied the right to refuse unsafe work and the right to personal protective equipment (PPE), putting them in serious danger throughout the pandemic; further notes that the judgment means that workers in the gig economy are entitled to the same EU-derived health and safety rights as employees; congratulates the IWGB for securing this ruling on the back of a public crowdfunding initiative; reminds the Government of its undertakings that it has no intention of lowering the standards of workers' rights after the UK leaves the EU; and calls on the Government to act now to provide a clear statutory extension of health and safety protections to gig economy and other precarious workers.

1155 Virtual participation in debates

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 52

Dawn Butler
Jonathan Edwards
Jamie Stone
Mohammad Yasin
Sir Peter Bottomley
Wera Hobhouse

Steven Bonnar

Ronnie Cowan

That this House notes with deep concern that some Members have not been able to take part virtually in debates, which means that those Members have been disenfranchised; further notes that this, in effect, disenfranchises those constituents who are left without a voice in House of Commons debates; recognises that several Members are shielding from coronavirus or are clinically vulnerable; believes in the equal right of all Members to participate in Commons proceedings; and calls on the Government to ensure that the remote participation motion is open to debate for all Members and held as a free vote.

1156 Dementia and the covid-19 pandemic

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 14

Sir George Howarth
Jim Shannon
Olivia Blake
John McDonnell
Paula Barker
Sir Mike Penning

Steven Bonnar

That this House notes the profound and disproportionate impact of covid-19 pandemic on people with dementia and their carers; appreciates the heroic efforts made by family members and friends to care for their loved ones during the pandemic; acknowledges the challenges faced by those with dementia and their carers, including irregular opportunities to visit loved ones in care homes, a lack of personal protective equipment and insufficient testing for care home staff, and inadequate pay, terms and conditions for many frontline care staff; welcomes the Government's trial of visitor testing in care homes; calls on the Government to consider the recommendations in the Alzheimer's Society's report entitled Worst Hit: dementia during coronavirus, including ensuring that family carers are given key worker status and; urges the Government to use the upcoming Spending Review to ensure that dementia services, including research organisations, are adequately funded.

1157 Deacon Jim Hamilton's 20 years of service at Maryhill Parish Church

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 3

Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Jim Hamilton, Deacon at Maryhill Parish Church of Scotland, on his 20 years of service to the community; notes that Jim took up his post on 20 November 2000, having previously served as a Deacon at Garthamlock and Craigend Parish Church; thanks Jim for his incredible contribution not just to the parish but to the wider community of Maryhill, including his organisation of many events, fetes and galas in the area over the years; notes in particular his co-ordination of the Maryhill Activity Directory since 2001, which has now reached its eight edition of which 32,000 copies were published and distributed, providing a comprehensive guide to the many activities and services, often volunteer-led, in and around Maryhill; acknowledges the role played by Jim in developing the People Make Maryhill awards evening where members of the local community are recognised for the contribution they make to the local area; notes that a virtual celebration to mark Jim's anniversary will be held on 19 November 2020, and looks forward to a suitable opportunity when circumstances allow for friends, family and the wider community to gather in person to thank Jim for all his service and wish him all the best for the future.

1158 Gardening group nominated for funding

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That the House congratulates Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom for being chosen for funding by a leading supermarket chain; notes the Group's Seed to Plate initiative is in the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund; understands the project will be in the running for votes and depending on number of votes received will amount to money raised; the funding round started on October

25 and will run for 12 months; notes that the project was started through funding by Historic Environment Scotland and the local area partnership; further notes that the project has included an outdoor garden created at Cockenzie Primary School growing fruit and vegetables as part of an education programme, then food grown along with recipe cards was shared with families across the local area; notes that East Lothian families in receipt of free meals and food support were given seeds and plants to grow at home; and wishes the project much success for the future.

1159 East Lothian gin nominated for Scottish Gin Award

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Fidra Gin Founders Emma Bouglet and Jo Brydie for their Gin's nomination with the Scottish Gin Awards; understands Fidra Gin based in Athelstaneford was among one of the finalists announced last week; notes that Fidra Gin has been named as a finalist in three categories, London Dry Gin of the Year, Growth Business of the Year and Excellence in Branding; notes that this is a huge accomplishment as the company has only been running for two years; and wishes all the best to the founders and their company.

1160 National Consumer Week 2020

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 9

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts

Ronnie Cowan

Chris Law

Margaret Ferrier

That this House commends National Consumer Week 2020 which runs from the 16 to 22 November; pays tribute to the excellent work undertaken by Advice Direct Scotland which runs Scotland's national consumer advice service, consumeradvice.scot, Trading Standards Scotland and Citizens' Advice Scotland to protect and support consumers; understands that this year's campaign will focus on Online Shopping and Deliveries; notes the increasing numbers of consumers shopping online due to the covid-19 outbreak and applauds efforts to encourage consumers to shop online safely, know their rights, be wary of unfair delivery charges and be on guard against counterfeit goods; and acknowledges the importance of helping consumers recognise and avoid online shopping scams while supporting legitimate businesses, as well as providing advice and support if something does go wrong.

1161 Electrical Fire Safety Week

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 15

Yvonne Fovargue
Jim Shannon
Olivia Blake
John McDonnell
Paula Barker
Sir Mike Penning

Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes that the 23rd to the 29th of November is Electrical Fire Safety Week (EFSW) which is run by the charity Electrical Safety First in co-operation with the Home Office's Fire Kills campaign; commends the Charity's work to reduce fires caused by electricity of which there are more than 14,000 each year; and notes that this year's theme for EFSW is harms caused by the sale of unsafe electrical goods on online marketplaces; recognises that online marketplaces are not subject to the same regulations as the high street with online marketplaces viewing themselves as virtual landlords; further notes the important work of Electrical Safety First in raising awareness of this issue; further recognises that more consumers will be shopping online this Christmas due to restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus outbreak; notes that a Censuswide survey conducted for Electrical Safety First shows that 58 per cent of consumers will use online marketplaces for their Christmas shopping, with 59 per cent of these respondents viewing them as safer than the high street; and recognises that now, more than ever, it is important to ensure consumer safety when shopping online; and urges the Government to improve the legislation relating to online marketplaces to ensure that consumers are protected from the sale of unsafe electrical goods on these platforms; and urges the Government to broaden the scope of the expected Online Harms Bill to include the sale of unsafe electrical goods on online marketplaces.

1162 Safeguarding the small brewers relief scheme

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 27

Geraint Davies
Ian Mearns
Jim Shannon
Navendu Mishra
Olivia Blake
John McDonnell

Wera Hobhouse

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes the positive impact that the small brewers relief scheme has had on the survival and growth of the UK's small independent breweries; notes that this could be undermined by the Treasury's proposed changes to the scheme to reduce the 50 per cent rate from 5,000hl to 2,100hl and to put it on a cash basis; further notes that this is threatening small breweries at a time when they are struggling through the covid-19 crisis and they have not received the same level of support as the wider hospitality sector including the business rates holiday; and calls on the Government not to change the small brewers relief scheme or to introduce the cash basis but to instead initiate support for small brewers in line with the wider hospitality sector.

1163 Anniversary of the Bhopal poisonous gas leak

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 18

Navendu Mishra
 Paula Barker
 Kim Johnson
 Mick Whitley
 Barry Gardiner
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Clive Lewis

That this House remembers the terrible disaster that took place on 2 December 1984 in Bhopal, India, when a major poisonous gas leak from the Union Carbide pesticide plant resulted in more than 600,000 people being exposed to the highly toxic methyl isocyanate gas, thousands of people dying and many more suffering serious and life-changing injuries; notes that Amnesty International has stated that more than 100,000 people now live with contaminated water supplies and exposure to the chemicals, as well as a range of health problems and chronic illnesses caused by the disaster; further notes that current owners, Dow Chemicals, need to rectify the environmental damage and properly compensate the victims and their families; and commends the work of the Trades Union Congress and Unison Union in campaigning on this issue and calls on those responsible to be brought to justice so that the victims who have been waiting 36 years for justice finally receive closure.

1164 Global Islamophobia

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 24

Apsana Begum
 John McDonnell
 Zarah Sultana
 Ian Byrne
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Mary Kelly Foy

Stephen Farry

That this House draws attention to Islamophobia in the UK and worldwide; supports Islamophobia Awareness Month; draws attention to the fact that Rohingya Muslims have been driven out of Myanmar and now seek refuge in Bangladesh; that two mosques were simultaneously attacked in New Zealand in 2019; that Uyghur Muslims are being persecuted in Xinjiang, China; that German Muslims were killed in a far right attack in February 2020; that two women were stabbed in a racially-aggravated attack in Paris in October 2020, in a country that in 2010 banned the wearing of niqab in public spaces; recognises that Islamophobia is prevalent in the UK, with year on year figures for racially or religiously aggravated hate crimes rising by 34 per cent in June 2020; that the UK Government's Prevent programme is viewed by many to foster discrimination against Muslims; recognises that these incidents together illustrate the global nature of Islamophobia, and are only the most high profile examples of it; believes that the Government must stand up to Islamophobia in the UK and abroad; that it must support those countries and groups that are victims of racism; that it must seek to diversify curriculum in our schools to reflect the lived experience of all pupils, in order to combat racism at as early a stage as is possible; and calls on the Government to investigate the cause of rising hate crime, in order to instigate new policy to tackle it.

1166 British Overseas Territories Citizenship

Tabled: 19/11/20 Signatories: 12

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Rachel Hopkins
Claudia Webbe
Kim Johnson
Stephen Farry
Christine Jardine

Carol Monaghan
 Mick Whitley

Apsana Begum
 Jonathan Edwards

Ms Diane Abbott
 John Cryer

That this House notes under the British Nationality Act 1981 children born outside of marriage to British Overseas Territories fathers, before the 1st July 2006 are deemed illegitimate and are prevented from inheriting their father's citizenship by descent; further notes that this does not apply if the child's mother is from a British Overseas Territory or if the child was born after the 1st July 2006; recognises that Section 65 of the Immigration Act 2014 granted children of British mainland fathers the right to claim citizenship through their father's descent, but this right was not afforded to children of British Overseas Territory fathers; is concerned by the inconsistencies and discriminations that exist in this law as well as its outdated attitude towards children born outside of marriage; is pleased by the Home Secretary's recent admission that this law needs to be changed; and urgently calls on this government to introduce the necessary legislation to address the discrepancies in this law.

1167 In-person immigration bail reporting

Tabled: 19/11/20 Signatories: 5

Olivia Blake
Rachel Hopkins
Claudia Webbe
Kim Johnson
Apsana Begum

That this House notes that immigration bail reporting was suspended for the duration of the first covid-19 lockdown in the interest of public health and that individuals were permitted to, and did successfully, report safely from home via phone or text for the duration of the lockdown; further notes that despite the global pandemic, in-person reporting has resumed for the second national lockdown; and calls on the Government to immediately suspend all physical immigration bail reporting until the end of the second national lockdown, and to continue this beyond the national lockdown for any regions with additional covid-19 public health restrictions.

1168 Dangers of pavement parking

Tabled: 19/11/20 Signatories: 3

Mr Barry Sheerman
Claudia Webbe
Andrew Gwynne

That this House recognises the problems caused by pavement parking in communities across the UK; is concerned about the impact of pavement parking on the most vulnerable members of our society, particularly the elderly, those living with sight loss and people with wheelchairs and buggies; notes that pavement parking is already banned across the 32 London boroughs; further notes that the Scottish Parliament passed legislation to ban pavement parking in 2019 which will come into effect in 2021; welcomes Living Streets' campaign to ban pavement parking in England; is aware that

the current rules against obstruction are not fit for purpose and the Department for Transport is consulting on proposals to change them, including a ban on pavement parking; and calls on the Government to act swiftly to put an end to this dangerous practice.