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New EDMs

1592 Scots language added to Spotify

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House welcomes Spotify's long-overdue decision to add Scots as one of its recognised languages; congratulates singer Iona Fyfe for leading the public campaign for that music giant to make that change; recognises that Scots is one of Scotland's three traditional national languages alongside English and Gaelic, with more than 1.5 million speakers and official recognition under the European Charter for Minority Languages; asserts that recognising a language's existence on large platforms such as Spotify is the first step towards acceptance and empowerment of its speakers; and thanks all those working to lift up the Scots language as well as welcoming Government efforts to promote and protect that language.

1593 Manufacturing skills and the national curriculum

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 1

Kate Osborne

That this House notes that innovation in manufacturing is of vital importance to the UK economy; further notes that UK manufacturing accounts for some £191 billion of output providing 2.7 million jobs; recognises that closing the skills gap in manufacturing will require 186,000 skilled individuals to be hired every year until 2024; notes that the current national curriculum does little to prepare young people for a career in the sector; recognises a nationwide lack of awareness of manufacturing as a potential career; further notes the calls of small and medium-sized manufacturers for an urgent review of provision in this area; and urges the Government to put manufacturing-centric skills at the heart of the National Curriculum.

1594 Congratulating Annabel Stewart, Foundation Apprentice of the Year

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Annabel Stewart on being awarded Foundation Apprentice of the Year at this year's Scottish Apprenticeship Awards, notes that Annabel is a former Dunbar Grammar School pupil who took on a placement at Charles River Laboratories' base in East Lothian; notes Charles River Laboratories Study Director Fiona Ross's congratulations and comments that Annabel was always willing to learn and take part in everything; commends the Foundation Apprenticeship scheme as an effective way of engaging young people in areas such as science and technology; and wishes Annabel every success in her future studies and career.

1595 Celebrating International Women's Day

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 1

Daisy Cooper

That this House notes the achievements of women around the world on International Women's Day on 8 March; welcomes the 2021 theme of #ChooseToChallenge as a call to action for people to challenge gender inequality and bias; celebrates Kamala Harris, the first female, first Black and first Asian-American Vice President of the United States of America; celebrates Zara Mohammed, the first woman to be Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain; celebrates Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the first woman and first African person, to head the World Trade Organisation; and further celebrates British vaccinologist Professor Sarah Gilbert, recipient of the prestigious Albert Medal in recognition of her leadership on the Oxford Covid vaccine; gives thanks to all those women working on the frontline of the pandemic; notes with grave concern the estimates by UN Women that the covid-19 pandemic could wipe out a quarter of a century of increasing gender equality; and calls on all people to consider the ways that society benefits when it is able to tap into the talent, creativity and leadership of women.

1596 Monklands Women's Aid

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 1

Steven Bonnar

That this House celebrates the social, political and economic achievements of women on International Women's Day; acknowledges the positive contributions made by Monklands Women's Aid in providing a necessary lifeline to women who have suffered abuse across the Lanarkshire area; recognises the importance of independent dedicated women's services; and calls upon the Government to protect these vital grassroots organisations.

1597 Glasgow Rangers FC winning the Scottish Premiership 2020-21

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 1

Scott Benton

That this House congratulates Glasgow Rangers FC on winning the Scottish Premiership title and, in doing so, registering the historic achievement of a 55th Scottish Premiership/First Division title; notes that everybody connected with the club, including the players, Steven Gerrard and the board of directors deserve enormous credit for this success; and recognises their considerable achievement.

1598 Glasgow Rangers and the Scottish Football League titleTabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **2****Mr Gregory Campbell**
Gavin Robinson

That this House notes that Glasgow Rangers FC have won the Scottish League for a world record 55th time; and congratulates manager Steven Gerrard, squad, backroom staff and all associated with the Club on an achievement that included being undefeated during the league season, conceding only nine goals in those 32 games and winning the title on 7 March 2021, the earliest date it has been won in 119 years.

1599 Job losses at National Art LibraryTabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **1****John McDonnell**

That this House notes proposals by the management of the Victoria and Albert Museum to cut two thirds of its staff at the National Art Library, with remaining roles being under review for the next 12 months; believes that cutting services would have a devastating impact on library services and will threaten the future of this internationally important collection; applauds staff at the National Art Library who are dedicated to their roles and bring unparalleled expertise and knowledge to this unique library which currently holds almost one million items and is freely accessible to the public; further notes additional plans to close the library for at least 12 months whilst a review of its future function takes place; and therefore calls on the management and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to urgently review those proposals and allow the library to reopen upon the lifting of covid-19 lockdown restrictions and allow members of the public to once more access this cultural landmark.

1600 Uprating of state pensionsTabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **1****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House regrets that over half a million UK pensioners continue to have their pensions frozen as a result of where they live and notes that 90 per cent of those people live in Commonwealth countries with which the UK has strong cultural and historical ties; is further concerned that this leaves UK citizens without the financial support needed to maintain livelihoods and dignity in retirement and believes all pensioners should be paid the full state pension wherever they live; welcomes the Canadian Government's request for a reciprocal social security agreement with the UK to cover the uprating of pension payments; and urges the Government to respond positively to this request as a first step to end this injustice for UK pensioners everywhere.

1601 Representation within cricketTabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **1****Claudia Webbe**

That this House expresses its serious concern at the underrepresentation of African, Caribbean and Asian coaches, umpires and match officials at all levels of Cricket in England and Wales; recalls the 1997 report Racial Equality in Cricket by the Cricket Board of England and Wales, which promised to tackle racism in cricket; expresses its alarm at the subsequent failure to address the institutional racism that is present at all levels of the game; condemns the failure of the English Cricket Board to appoint any African, Caribbean and Asian umpires and match officials to such panel positions

in the last 29 years; deplores the bullying, racial harassment and victimisation suffered by African, Caribbean and Asian, players, umpires and coaches within first class cricket; welcomes the establishment of the Asian Cricket Association to promote the careers, training, and development of Asian cricketers and professionals in the game; calls upon the English and Wales Cricket Board to support and fully fund African, Caribbean and Asian Cricket Associations to remedy the historical injustice of race discrimination that has excluded ethnic minority cricket players, umpires, coaches, managers, and teams from reaching their true potential and position in the game; and urges the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to make anti-racism and equality and diversity targets within cricket a ministerial priority, and to report annually on the progress being made.

1602 EU Settlement Scheme documentation for married women

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 1

Angela Crawley

That this House is aware EU Settlement Scheme paperwork has been issued to married women showing names they do not currently use; understands that when processing EU Settlement Scheme documentation the Home Office takes information only from the machine readable zone of an applicant's passport; notes that passports from many EU countries list both the maiden and married name for married women, and that only the former shows up in the machine readable zone; recognises that discord in the names shown on different forms of documentation may cause complications for affected women when proving their right to live and work in the UK, causing unnecessary barriers when applying for jobs, renting, setting up bank accounts or applying for social security; deplores the cultural insensitivity shown to European women who retain their maiden names on their passports after marriage; and calls on the Home Office to amend married women's settled status documentation to allow information to match the name used on other forms of identification and in their day to day lives.

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.

1537 Retirement of General Teaching Council (GTC) Scotland Chief Executive

Tabled: 23/02/21 Signatories: 11

Carol Monaghan
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Peter Grant

Alison Thewliss

Steven Bonnar

That this House marks the retirement of General Teaching Council (GTC) Scotland Chief Executive, Ken Muir; congratulates him on a career in education spanning more than 42 years; commends him for his life-long commitment to teaching excellence in Scotland; recognises his work as a registered teacher, GTC Scottish Government observer, HM Chief Inspector of Education, and GTC Chief Executive and Registrar; acknowledges the far-reaching impact he has had in supporting, representing, and championing both teachers and learners in Scotland; sincerely thanks him for

his public service to the Scottish education sector, which has benefitted from his unwavering commitment to ensuring the very best for Scotland's schools; and wishes Mr Muir the very best on his retirement.

1542 **Family Fund**

Tabled: **23/02/21** Signatories: **25**

Marion Fellows
Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Kirsten Oswald
Owen Thompson

Alison Thewliss

That this House commends Family Fund for their work across the country over the last 48 years; recognises that they have provided over 90,000 grants to families with disabled or seriously ill children over the last year; notes that Family Fund's aim is to work toward a vision that all families raising disabled or seriously ill children have the same choices, quality of life, opportunities and aspirations as other families; and congratulates all their staff on their excellent work especially during this difficult year.

1543 **Centralisation of Highland and Island services in Inverness**

Tabled: **24/02/21** Signatories: **5**

Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Angus Brendan MacNeil
Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House regrets the centralisation of Highland and Island services in Inverness; notes that centralising HIAL air traffic controllers in Inverness will leave towers at Island and Highland airports unmanned and is concerned that this poses a risk to passengers; and further notes that £6.5 million has been spent so far on this project against the wishes of local communities.

1544 **London Capital & Finance Plc bondholder compensation**

Tabled: **24/02/21** Signatories: **16**

Neale Hanvey
Marion Fellows
Andrew Rosindell
Gavin Newlands
Allan Dorans
John McDonnell

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises the significant losses of the 11,625 London Capital & Finance Plc (LC&F) bondholders who invested about £237 million and may only get 20 per cent of their investment back following the scheme's failure; notes that the Financial Services Compensation Scheme has paid £56.3 million in compensation to 2,878 LC&F bondholders to date; welcomes the publication of the independent investigation report by Dame Elizabeth Gloster in December 2020; notes that

the report was strongly critical of the Financial Conduct Authority's approach, contending that the regulator had failed to fulfil its statutory objectives; further notes that the FCA and the Government have accepted all 13 recommendations from the report; welcomes the announcement from the Government that it will establish its own compensation scheme for LC&F bondholders; and urges the Government to set out the terms of the scheme at the earliest opportunity.

1545 Political and security situation in Myanmar

Tabled: 24/02/21 Signatories: 57

Rushanara Ali
Jeremy Hunt
Ms Harriet Harman
Dame Margaret Hodge
Layla Moran
Caroline Lucas

Steven Bonnar
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Deidre Brock

Dave Doogan
 Owen Thompson
 Chris Law

Alison Thewliss
 Claire Hanna
 Kirsty Blackman

That this House condemns the military coup in Myanmar (Burma); demands the immediate release of all political prisoners; extends solidarity to fellow Members of Parliament who have been denied the right to exercise their democratically elected mandate; welcomes the establishment by Parliamentarians of representative committees from national, regional and state parliaments; further welcomes the condemnation of the coup by the British government; calls on the British Government not to impose generalised sanctions such as withdrawing trade privileges, which will disproportionately impact workers, and instead focus on sanctioning military companies; further calls on the British Government to build a global coalition of countries imposing arms embargoes; and calls on the British Government to join the genocide case at the International Court of Justice and to publicly support the referral of the situation in Burma to the International Criminal Court.

1547 Regulation of genetic technologies in food and farming

Tabled: 24/02/21 Signatories: 8

Caroline Lucas
Claudia Webbe
Claire Hanna
Clive Lewis
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes with concern the proposed removal of risk assessment and traceability safeguards from new gene editing techniques in England, as set out in the DEFRA Consultation on the Regulation of Genetic Technologies which closes on 17 March 2021; further notes concerns that the vigorous promotion of gene editing is out of step with the complexity of the science, the needs of farmers, the UK's potential as a world leader in agroecological innovation, the wishes of consumers, and the Government's own environmental and farm animal welfare ambitions; further notes concerns that, like the vast majority of GM crops grown around the world, the first gene edited crop to be commercially cultivated is engineered to withstand repeated application of particular weed killers in industrial farming systems that harm biodiversity, encourage the development of herbicide-tolerant super weeds and increase farmers' dependency on high cost inputs; further notes concerns that the current consultation falls short of a robust attempt to understand public and stakeholder views on the use of genetic engineering in food and farming,

which would require a well-resourced and in-depth UK-wide initiative similar to the 2003 GM Nation public debate; and calls on the Government to establish effective regulation of all forms of genetic engineering that encompasses transparent assessments of the scientific, social, ethical and economic impacts of each proposed release, and upholds the right of farmers, consumers and devolved nations to choose, including through full traceability and clear labelling across the food chain.

1548 Women prisoner leavers and homelessness

Tabled: 25/02/21 Signatories: 24

Wera Hobhouse

Tim Farron

Layla Moran

Daisy Cooper

Jamie Stone

Sarah Olney

Olivia Blake

That this House notes official statistics showing that 42 per cent of women released from prison in 2019-20 were discharged into unsettled accommodation; further notes that the Safe Homes for Women Leaving Prison initiative estimates that as many as six in ten women leave prison with nowhere safe to go; highlights that women released into homelessness are more likely to offend and are at increased risk of returning to harmful behaviours, possibly including having to return to abusive relationships; welcomes the recent announcement of government funding to house prison leavers in temporary accommodation, but expresses concern that people will only be housed for a maximum of 12 weeks; expresses further concern that the initiative is only being launched in five of the 12 probation regions in England and Wales, seemingly with no specific measures to address the particular needs of women; and urges the Government to expand this initiative nationwide and introduce specific measures to end completely the practice of releasing women from prison into homelessness.

1549 World Hearing Day

Tabled: 25/02/21 Signatories: 21

Dr Lisa Cameron

Jonathan Edwards

Claudia Webbe

John McDonnell

Navendu Mishra

Paula Barker

Alison Thewliss

Apsana Begum

That this House commemorates World Hearing Day on 3 March 2021 by supporting the National Association of Deafened People (NADP) and the Hearing Loss and Deafness Alliance to ensure people with hearing loss have prompt and equal access to life-long learning, employment and health services as echoed by the upcoming WHO World Report on Hearing with annual aims of improve screening, person-centred hearing care, rehabilitation and improved access to communication; commits to aiding accessibility for people with hearing loss in constituencies as well as broader society; recognises the escalated frustration and alienation many people with hearing loss face due to increased difficulty of lipreading caused by commonplace mask-wearing; and acknowledges improvements including transparent face mask use which can be implemented in a cost-effective way relieving some of the estimated £25 billion loss to the economy each year due to lost productivity as a result of hearing loss.

1550 Cuba and the US blockadeTabled: **25/02/21** Signatories: **22**

Grahame Morris
Jonathan Edwards
Kenny MacAskill
Claudia Webbe
Richard Burgon
John McDonnell

Olivia Blake

That this House recognises that the US blockade of Cuba has cost the Cuban economy billions of dollars, causes shortages in essential services and has been exacerbated by the Trump administration's designation of Cuba as state sponsor of terrorism – a politically motivated move which intensifies sanctions against the Cuban people in the middle of a health pandemic; welcomes recent comments by Juan González, White House Director for the Western Hemisphere, that the Biden administration is seeking to lift remittance and travel restrictions; hopes measures will be taken to enable Cuba to access materials to produce and deliver millions of doses of its covid-19 vaccine both to its own population and elsewhere; congratulates the Government for voting against the blockade, and on its positive engagement with Cuba, including joint projects on covid-19, medical research and facilitating the posting of Cuban medical brigades to British overseas territories; and calls on the Government to promote international cooperation between Cuba and the UK and to encourage the Biden administration to normalise relations by reversing the designation of Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism and ending the blockade.

1551 Breakfast at HaghillTabled: **1/03/21** Signatories: **8**

Anne McLaughlin
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Patrick Grady
Chris Law

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Haghill Park Primary School on being shortlisted for the Kellogg's Breakfast Club of the Year Award; recognises the vital role that Breakfast Clubs play in ensuring that children have the fuel they require to learn throughout the day; commends the dedication of teachers and staff to the wellbeing of the children of Haghill and Dennistoun; welcomes the support provided for such programmes; and wishes Haghill Park Primary School every success in the fantastic work that they continue to do in the community.

1552 Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2021

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 27

Wera Hobhouse
Sir George Howarth
Dr Lisa Cameron
Tim Farron
Olivia Blake
Layla Moran

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes the commencement of Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2021, which runs from 1 to 7 March 2021 and focuses this year on binge eating disorder; recognises that eating disorders are serious illnesses experienced by at least 1.25 million people in the UK; notes with concern that, while binge eating disorder is the most common type of eating disorder and affects 1 in 50 people in their lifetimes, only 1 in 4 who have had that condition ever receives treatment; believes that everyone affected by an eating disorder should have access to the treatment they need; and calls on the Government to ensure that all eating disorder services are commissioned to provide NICE-recommended treatments for people with binge eating disorder, without exceptions based on geography, age or severity.

1553 Inverness full fibre network

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 7

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Hannah Bardell
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

Marion Fellows

That this House welcomes the news that Inverness has become the latest city to join the full fibre revolution as the first homes across that city have been connected to next generation full fibre network; notes that CityFibre is investing around £20 million to bring this future-proof digital connectivity to the city; further notes that those services are being made available by BrawBand, a broadband offering launched recently by award-winning Inverness-based internet services provider HighNet; and further notes that, when complete, that crucial investment will reach almost every home and business in Inverness, ensuring that broadband users will be able to enjoy consistently fast and reliable connectivity services.

1556 CalMac fundraising

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 6

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows

That this House highlights the fundraising efforts of Caledonian MacBrayne staff based in Argyll and Bute constituency; notes that CalMac are raising money for the Scottish Association for Mental Health, with 40 employees taking part in Megan's Miles fundraising challenge; acknowledges that each employee is undertaking 126 miles of exercise each to represent the distance between the Oban ferry terminal and the Astley Ainslie Hospital, Edinburgh; praises the dedication of all those staff taking part in that fundraising challenge; and wishes those staff well with their fundraising.

1563 Extension of driving theory test certificates

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 12

Dave Doogan
Steven Bonnar
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
John McDonnell

Caroline Lucas

That this House considers that reasonable extensions should be granted to driving theory tests for learner drivers, tests taken by trainee driving instructors, Certificates for BAseic Training for moped drivers and over seventies' licences; believes that were it not for the covid-19 pandemic learner drivers who had already passed their driving theory test would have, in many instances, by now have passed a practical driving test and supports the extension of their driving theory test certificate in order to avoid a logjam of new driving theory test applicants; considers that significant personal expenses have been borne by learner drivers and trainee driving instructors and that it would be unfair to ask them to pay additional costs due to events outwith their control; understands that the Government extended MoT certificates in 2020 and believes that a similar mechanism could be used to provide extensions for those who have undertaken driving theory tests, tests taken by trainee driving instructors, Certificates for BAseic Training for moped drivers and over seventies' licences.

1564 Worldwide right to education for girls

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 12

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell

Caroline Lucas

That this House is concerned that, globally, 132 million girls are not in school; believes that all girls should have the right to education; acknowledges that conflict, gender-based violence and child marriage all present barriers to girls' education worldwide; notes that the Covid-19 pandemic

has increased the disparities in education globally, especially in areas of conflict; further notes the economic and social benefits of increasing the proportion of girls in education; supports international efforts to reduce the gender disparity in education and improve educational outcomes for girls worldwide; and urges the Government to undertake a review of international aid spending on girls' education, in light of the additional pressures caused by Covid-19 and the recent merger of the Department for International Development with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

1566 Endo warriors West Lothian

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 5

Hannah Bardell
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

That this House commends Candice McKenzie and Claire Beattie for their passionate and persistent campaigning work to raise awareness and understanding of endometriosis; praises Endo Warriors West Lothian (EWWL) for its success in introducing menstrual wellbeing into the school curriculum in West Lothian; congratulates West Lothian Council on becoming the first council in Scotland to introduce menstrual wellbeing into the school curriculum; recognises the efforts of teachers and pupils in the 11 high schools in West Lothian that will take part in that education drive; and wishes EWWL good luck with the activities it has planned for Endometriosis Awareness Month in March 2021.

1567 Political prisoners on hunger strike in Ethiopia

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 13

Patrick Grady
Anne McLaughlin
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Hannah Bardell

Caroline Lucas

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes with concerns reports about the deteriorating health of Jawar Mohammed, Bekele Gerba, Hamza Adane and Dejene Tafa, who are on hunger-strike in prison in Ethiopia; notes that these men and sixteen others were arrested after unrest that broke out in the Oromo region following the killing of musician Hachalu Hundessa in June 2020; notes that former US Ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Powell has said that the treatment of these prisoners by the Ethiopian government is exacerbating a serious crisis, especially as their health deteriorates; further notes findings by Amnesty International in 2020 that Ethiopian security forces committed grave human rights violations between December 2018 and December 2019 in the region, including burning homes to the ground, extrajudicial executions, rape, arbitrary arrests and detentions; and calls on the UK Government to make representations to counterparts in the United Nations, African Union and Government of Ethiopia to secure appropriate medical treatment for the hunger strikers, the release of any prisoners detained arbitrarily on politically-motivated charges, an end to political violence, steps to negotiate peaceful settlements of the conflicts affecting the country, and respect for freedom of speech, human rights and the rule of law.

1569 Anti-Irish discrimination

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 16

Colum Eastwood
 Claudia Webbe
 Brendan O'Hara
 Paula Barker
 Rachel Hopkins
 John McDonnell

Alison Thewliss

That this House condemns anti-Irish racism in all its forms; notes that recent reports of anti-Irish and anti-Irish Traveller sentiments are disturbing; further notes the immeasurable contribution to public life of Irish people and recognises the important role Irish culture through language, dance, music and the arts plays in the lives of many people across the UK; recognises that Irish people have made an immensely positive contribution to society on the island of Britain; and urges the Government to do more to protect Irish people from discrimination and to consider bringing forward legislation to enshrine in law those protections.

1570 Access to cash and banking services in communities

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 12

Patricia Gibson
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon
 John McDonnell
 Claudia Webbe
 Neale Hanvey

Alison Thewliss

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House recognises the UK's obligation to maintain access to cash for all people that need or want to use it; is aware of recent analysis from Which? showing that 10 million people are not ready or able to stop using cash, with over two million dependent on it for every transaction, and that it is disproportionately relied upon by vulnerable people, notably those who are elderly, disabled or on low incomes; believes that banks should be mandated to work with post offices, which already provide an unofficial support network for over 300,000 vulnerable people, to provide banking services to all communities across the UK when they close a branch; and calls on the Government to legislate to ensure that local communities have access to the banking services they need to function.

1571 Access to cash

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 17

Patricia Gibson
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon
 Margaret Ferrier
 John McDonnell
 Claudia Webbe

Caroline Lucas
 Steven Bonnar

Alison Thewliss

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House calls on the Government to set out a timeline for introducing legislation to protect access to cash for people who depend on it, as well as publishing its vision for the long-term future

of cash in order to support a managed transition towards digital payments; recognises that the UK's already fragile cash system has been put under unprecedented strain as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, is convinced that the ability to access and spend cash is not only important for the many vulnerable people who rely on it, but will also play a critical role in the recovery of local economies, particularly as lockdown measures are relaxed and high-streets begin to re-open; is concerned that covid-19 and successive national lockdowns has resulted in a wave of ATM and bank branch closures across the country adding to the urgency of ensuring cash-dependent consumers are not cut off from accessing their only payment method; appreciates that the Government has an important role to play in ensuring that regulators and industry work together to develop a solution for the cash system that meets consumers' needs and responds to changes in consumer behaviour; recognises that the slow rate of progress and lack of clarity around the scope and timings of legislation on this matter is a cause of concern; and accepts that while industry and regulators will undoubtedly play a critical role in designing a framework to guarantee cash access, HM Treasury must urgently provide much-needed vision to support this.

1575 International Women's Day and freedom of religion or belief (No. 2)

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 9

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Chris Law
Alan Brown
Marion Fellows

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House celebrates International Women's Day on 8 March 2021; recognises that women from marginalised religious or belief communities encounter unique persecution and challenges due to their gender; expresses deep concern that these women have become much more vulnerable since the outbreak of covid-19 resulting in increased cases of domestic violence, kidnapping and forced marriage, as seen in the case of 14 year old Maira Shahbaz and 13 year old Arzoo Raja in Pakistan; notes the launch of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Freedom of Religion or Belief's new report entitled, Commentary on the Current State of Freedom of Religion or Belief (2020) which draws attention to the intersection between gender inequality and freedom of religion or belief violations with many specific examples; and urges the UK Government and the international community to act to mitigate the impact that the covid-19 pandemic has had on freedom of religion or belief globally and, in particular, on women and girls who are doubly discriminated against because of their gender and their beliefs.

1576 Use of explosive weapons in populated areas

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 20

Tony Lloyd
Colum Eastwood
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Jeremy Corbyn
Claire Hanna

Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier

Alan Brown
Allan Dorans

Kenny MacAskill
Kim Johnson

Apsana Begum
Navendu Mishra

Caroline Lucas

Andrew Gwynne

That this House notes that the use of explosive weapons in towns and cities is a leading cause of civilian casualties in modern conflict; further notes with regret the devastating long-term humanitarian consequences caused by the destruction of critical civilian infrastructure including homes, schools, hospitals, water and sanitation systems and power supplies as a result of conflict; is disturbed by the UN's finding that in 2019 the use of explosive weapons in populated areas was responsible for almost 40 per cent of verified incidents where children were killed or maimed in conflict; notes the call by the UN Secretary-General and the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross for States to develop an international Political Declaration on avoiding the use of explosive weapons in populated areas; welcomes the process to develop such a Political Declaration led by the Republic of Ireland; believes that the UK Government has a moral responsibility to work with international partners to strengthen the protection of civilians against the use of explosive weapons in their towns and cities; notes that as a permanent member of the UN Security Council and the penholder for Protection of Civilians, and as a leading member of NATO, the UK Government has the influence to persuade other States to follow where it leads; and calls on the UK Government to endorse the Irish-led Political Declaration on explosive weapons, encourage other States to do the same, and lead efforts to develop guidelines for its effective implementation.

1579 Disability Action East Renfrewshire 10th Anniversary

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 5

Kirsten Oswald
Neale Hanvey
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates East Renfrewshire Disability Action, which relaunched at its recent AGM as Disability Action East Renfrewshire (DAER), on its 10th anniversary; notes that DAER members consist of people who are disabled, non-disabled, and carers, and that it exists to raise issues and concerns that matter to disabled people at local and national level; recognises that this role has increased in importance as disabled people have been disproportionately impacted by unfair and unjust welfare cuts, as well as cuts, increased charges, and changes to local and national services on which disabled people rely; further recognises that cuts and reduction in services maintain and reinforce social, physical, attitudinal, cultural, and economic barriers that prevent disabled people fulfilling their rightful role as full and equal citizens; acknowledges the range of activities undertaken by DAER, including campaigning for accessible travel with improved access to railway stations and provision of wheelchair accessible taxis, highlighting the impact of long-Covid on disabled people, providing training in the Turn2Us benefit calculator, challenging increased charges to the Blue Badge scheme and a proposed price increase to the Holiday Programme for Disabled Children, responding to consultations at local and national level to ensure the views of disabled people are heard, securing provision of accessible play equipment in Carlibar and Rouken Glen parks, and many other activities, all of which have been taken forward by a dedicated membership who contributed so much to DAER.

1581 Big Yellow Friday 2021

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 12

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

Alison Thewliss

Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes that 5 March 2021 is Big Yellow Friday; congratulates the Children's Liver Disease Foundation on its work in raising awareness, promoting research and providing information and support for people affected by a life-threatening liver disease; further notes with concern that every week 20 children in the UK are diagnosed with a life-threatening childhood liver disease that can mean a lifetime of care; commends the work of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation for working tirelessly and investing to support families and fund research projects, which helps to understand and treat childhood liver diseases; further congratulates all those taking part in Big Yellow Friday 2021 and showing support for children affected by childhood liver disease and their families; and calls on the Government to work closely with all national liver-disease charities to help ensure that childhood liver diseases are understood, prevented and treated effectively, ensuring that babies, children, young people and adults diagnosed in childhood achieve their full potential.

1582 Intensive factory farming

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 11

Dr Lisa Cameron
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Drew Hendry
Hannah Bardell
Anne McLaughlin

Caroline Lucas

John Nicolson

That this House notes that intensive farming methods inflict terrible suffering on some one billion land animals in the UK each year; recognises that intensive factory farming methods include the extreme confinement of pregnant sows in farrowing crates, the overcrowding and selective breeding of broiler chickens, ducks and turkeys, the routine mutilation of egg-laying hens and piglets, and the zero grazing of dairy cows; further notes that factory farms often provide a fertile environment for the amplification and transmission of viruses and bacteria between different species and humans; further recognises that today three in four of the world's new or emerging infectious diseases reportedly come from animals; notes that the overuse of antibiotics in livestock farming is contributing to the rise and spread of antimicrobial resistance; notes that a poll in January this year revealed some 90 percent of UK residents want the Government to introduce an immediate ban on intensive farming methods; supports vegan charity Viva's request for Defra and Government to listen to the UK public on this issue.

1583 World Book Day 2021

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 9

Seema Malhotra
Jim Shannon
Jeremy Corbyn
Patricia Gibson
Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum

Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises 4th March 2021 as World Book Day in the UK and Ireland celebrating authors, illustrators, books and reading; further congratulates World Book Day for its 24th 'World Book Day' being held this year; notes that data shows that the UK ranks 17th for literacy among 34 OECD countries; that 1 in 11 disadvantaged children in the UK say that they don't have a book of their own; that children born into communities with the most serious literacy challenges have some of the lowest life expectancies in England; that 1 in 4 children in England cannot read well by the age of 11 and pass the expected level of reading in their SATs; recognises the contribution of World Book Day Ltd in distributing their £1 book tokens which encourages policymakers, schools, teachers and young people to work together to ensure provisions are in place for early intervention when encouraging children to read; pays tribute to the staff and teachers in schools across the nation for their efforts in delivering quality literacy education to young people, and equipping them with the skills to reach their full potential.

1585 Accessibility of covid-19 vaccination and testing for people with sight loss.

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 17

Chris Stephens
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon
Dr Lisa Cameron
Marion Fellows
Neale Hanvey

Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises the need for all information regarding healthcare appointments and procedures to be made available in line with the Accessible Information Standard; further notes that reasonable adjustments should be made at covid-19 testing and vaccination centres to ensure that they are fully accessible; commends all NHS staff and volunteers for their work on the covid-19 vaccination rollout and urges the Government to adopt the guidelines produced by Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, RNIB and Thomas Pocklington Trust which aims to ensure a fully accessible covid-19 vaccination process for people with visual impairment.

1586 Differential pricing policies for covid-19 vaccinations

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 18

Tony Lloyd
Colum Eastwood
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery

Caroline Lucas

Rachel Hopkins

That this House believes that the UK has both a moral and practical incentive to see the whole world vaccinated against covid-19; is concerned that differential pricing by pharmaceutical companies gravitates against that ambition by asking the poorest countries to pay more than the richest; notes that AstraZeneca is charging the European Union \$2 per vaccine compared to \$7 for Uganda; further notes that the Serum Institute which produces the AstraZeneca vaccine under licence, is charging \$5 per vaccine in South Africa; is concerned that pharmaceutical companies which have received UK public financial support are making profits at the expense of the poorest countries; calls on the UK Government to ensure pharmaceutical companies revisit their differential pricing policies, and commit to not making a profit from the pandemic.

1587 Stanley Newens

Tabled: 4/03/21 Signatories: 19

Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Mary Kelly Foy
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Kate Osborne
Claudia Webbe

Ian Lavery

Ian Mearns

Chris Stephens

That this House notes with sadness the death of Stanley Newens, a hard working socialist and former Member of Parliament and subsequently the European Parliament; respects his tremendous career as a lifelong campaigner for internationalism, social justice, and the people of his former constituencies of Epping, Harlow, and later Central London (MEP); notes his ongoing commitment to the peace movement from the 1940s through his objections to the Vietnam War and beyond; acknowledges his skills as a teacher and collector in so many subjects of historical importance; and extends sincere condolences to Sandra and family whilst at the same time acknowledging that his memory will live on in the hearts and minds of all those in the wider labour movement.

1588 Police Federation of England and Wales Time Limits Campaign

Tabled: 4/03/21 Signatories: 4

Ian Mearns
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards
Ian Lavery

That this House notes that justice delayed is justice denied; further notes the incredible work of police officers in ensuring the safety of this House and in communities in every constituency; notes the right of members of the public to make complaints against individual officers where perceived wrongdoing has occurred; recognises the damage a lengthy and un-ending investigation can have on the health and well-being of individual officers, their families and colleagues and the incredible

cost to the tax payer of salaries of officers under investigation who very often are found innocent; recognises the need for investigations to be conducted in a comprehensive but most efficient way possible; and supports the Police Federation of England and Wales Time Limits Campaign for the need for a limit on the length of time an investigation can take, save for the most exceptional circumstances.

1589 Overseas NHS Workers Day

Tabled: 4/03/21 Signatories: 18

Christine Jardine
Claudia Webbe
Sarah Olney
Jamie Stone
Wendy Chamberlain
Daisy Cooper

Wera Hobhouse
Kim Johnson
Allan Dorans

Tim Farron
Tonia Antoniazzi

Alison Thewliss
Mick Whitley

That this House supports Overseas NHS Workers Day in recognition of the extraordinary contribution of all foreign nationals working tirelessly in the UK's fight against Covid-19; applauds the efforts of the Doctors' Association UK with support from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP), British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO), British International Doctors Association (BIDA), Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association (HCSA), Royal College of Surgeons and Unison for creating this awareness day to celebrate foreign nationals in all their roles within the NHS; notes the almost 200 different nationalities represented within the NHS; further notes that although the NHS is the UK's biggest employer, there is still not enough staff to meet demand; believes that the most meaningful way to recognise the contributions of foreign nationals and secure staffing capacity is to grant indefinite leave to remain in the UK; and calls on the Government to grant indefinite leave to remain to all foreign nationals currently working in the health and social care sector, and to their families.

1590 International Women's Day: support for girls' education across the globe

Tabled: 4/03/21 Signatories: 24

Layla Moran
Claire Hanna
Stephen Farry
Hannah Bardell
Apsana Begum
Jamie Stone

Steven Bonnar
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Alistair Carmichael

Caroline Lucas
Alison Thewliss
Daisy Cooper

Tim Farron
Wendy Chamberlain
Kim Johnson

That this House notes with concern the findings of UN Women's report 'From Insight to Action: Gender Equality in the Wake of COVID-19' that without coordinated action to mitigate the gendered impacts of COVID-19, there is a risk that the fragile gender equality gains achieved over the past 25 years will be lost; acknowledges the continued importance of the Sustainable Development Goals as road maps to combat gender inequality in the UK and abroad; notes that before 2020, 130 million girls had no access to education and that this number has now increased

as a result of inequality gaps caused by the coronavirus pandemic; further notes the important role that UK development spending has historically played working to ensure girls across the globe have access to education; draws attention to the fact that UK development spending cuts will drastically impact girls' access to education across the globe, as education programmes see a reduction in funding; and urges the Government to recommit to 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income to be spent on international development, as set out in their manifesto.