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New EDMs

1741 Paid miscarriage leave

Tabled: 15/04/21 Signatories: 1

Angela Crawley

That this House calls on the Government to introduce paid miscarriage leave; notes that in the UK, two weeks parental bereavement leave and pay is in place after stillbirth, however there is no such support for anyone who has experienced a miscarriage before 24 weeks of pregnancy; believes miscarriage is an extremely traumatic experience and more support should be provided to families that experience such a loss; understands that New Zealand's parliament unanimously approved legislation to give those who experience a miscarriage paid leave, no matter what stage a loss of pregnancy occurs; and further believes that the Government should follow suit and provide paid leave for people that experience miscarriage and allow families to grieve their profound loss.

1742 Robert Black Memorial Helipad, Campbeltown

Tabled: 15/04/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates everyone involved in the establishment of the Robert Black Memorial Helipad in Campbeltown; particularly notes the vital contribution made by Ambulance Technician Stuart McLellan who as well as overcoming many legal and logistical obstacles, also successfully raised £270,000 and attracted the support of many local residents, organisations and businesses including Eric Spence from South Kintyre Development Trust, the County Air Ambulance Trust, MacFadyens Contractors and McKinven and Colville Contractors in order to build the helipad; understands that there has been a need for a community helipad in South Kintyre for many years due to the unsafe nature of the previous landing site, which often resulted in emergencies being diverted to Campbeltown Airport or being forced to make a four hour transfer by road; and commends Stuart and everyone involved for their efforts and recognises the new Robert

Black Memorial Helipad as a fitting and lasting tribute to the highly respected and dearly missed Campbeltown Paramedic Robert Black who sadly died of covid-19 in 2020.

1743 **Elevation of Knock Shrine to International Sanctuary of Special Eucharistic and Marian Devotion**

Tabled: 15/04/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes that Pope Francis has elevated the National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Knock in Knock, Co. Mayo, Ireland as an International Sanctuary of Special Eucharistic and Marian Devotion on 19 March 2021; acknowledges the contribution to this achievement of Archbishop of Tuam Michael Neary, who initiated the petition to the Holy See for recognition of Knock as an international shrine, and Fr. Richard Gibbons, Rector of Knock Shrine, who has welcomed pilgrims and visitors from around the world since being appointed Knock Parish Priest in 2012 and plans to continue to do so in the future when international travel resumes; recognises the importance of this recognition for Irish Catholics and all Catholics around the world; and congratulates them on this momentous occasion in their ecclesiastical life.

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.

1703 **Bus franchising in Greater Manchester**

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 25

Navendu Mishra
Rebecca Long Bailey
Grahame Morris
Kim Johnson
Paula Barker
Rachel Hopkins

Tony Lloyd

That this House welcomes the announcement by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, to bring Greater Manchester's buses back under public control; notes that the decision will give Greater Manchester Combined Authority more say over its bus network; recognises that the move will ensure that the needs of the people of Greater Manchester are put before profit; acknowledges that bus users will now have access to a cheaper and better integrated bus network; applauds the introduction of the Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter which will enhance transport workers' rights, ensure good standards of public service and fair treatment of staff, and help protect them from unethical employment practices; hopes that the move to a franchising model will support Unite the Union in their ongoing efforts to overturn the immoral fire and hire strategy of companies such as Go North West; is encouraged that an increase in public transport use will help improve air quality in Greater Manchester, cut congestion and noise pollution and help the UK meet its binding climate change targets; and pays tribute to the activists, organisations and trade unions who have campaigned so tirelessly to implement a franchising model, including Better Buses for Greater Manchester, We Own It, GMB Union, Unison and Unite, and thanks the Mayor

of Greater Manchester for leading the way and setting an example for other regions to move to a franchising model.

1704 **Football Index**

Tabled: **12/04/21** Signatories: **18**

Patricia Gibson

Ian Mearns

Allan Dorans

Clive Lewis

Jim Shannon

Marion Fellows

Caroline Lucas

That this House is deeply concerned about the recent collapse of the betting firm Football Index, following the suspension of the company's licence by the Gambling Commission and its entry into administration; notes with concern that customers collectively have over £90 million trapped in the company, with average losses of around £3,000 per customer; understands that the firm operated as a football stock market, offering customers the ability to buy shares in footballers, and customers could be paid in dividends based on player performances; recognises that only a few days after the company minted new shares in footballers, enticing customers to purchase shares, the company drastically decreased dividend payments by 82 per cent, leading to a virtual market crash on the site which caused significant losses for customers; notes that concerns have been raised that the firm operated like a pyramid scheme, and further notes it had been admonished by the Advertising Standards Authority in 2019 for creating the impression that the product was a lucrative investment opportunity; recognises that this scandal has called into question the adequacy of gambling regulation in the UK, given the Gambling Commission awarded this company a licence and would seem to have failed to ensure adequate oversight; and calls for a full independent public enquiry into this scandal to ensure that gambling regulation is fit for purpose in protecting consumers.

1705 **Ear cropping dogs**

Tabled: **12/04/21** Signatories: **12**

Liz Saville Roberts

Jonathan Edwards

Jim Shannon

Paula Barker

Olivia Blake

Sir Mike Penning

Paul Girvan

Caroline Lucas

That this house notes with concern that figures released by the RSPCA show a 621 per cent increase in the number of reports of dogs who have had their ears cropped between 2015-2020, despite the practice being illegal in England and Wales; further notes that the RSPCA are concerned that dogs are being sent abroad for cropping or being purchased and imported from overseas; believes that ear cropping is a barbaric practice; and calls on the Government to ban the importation of dogs with cropped ears.

1709 Black maternal health

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 21

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ms Diane Abbott
Dawn Butler
Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum
Zarah Sultana

Claire Hanna

Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises the existing racial inequalities in maternal health; notes with great sadness that Black women in the UK are four times more likely to die in pregnancy and childbirth, that women of mixed heritage are three times more, and Asian women are two times more likely to die in pregnancy and childbirth; further notes that women of Black African heritage are 83 per cent more likely to suffer a near miss in childbirth, and women of Black Caribbean heritage are 80 per cent more likely; acknowledges the MBBRACE analysis which has found that black babies have a 121 per cent increased risk for stillbirth and a 50 per cent increased risk of neonatal death; supports the work of Five X More and their efforts to raise awareness of Black maternal health inequalities; is shocked by the 2020 Black people, racism and human rights report which confirms statistics but reveals that there is no target to end it; and urgently calls on this Government to fully acknowledge these disparities and commit to working with the NHS to improve Black maternal health outcomes.

1711 80th Anniversary of the city of Belfast blitz

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 8

Gavin Robinson
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Mr Gregory Campbell
Sir Mike Penning

Paul Girvan

That this House commemorates the 80th anniversary of the city of Belfast blitz in 1941; remembers those men, women and children in the surrounding areas who lost their lives in air raids by the German Luftwaffe; recognises that East Belfast was targeted for its heavy industry and its contribution to the British war effort; notes that Belfast's landscape was changed forever during this period but, like in so many parts of the UK, Belfast resolved to remain firm and continued to play a key role in ensuring the freedom of Europe from Nazi Germany; commends the work by Cllr. George Dorrian, Mr. Sam Robinson, local community organisations and many others in East Belfast to respectfully mark and remember the anniversary of the 1941 Belfast blitz.

1712 100 years of the National Pharmacy Association

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 12

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Daisy Cooper
Chris Law

Peter Dowd

Caroline Lucas

That this House congratulates the National Pharmacy Association (NPA) as it celebrates 100 years of serving community pharmacies in the UK; notes that the NPA has helped its members through enormous change, including the formation of the NHS in 1948, the overhaul of medicines regulations in 1968, the massive expansion in the range of medicines available to patients and the establishment of new roles in public health, urgent care and managing long term conditions; recognizes the vital contribution of pharmacies today, especially in the light of their work during the covid-19 pandemic; and looks forward to pharmacies playing an important role in the health, wellbeing and daily life of our communities in the years to come.

1716 Global Accessibility Awareness Day

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 11

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Paula Barker
Olivia Blake

Claire Hanna

Caroline Lucas

That this House recognizes Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) on the 20th of May and promotes digital access and inclusion for people with disabilities; acknowledges that over 14 million people in the UK alone have visual, motor, hearing or cognitive disabilities or impairments; resolves to remove barriers from people with disabilities by improving accessibility and giving those people a voice; applauds assistive technologies like screen readers, screen magnifiers and various accessibility software which make it easier for people with disabilities to communicate; and calls on the Government to support people with disabilities and invest in the technologies which make their daily lives easier especially since the covid-19 outbreak has disproportionately affected the disabled community.

1717 Extension of the moratorium on evictions in response to the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 12

John McDonnell
Clive Lewis
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Claudia Webbe

Claire Hanna

Caroline Lucas

That this House calls on the Government to allocate time on the floor of the House for a debate on the potential merits of extending the moratorium on evictions in response to the covid-19 outbreak; and further calls on the Government to write off all rent arrears accrued during the covid-19 outbreak until the end of March 2022 or later.

1719 Redevelopment of the former Blyth Power Station into a battery making gigaplant

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 11

Ian Lavery
Grahame Morris
Ian Mearns
Jim Shannon
Mick Whitley
Jeremy Corbyn

Beth Winter

That this House welcomes the redevelopment of the former Blyth Power Station into a battery making gigaplant; notes that that development will create up to 3,000 local jobs; recognises the benefits of the reopening of the disused railway line that forms part of the former Northumberland line to that power plant; notes that reopening that railway line will re-invigorate the areas of Ashington and other communities in the South East Northumberland area; and calls on the Government to ensure that funding and expertise is provided to help reopen that railway line as quickly as possible.

1721 Disabled Persons Railcards

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 6

Tim Farron
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Kate Osborne
John McDonnell
Caroline Lucas

That this House notes that many Disabled Persons Railcards have not been used due to coronavirus restrictions and shielding advice; commends train companies for providing over £476 million in ticket refunds for people whose travel plans have changed unexpectedly during the coronavirus outbreak; regrets that railcards have been exempt from those refunds; and calls on the Government to implement a free one-year extension for Disabled Persons Railcard customers.

1723 Conflict in Tigray, Ethiopia

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 15

Helen Hayes
Jim Shannon
Kenny MacAskill
Mick Whitley
Rachel Hopkins
Mr Virendra Sharma

Caroline Lucas

That this House condemns the massacre at Axum in Ethiopia, documented by both Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, that may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity; further condemns the reported wider pattern of violence throughout the Tigray region, including the use of rape and sexual violence, and the alleged involvement of Eritrean forces; notes that there is a risk of a regional conflict in the Horn of Africa, with an escalation of tensions with Sudan and Egypt; requests that the UK Government places that issue formally on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council, as well as on that of the African Union; supports calls for a full, prompt, impartial and effective investigation into the massacre and unfettered humanitarian access to Tigray, as well as immediate access for human rights and media organisations; considers that the starvation and conflict-induced food insecurity in that region is man-made, is a violation of international humanitarian law, and is a test case for the UK Special Envoy with that brief; and expresses concern for the fate of Eritrean refugees in that country alleged to be at risk of refoulement.

1724 Military trial, detention and treatment of Palestinian children by Israeli authorities

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 9

Tommy Sheppard
Ian Mearns
Allan Dorans
Kenny MacAskill
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law

Beth Winter

Claire Hanna

That this House notes with concern that Israeli forces continue to arrest, detain and try several hundred Palestinian children in the Israeli military court and detention system each year despite evidence that that process is rife with international law violations; further notes that Israel is the only country in the world that automatically and systematically prosecutes Palestinian children in military courts which lack fundamental fair trial rights and protections; notes that ill-treatment of Palestinian child detainees by Israeli authorities includes widespread physical and psychological violence, blindfolding, strip searches, denial of food and water, position abuse and isolation solely for the purpose of interrogation, and the denial of access to a lawyer before and during interrogations; remarks on the disparity between treatment of Israeli and Palestinian children in Israeli custody; asserts that Israel, as the occupying power under international humanitarian law in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is responsible for protecting the rights of Palestinian children living under military occupation; notes too that the recommendations of the 2012 Foreign and Commonwealth Office funded report, Children in Military Custody, and UNICEF's 2013 report, Children in Israeli Military Detention, have not been met; believes that in no circumstances should civilians, particularly children, be detained or prosecuted under the jurisdiction of military courts or held in military detention; and urges the Government to engage with the Government of Israel to

end the military trial and detention of Palestinian children and, as a minimum safeguard, to respect and ensure basic due process rights and the absolute prohibition of torture and ill-treatment.

1726 Report of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 27

Ms Diane Abbott
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Olivia Blake
Alison Thewliss
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum

Kirsten Oswald
 Tommy Sheppard
 Marion Fellows
 Deidre Brock
 Mohammad Yasin
 Rachel Hopkins

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Beth Winter
 Rebecca Long Bailey
 Tony Lloyd
 Allan Dorans
 Daisy Cooper

Jamie Stone
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Claire Hanna
 Mick Whitley
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Caroline Lucas

That this House notes that the publication of the report of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities in March 2021 was met with immense disappointment and frustration by members of Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities across the country, and many racial justice organisations; is deeply concerned that the report largely seems to deny the existence of institutional racism in Britain, and in doing so has raised concerns that it reverses progress towards racial equality; is alarmed by the report's poor methodology, including selectively citing and listing authors and academics whose views were neither sought, or accurately represented in the report; further notes the disturbing allegations that the report was rewritten by No.10; urgently calls on the Government to acknowledge the existence of institutional racism in society and commit to tackling it in all forms; further calls on the Government to reject the report and instead implement the recommendations of existing reports on institutional racism, including the Macpherson report, the Lammy review, the McGregor Smith review and the Windrush Lessons Learned review.

1728 Effect of the covid-19 outbreak on disabled children and families

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 48

Mary Kelly Foy [R]
Jon Trickett
Paula Barker
Rachel Hopkins
Jeremy Corbyn
Rebecca Long Bailey

Kim Johnson
 Wera Hobhouse
 Daisy Cooper

Claire Hanna
 Mohammad Yasin
 Caroline Lucas

Munira Wilson
 Stephen Timms

That this House is deeply alarmed at the disproportionate effect of the covid-19 pandemic on disabled children, young people and their families; notes the concerning statistics from the Disabled Children's Partnerships' The Longest Lockdown report, which found that 70 per cent of disabled children could not access, or experienced delays in receiving, life-changing therapies and routine health appointments that they had before the pandemic; is concerned that the same report found that half of disabled children have seen their conditions worsen during the pandemic; further notes the mental health impacts of the pandemic on disabled children and their families, shown through that report which found that 90 per cent of disabled children are severally socially

isolated and that almost nine out of 10 parents reported some level of anxiety and almost half had probable depression; welcomes the call from the Disabled Children's Partnership for a holistic, cross-departmental covid-19 recovery plan that provides support for burnt-out families suffering from poor mental health and social isolation, and makes up for the absence of therapies which has impacted on their physical development and opportunities to develop vital life skills; and calls on the Government to enact that plan.

1731 Humanitarian crisis in Yemen and UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 18

Layla Moran
Wera Hobhouse
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Olivia Blake
Paula Barker

Jamie Stone
Rachel Hopkins

Christine Jardine
Caroline Lucas

Claire Hanna

That this House notes the continued disastrous war on Yemen which has led to the biggest humanitarian crisis in the world; further notes that the UN has warned that an estimated 24 million people, close to 80 per cent of the population, need assistance and protection; acknowledges that the UK Government continues to allow arms sales to Saudi Arabia, the main foreign protagonist of the war, and continues to provide logistical support to Saudi forces in Yemen despite their consistent targeting of civilians in Yemen; condemns the UK Government's decision to reduce UK aid to support the world's most vulnerable; recognises US President Joe Biden's decision to commit to ending US support for the war by stopping arms sales to Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen; calls on the UK Government to end support for the war and suspend all arms sales to Saudi Arabia immediately; urges the UK Government to return to the 0.7 per cent of GNI Official Development Assistance spending commitment immediately; and further urges the UK Government to work with its global partners and use all diplomatic means at its disposal to assist in ending the war in Yemen and resolve the underlying conflicts.

1732 Fire and rehire tactics

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 33

Grahame Morris
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Ian Lavery
Navendu Mishra
Kate Osborne

Rebecca Long Bailey
Caroline Lucas

Paul Blomfield

Chris Stephens

That this House notes with alarm the growing number of employers who are dismissing and re-engaging staff on worse pay and terms and conditions, a practice commonly known as fire and rehire; agrees with Government Ministers that such tactics represent an unacceptable abuse of power by rogue bosses, many of whom are exploiting the covid-19 crisis to increase profits at the expense of loyal staff who have risked their lives during the pandemic to keep businesses going; welcomes the Government's stated commitment to tackle those shameful abuses; calls on the Government to publish the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service report into the practice received by Ministers on 17 February 2021; and further calls on the Government to commit to

including proposals in the forthcoming Queen's Speech to outlaw this form of industrial blackmail, as is the case in other European countries, and to bring forward this new legislation as a matter of urgency to protect UK workers from exploitation by unscrupulous employers.

1733 Cleaning up Cambuslang campaign

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 3

Margaret Ferrier
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the creation of the Cleaning up Cambuslang campaign, set up to involve local residents in tackling the litter problem in Cambuslang; notes that at present the Cleaning up Cambuslang Facebook group has 110 volunteer members engaged in litter collection during daily walks; expresses its gratitude to local company, J Johnstone Plumbing and Heating, which has sponsored the campaign and purchased the first 15 litter picking sticks for the group; recognises the engagement of South Lanarkshire Council and local schools with the group; acknowledges the production of a joint strategy between Cleaning up Cambuslang and South Lanarkshire Council for uplift of waste collected; and urges local businesses and organisations in Cambuslang and its surrounding areas to consider sponsoring the Cleaning up Cambuslang campaign.

1734 Covid-19 vaccine programme in Oxfordshire

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 2

Layla Moran
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the NHS for delivering over 400,000 covid-19 vaccinations and rising in Oxfordshire and a million doses in the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System (ICS); further congratulates Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust for administering 120,000 covid-19 vaccinations as the lead provider of the three mass vaccination centres for the ICS; recognises that covid-19 vaccines started being administered to the public at the Kassam Stadium, the first of the three mass vaccination centres to be opened by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, on 1 February 2021 and that in 50 days staff inoculated 50,000 people in priority groups; and notes the potentially life-saving impact of a covid-19 vaccine and the importance of covid-19 vaccination programmes in ending the covid-19 pandemic in the UK and around the world.

1735 East Kilbride Community Litter Pickers

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 3

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the East Kilbride Community Litter Pickers and the tireless efforts of all their volunteers and founder Alice Alves to help clear the East Kilbride town of litter for the wider community to enjoy; highlights the fact that this group was only founded at the beginning of March 2021 but has since grown to host over 1250 members on Facebook who together have managed to collect over four metric tonnes of litter in the past six weeks; draws attention to the fact that the success of the group is through encouraging small family groups and individuals to get into the habit of picking up litter on their daily walks in their local areas and applauds this ethos as an example to us all of the combined cumulative effort of a committed local community; notes the recent creation of an Action Group and applauds the group for their efforts to include local schools

in this invaluable project and commits to following the success and growth of this group in the months to come and all initiatives that encourage residents to Take Pride in East Kilbride.

1736 Reduction in the plug-in grant for low emission vehicles

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 3

John Nicolson
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

That this House commends those that take steps to reduce their carbon footprint; recognises that electric cars are an effective way of reducing carbon emissions and that use of electric cars should be encouraged; and urges the Government to reverse its decision to lower the value of the plug-in vehicle grant from £3000 to £2500.

1737 West Lothian Prostate Cancer Support Group

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 3

Martyn Day
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates the West Lothian Prostate Cancer Support Group for their efforts to provide support to men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their families since 2007; notes the importance of that group's Buddy Scheme which allows men to share their experiences; further notes that group's creation of discussion groups for family members to share support and knowledge; notes that group's collaboration with Western General Hospital, Macmillan Cancer Care and local GP surgeries to improve the accessibility of support; and wishes the Group continued success in the future.

1738 Bowel Cancer UK highlights bowel cancer red flags

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Paul Girvan
Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes the work by Bowel Cancer UK that has revealed that 37 per cent of adults living in Northern Ireland are not aware of any of the symptoms of bowel cancer which is that country's second biggest cancer killer; highlights that the red flags of bowel cancer are blood in your movements, changes to your movement habit, abdominal pain, weight loss and unexplained tiredness or fatigue; urges the general public to be aware of those red flags and to seek testing with their GPs in response to any of those concerns, being mindful that bowel cancer is curable when it is diagnosed early; and offers sincere thanks to Bowel Cancer UK for their continued hard work in providing information and support on that matter.

1739 51st anniversary of the foundation of the Ulster Defence Regiment

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the 51st anniversary of the foundation of the Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR); further notes that the UDR's official role was established as the defence of life or property in Northern Ireland against armed attack or sabotage; highlights the loss of life of over 190 serving members and 61 veteran members of the UDR; expresses our continued sympathy to those who mourn those losses; and thanks all UDR veterans and their families for the sacrifices they have made and are still making today for Queen and country.

1740 Northern Ireland Women's Football Team Euro 2022 qualification

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 7

Carla Lockhart
Paul Girvan
Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson
Claire Hanna
Mr Gregory Campbell

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates the Northern Ireland Women's Football Team on their historic qualification for Euro 2022; applauds the players for their performances in securing that qualification; commends Team Manager Kenny Shiels and his coaching staff for leading the team to that remarkable success; and wishes the team well as they represent Northern Ireland in Euro 2022.