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New EDMs

301 Human rights situation in Egypt

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House is deeply concerned about continuing serious human rights violations in Egypt, including reports of systematic torture, enforced disappearances, unfair trials and the blatant misuse of counter-terrorism and national security legislation, following the military overthrow of the Morsi Government in July 2013; notes with profound regret that according to Amnesty International, Egypt has become among the top three countries in numbers of executions and death sentences globally, and at least 51 men and women were executed in that country in the first half of 2021, with more executions pending; further notes with alarm the relentless persecution, abuse and false criminalisation of lawyers, journalists, academics, politicians and civil society representatives, and their family members, in an attempt to silence legitimate dissent in Egypt; highlights the arbitrary detention in often harsh conditions of lawyer Mohamed El-Baqer, activist Alaa Abdel Fattah, video reporter Mohamed Ibrahim Radwan, blogger Esraa Abdel Fattah, activist Sanaa Seif, researcher Patrick Zaki, student Ahmed Samir Santawy, and defender of the Coptic Christian minority, Ramy Kamel, who are among hundreds the Egyptian authorities should release immediately and unconditionally; and calls on the Government, further to the joint statement on Egypt co-sponsored in March 2021 at the UN Human Rights Council, to suspend arms exports to and preferential trading arrangements for that country until a moratorium on the death penalty is imposed and prisoners of conscience released, and to apply punitive measures on Egyptian individuals and entities responsible for such gross abuses.

302 Twelfth of July celebrations

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the wonderful community spirit demonstrated in the 12 July 2021 celebrations throughout Northern Ireland; thanks those Orangemen and Orangewomen who so faithfully gather with talented bands to remember and celebrate religious freedom and liberty for all; further thanks all those who organised the smaller routes and parades in deference to the current covid-19 restrictions; and looks forward to the 12 July 2022 as being a safe and loud celebration of culture, heritage, history and hope for the future.

303 Congratulations to the England national football team on their Euro 2020 performance

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the tremendous boost given to this nation by the victories of the England national football team in the Euro 2020 tournament; thanks each player and staff member of all the home nation football squads for their hard work, grit and determination; congratulates the England team for the wonderful result in bringing the beautiful game home to a final in Wembley and back into young and old hearts throughout the nation; notes the great spectator spirit and wonderful renditions of Sweet Caroline and reminds the English fans that whilst Northern Ireland was happy to offer the loan of our footballing anthem to our brothers for the Euros that we will be taking that anthem back as we all prepare for further victory and glory in the World Cup.

304 England national football team Euro 2020 runners up

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 1

Ed Davey

That this House celebrates the incredible achievements of the England men's football team in the UEFA Euro 2020 championship, reaching the final of a major tournament for the first time in 55 years; expresses deep pride and great respect for the way that team's players and manager conducted themselves on and off the pitch; thanks those players and that manager for the way that they inspired, excited and united the nation after such a difficult 18 months; strongly condemns the racist abuse directed towards that squad's Black players; and looks forward with anticipation to that team's future success.

305 DVLA and Department for Work and Pensions' help for Personal Independence Payment claimants

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 1

John Nicolson

That this House recognises how difficult, long and arduous form filling can be for people with disabilities, especially when those forms are in hardcopy; and advocates for improved communication between DVLA and the Department for Work and Pensions in order to make the 50 per cent reduction in vehicle tax, for those in receipt of the standard rate mobility component on Personal Independence Payment, an automatic process.

306 150th Anniversary of the Durham Miners' Gala

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 1

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Durham Miners' Gala or the Big Meeting; expresses severe regret at the cancellation of the Gala for the second consecutive year but commends the Durham Miners Association for prioritising public health; welcomes the news that County Durham Miners Banners Groups will instead organise events in communities across the county this summer; recognises the important historical and cultural ties between the mining industry and County Durham; further recognises miners and the National Union of Mineworkers for their contributions to the labour movement, trade unionism, and the Labour Party; thanks miners for their economic and cultural contribution to Durham and Britain across centuries; looks forward to the refurbishment of Redhill's Durham Miners Hall and transformation into a cultural centre; further looks forward to the resumption of the Big Meeting in 2022; commends the Marras for the announcement that all banner groups will be paid double band allowance next year to help with the financial stress caused by the covid-19 outbreak; and encourages everyone to become a Marra.

307 Funding success for Black Bull Close project

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates the Black Bull Close project in Dunbar, East Lothian on being awarded a grant of £250,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund; notes that the National Lottery Heritage Fund invests money raised by National Lottery players to grant funds to museums, parks, historic places, archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions; and wishes everyone involved in the Black Bull Close project every success.

308 Dame Carol Black's independent review of drugs

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 1

Grahame Morris

That this House thanks Professor Dame Carol Black for her comprehensive Independent Review of Drugs, Part 2 which outlines a clear way forward on drug treatment and recovery to bring hope and real change to the many individuals, families and communities whose lives are blighted by drug addiction and by the criminals who exploit it; welcomes her recommendations to achieve this, presented as concrete proposals deliverable within this Parliament; agrees with her analysis that the current situation is intolerable and that a whole-system approach, with cross-departmental co-ordination and commitment, is required; supports her view that substance misuse disproportionately affects our most deprived communities; acknowledges her call for improved pathways from criminal justice settings and for enabling the diversion of drug users into treatment; recognises that, although Part 1 of her review showed that the societal costs of drug misuse are £20 billion each year, in 2020 to 2021 only £650 million was spent on drug treatment; notes that every £1 currently spent on harm reduction and treatment saves £4 from reduced demands on health and justice; endorses her call for significantly increased investment in drug treatment and wider support; further notes her conclusion that ring-fenced, focused funding for treatment is absolutely necessary; notes that drug deaths are at record levels; and calls on the Government to adopt and implement the Review's recommendations in their entirety.

309 England and Euro 2020Tabled: **12/07/21** Signatories: **19**

Mr Clive Betts
 Dan Jarvis
 Dame Angela Eagle
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Paul Blomfield
 Ian Byrne

Paula Barker
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Kim Johnson
 Andy Slaughter
 Mr Virendra Sharma

Mick Whitley
 Hilary Benn
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Siobhain McDonagh

Mike Amesbury
 Sir John Hayes
 Maria Eagle
 Ian Mearns

This House congratulates the England Football Team, manager Gareth Southgate, the players and all the back room staff for the way they have represented the country with dignity and commitment; particularly commends them for the clear and demonstrable opposition to racism and discrimination which they have shown before every game and throughout the whole tournament; and believes they should be proud of themselves as this House is proud of them.

310 Edward de BonoTabled: **12/07/21** Signatories: **1**

Sarah Olney

That this House celebrates the life of Edward de Bono, author and doctor, who has died aged 88; admires his authorial legacy, especially his work on encouraging creative thinking; notes his creation of the term lateral thinking, the employment of unorthodox means to solve a problem; further notes the lasting impact of his transformational book entitled Six Thinking Hats in business settings; and remembers his humour, tenacity and commitment to imagination.

311 Racism following the Euro 2020 finalTabled: **12/07/21** Signatories: **1**

Mary Kelly Foy

That this house unequivocally condemns the racist abuse aimed at the England Men's Football team after the UEFA European Championship Final on 11 July 2021; notes that 19 year old Arsenal forward Bukayo Saka was forced to take down his Instagram account as a result of racist abuse; further notes that the mural of 23 year old Manchester United forward Marcus Rashford in Withington was defaced following the match; further condemns the abuse suffered by fans outside the stadium and the violence that broke out before and after the game; recognises the work of Show Racism the Red Card in its 25th anniversary year and supports its call for the Government to hold social media companies and individuals to account; and calls on the Government to display leadership on this issue and to match its rhetoric with action, to tackle the rising threats of online hate crimes, and to acknowledge that some ministerial statements on the booing of taking the knee are incompatible with eradicating racism from all walks of 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.

251 National PTA Awards 2021

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 8

Ian Mearns
Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery
Grahame Morris
Jon Trickett
Wera Hobhouse

John McDonnell

That this House celebrates National PTA Week, which took place from 21 to 25 June 2021 and was launched by Parentkind, the largest network of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) fundraisers in the UK; recognises the remarkable achievement of voluntary efforts that have raised over £300 million for schools over the last three years; acknowledges the dedication and determination that PTAs have shown in maintaining support for schools despite the devastating effects of the covid-19 pandemic; notes the vital role played by PTAs, not only in fundraising, but in building the school community; and congratulates the National PTA Award winners Nields Junior Infant and Nursery School PTFA for PTA Fundraising Achievement of the Year, Willesborough Junior School Fundraisers for PTA Community Initiative of the Year, The John Roan School Association as New PTA of the Year, Michelle Draper and Rachel Rodway from High Cross Primary School PTA as PTA Volunteers of the Year, Teresa Banks from Friends of Holy Trinity Primary School as PTA Hero, and Community at Linden Lodge for Changing the Life of the School and as PTA of the Year.

265 Co-operative businesses 250 years after Robert Owen

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 9

Geraint Davies
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Dan Jarvis
Alison Thewliss
Christine Jardine

John McDonnell

That this House notes that the UK co-operative movement has grown to a combined annual turnover of £38.2 billion and has increased by £340 million in the last year; notes that over 7,000 independent co-operatives in the UK are owned by over 14 million members and 241,714 employees; recognises the contribution of the co-operative sector in response to the national effort against the effects of the coronavirus pandemic; further recognises the role co-operatives can play in rebuilding the economy in the aftermath of the covid-19 crisis; notes that Co-operatives Fortnight takes place from 21 June until 4 July 2021; recognises that 2021 marks 250 years since the birth of Robert Owen and notes his contribution and legacy as the father of co-operation; and urges the Government to take steps to increase the size of the co-operative sector.

266 Sarcoma UK and Sarcoma Awareness Month 2021

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 43

Marion Fellows
Dr Philippa Whitford
Kirsten Oswald
David Linden
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon

Grahame Morris

John McDonnell

That this House recognises Sarcoma Awareness Month from 1 to 31 July, and its importance in spreading awareness of Sarcoma as an uncommon and fast-spreading cancer; acknowledges the necessity of early, fast and accurate diagnosis for the 5,300 people diagnosed with the disease annually in the UK; recognises the hard work of carers, NHS and Hospice staff for all they do to support patients; commends the charity Sarcoma UK for its excellent work in providing essential information, support and advocacy for those diagnosed with Sarcoma and their families; and further commends the staff at Sarcoma UK for continuing to advocate for Sarcoma patients to have access to the best physical and psychological care possible.

268 Srebrenica Memorial Week 2021

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 35

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Patricia Gibson
Kenny MacAskill
Wera Hobhouse

John McDonnell

That this House notes that from 4 to 11 July 2021, the UK will mark Srebrenica Memorial Week with commemorations taking place in hundreds of schools, local authorities, places of worship, community centres, and police forces to name but a few, all of which bring the nation together in powerful acts of remembrance to mark the 26th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide; further notes the theme for this year is Rebuilding Lives, which will enable individuals to gain an insight into the challenges that those who survive genocide and ethnic cleansing face and how they have been able to overcome these challenges whilst encouraging others to think about our own responsibility in ensuring that prejudice does not take root in our communities; recognises the courage of the survivors who continue to be a source of inspiration, and who despite experiencing the very worst of humanity, have shown great strength and determination to rebuild their lives; and commends the work done by the charity Remembering Srebrenica who since 2013 have educated 130,000 young people on the lessons from Srebrenica, enabled over 1,800 community actions to take place right across the country each year, and have created 1,450 Community Champions who pledge to stand up to hatred and intolerance in their communities.

269 International School Aberdeen, showing racism the red card

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 14

Stephen Flynn
John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Amy Callaghan

John McDonnell

That this House congratulates pupils from the International School Aberdeen on being selected as finalists in 2021's Show Racism the Red Card Creative Competition; notes that over 1,500 young people from across Scotland took part, creatively expressing their messages of inclusion with some fantastic artwork, poetry, creative writing, t-shirt designs, music and short films; acknowledges that the competition encourages children to develop a piece of creative work that gets across a clear message of anti-racism and the positive impact this can have on the attitudes of young people, and wider society; and praises the continuous work of Show Racism the Red Card in Scotland in encouraging and educating young people to respect each other.

273 Service reductions at the British Council

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 23

Chris Stephens
Wera Hobhouse
John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Stephen Farry

John McDonnell

That this House acknowledges the vital role of the British Council in promoting education, training and language across the globe; notes that it was created in 1934 to improve global cultural relations and social mobility and currently works with over 100 countries worldwide changing the lives of millions and helping people to understand other cultures as well as promoting British values; is aware that the British Council employs over 11,000 people across the world with over 1000 being UK based staff; is further aware that ordinarily the British Council generates 85 per cent of its income through teaching and examinations but has faced major difficulties due to the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that in 2020 thanks to the campaigning efforts of the PCS Union and other supportive organisations and individuals, additional money was secured from Government to see the organisations through its financial difficulties; is concerned that the loans provided as well as emergency funding has come with stringent and detrimental conditions determined by the FCDO including the sale of a section of its commercial business in India, a restructure resulting in a 15 to 20 per cent cut to staffing and estates related to the organisation potentially resulting in the loss of around 2000 skilled and vital jobs; and therefore calls on the FCDO to halt the redundancy process and support the British Council in future strategic and detailed planning which retains jobs and the valued reputation of the organisation across the world.

274 Importance of youth work

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 13

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Ian Lavery
Mick Whitley
Jim Shannon

Jeremy Corbyn

John McDonnell

That this House notes the incredible work and dedication of youth workers across the UK who have been supporting young people throughout this pandemic when all other support networks have been closed or have been inaccessible; further notes the decision by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to recognise youth workers as key workers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that youth work is a degree entry profession and that the JNC agreement states that all professional youth workers must have a degree or equivalent qualification; recognises that youth workers have faced real-terms pay cuts of as much as 24 per cent over the past 10 years; believes that all young people across the UK should have access to a statutory funded, wide-ranging and universal youth service with ring-fenced funding from central Government which is delivered by local authorities working closely with schools and youth voluntary organisations; and further believes that the joint trade union claim for youth worker to receive a 10 per cent pay rise plus an improvement in work-life balance would deliver real improvements to the well-being of staff, and consequently to the quality of youth services provided.

277 Growth in employee-owned businesses

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 10

Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the growth in Scotland of employee-owned Scottish companies; and supports the Scottish Government's target of having 500 employee-owned businesses by 2030 to help maintain a strong and resilient commercial sector in Scotland, where being an employee-owned enterprise is seen as a positive option to enhance skills, productivity and company revenues.

279 Care RadioTabled: **5/07/21** Signatories: **9**

Christine Jardine
Jamie Stone
Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon

Marion Fellows**Wera Hobhouse****John McDonnell**

That this House welcomes the launch of Care Radio, the UK's first dedicated radio station for carers; notes that there are around 9 million paid and unpaid carers across the UK, including NHS workers, care home employees and at-home carers; recognises that carers have played an important role throughout the covid-19 pandemic supporting older, infirm and vulnerable people; understands that Care Radio is a not-for-profit station entirely run by volunteers; pays tribute to the many volunteers, individuals and organisations supporting Care Radio; believes that a dedicated radio station for carers will help to raise awareness about the role of carers and celebrate their achievements; and wishes the Care Radio team every success with their launch.

282 Incoming Iranian President and human rights abusesTabled: **5/07/21** Signatories: **5**

Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Carol Monaghan
John McDonnell

That this House expresses concern about the selection of known human rights abuser Ebrahim Raisi as President of Iran; notes that he was elected with the lowest turnout in the history of the Islamic Republic in an election marred by undemocratic processes and where moderates were barred from standing; further notes with extreme concern Raisi's role in a death commission, which forcibly disappeared and extrajudicially executed in secret thousands of political dissidents; recognises the increasing restrictions placed on those practicing minority faiths and beliefs in Iran, including Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Bahaism and the Sunni branch of Islam; is alarmed by reports of a forced exodus of the Christian community and the warnings of Release International that the persecution of Christians in the country is set to intensify following Raisi's election; echoes Amnesty International's call for Raisi to be investigated for crimes against humanity; calls on the Iranian government to repeal its blasphemy laws, which specify that blasphemy can be punished by death for men; and further calls on the Iranian government to release all prisoners held for demonstrating their peacefully-held beliefs and urges the it to allow its citizens' full religious freedom, including the removal of restrictions that prevent Iranians from choosing their own faith.

283 Homophobic attacks on LGBTQ+ campaigners in Tbilisi

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 17

Layla Moran
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning
Andrew Gwynne
Jamie Stone

Wera Hobhouse

John McDonnell

That this House strongly condemns the attacks on LGBTQ+ campaigners in Tbilisi; expresses its regret that the Tbilisi Pride march has had to be called off as a result; expresses concern for the safety of LGBTQ+ campaigners and other community members, as well as those journalists who were attacked; calls on the Government to condemn the words of Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili that the march was not reasonable; further calls on the Government to further promote and uphold LGBTQ+ rights and all other human rights worldwide; and resolves that the right to protest must be upheld in all parts of the world.

284 Hassan Mushaima and political prisoners detained in Bahrain

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 12

Andy Slaughter
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
Kenny MacAskill
Andrew Gwynne
Mary Kelly Foy

John McDonnell

That this House is deeply concerned by the decade-long detention of 73-year-old Hassan Mushaima in Bahrain who was sentenced to life imprisonment for his peaceful role as a political opposition leader in 2011; decries that Mushaima was brutally tortured, subjected to protracted medical negligence and that his condition continues to severely deteriorate; profoundly regrets that since April 2021 two political prisoners and Jau Prison inmates, Husain Barakat and Abbas Malallah, died at Jau Prison; emphasises that Jau Prison authorities' failure to prevent covid-19 outbreaks amongst inmates puts the lives of vulnerable prisoners like Mushaima at serious risk; notes that the European Parliament recently called for the release of Mushaima and others; is concerned that the UK Ambassador to Bahrain recently praised Jau Prison as a well-run facility with good medical provision despite the UN, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy expressing concern at authorities persistent failure to provide adequate medical care in Bahrain's prisons; unreservedly condemns Bahraini authorities' perpetration of systematic medical negligence against vulnerable prisoners; further condemns false assurances provided to this House by the UK Government regarding the provision of medical care to political prisoners in Bahrain; and calls on the Government to use all available leverage to press Bahrain for the immediate and unconditional release of all Bahraini political prisoners detained solely for peacefully exercising their right to free expression, association and assembly, with particular reference to political leaders with heightened vulnerability to covid-19, namely Hassan Mushaima, Abduljalil Al-Singace and Abdulwahab Husain.

286 First anniversary of Bow Crane collapse

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 13

Apsana Begum
Ian Byrne
Jeremy Corbyn
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Mick Whitley

That this House notes with deepest regret that 8 July 2021 marks the tragic death of June Harvey after a tower crane fell on her house in Bow in 2020; further notes with sadness other fatalities as a result of crane collapses; pays tribute to the construction safety campaign, largely led by bereaved relatives and trade unions, raising concerns about the under-regulation of health and safety in the construction industry amidst a reduction in inspections and reductions in the Health and Safety Executive's resources, particularly since 2010; and calls on the Government to ensure that legislation and guidance regulating cranes are robust and that the HSE has the resources for vigorous enforcement.

287 March for Dignity - Tbilisi Pride 2021

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 20

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jamie Stone
Jonathan Edwards
Layla Moran
Alison Thewliss

John McDonnell

That this House is saddened and disappointed to note the cancellation of the recent March for Dignity Tbilisi Pride event after a violent counter demonstration; condemns the actions of Georgian authorities which allowed a mob to break in and ransack the offices of the organisers; notes with concern that 53 journalists were among the hundreds injured in the violence around the city; further notes that protecting minorities, and free and fair expression is a cornerstone of liberal democracy, and one which is enshrined in Georgia's Constitution; gratefully acknowledges the joint letter issued by more than 20 Embassies and delegations in Tbilisi including that of the UK condemning the violence; supports their contention that those responsible for the violence should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law; notes that Georgia is one of the most ancient nations in the world, and that LGBT+ Georgians have existed as long as the nation; shows solidarity with those LGBT+ Georgians and their allies; and offers its support to their continued in the future.

289 Aberdeen FC Women's Premier League 2 title

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 12

Stephen Flynn
Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Richard Thomson
Marion Fellows

Anum Qaisar-Javed

Pete Wishart

That this House congratulates Aberdeen FC Women on their historic Scottish Women's Premier League 2 title; applauds all players for their outstanding performances in securing qualification for SWPL 1; notes that the team secured the title on 27 June 2021 at the Regional Performance Centre in Dundee; commends the manager Emma Hunter for leading the team to remarkable success; and wishes the team every success in the Scottish Women's Premier League 1 next season.

290 APPG Report on UK funding facilitating human rights abuses in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia

Tabled: 7/07/21 Signatories: 14

Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Deidre Brock

Andrew Gwynne

John McDonnell

That this House expresses concern at the findings of the July 2021 report by the APPG on Democracy and Human Rights in the Gulf which shows that at least £53.4 million in public funds have benefited Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states since 2016; is shocked that beneficiaries of UK-funding include institutions in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia accused of facilitating and perpetrating human rights abuses and potential war crimes; is alarmed by the considerable lack of transparency and accountability surrounding the Integrated Activity Fund (IAF), despite the government recommending a root and branch overhaul to strengthen the transparency, accountability and governance of the IAF as early as 2019; is concerned that £10 million has been allocated to GCC states through the IAF's successor, the Gulf Strategy Fund (GSF), for 2021-22, including support for abusive Bahraini oversight bodies; maintains that funding assistance to those bodies places the Government at risk of complicity in their abuses; raises concern over claims made by Ministers regarding the IAF and GSF; notes serious problems with the Government's human rights due diligence process which the report finds is flawed, improperly applied and entirely absent in some cases and urges that it should be replaced with binding statutory safeguards; affirms that the Government's pursuit of closer ties with the region must not come at the expense of human rights; and asks the Government to seriously consider responding to and implementing the report's recommendations, including suspending the GSF pending an independent investigation.

292 NHS Highland and Raigmore Hospital

Tabled: 7/07/21 Signatories: 4

Jamie Stone
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

That this House is aware that NHS Highlands' largest hospital, Raigmore, has received code black status; is concerned that health staff in the Highlands are facing unprecedented levels of demand due to the increase in covid-19 cases and hospital admissions; notes that those pressures are in part due to the downgrading of other local healthcare facilities in the Far North; and calls on the Scottish Government and UK Government to work together to support NHS Highland.

293 Access to cash

Tabled: 7/07/21 Signatories: 27

Marion Fellows
Owen Thompson
Kirsten Oswald
Navendu Mishra
Allan Dorans
Dr Philippa Whitford

Jonathan Edwards
 Stewart Hosie

Anum Qaisar-Javed
 John McDonnell

Wera Hobhouse

That this House recognises the importance of access to cash for the UK population; notes that due to bank branch closures and the loss of free-to-use ATMs across the UK, millions are at risk of losing access to cash; further notes that all communities should be guaranteed a right to cash services including withdrawal and deposits to cash and that these services should be available to the penny and free at the point of use recognising the importance of cash to those most vulnerable and small businesses; supports the services offered by all Post Offices for cash withdrawals and deposits under the current banking framework; further supports the Post Office's Save Our Cash campaign which highlights the importance of access to cash; and calls on the Government to introduce legislation to ensure access to cash is protected by law.

294 Sheena Nelson and the Rotary International Champion of Change award

Tabled: 8/07/21 Signatories: 7

Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
John Nicolson
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans

Anum Qaisar-Javed

That this House congratulates Sheena Nelson from the Helensburgh Garelochside Rotary club on her Champion of Change award from the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland; acknowledges that the award is in recognition of her voluntary work as the club's Heartstart Volunteer Co-ordinator to train members of the public in the vital cardio-pulmonary resuscitation techniques to improve the chances of survival of those in cardiac arrest and heart attacks; commends Sheenah's outstanding fundraising efforts which has seen 200 community defibrillators

installed across Helensburgh, Lomond and West Dunbartonshire and is now focused on ensuring that there are no gaps in the defibrillator network; acknowledges that an estimate of 27 lives over recent years have been saved due to Sheenah tireless campaigning; and wishes Sheenah the very best in her continued work to educate the public on the use and benefits of community defibrillators.

295 Brynn Hauxwell, Young Fundraiser of the Year

Tabled: 8/07/21 Signatories: 4

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Chris Stephens
Anum Qaisar-Javed
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Shetlander Brynn Hauxwell for being awarded the Young Fundraiser of the Year award at the 2021 Pride of Scotland ceremony; notes that Brynn has raised around £10,000 for Ability Shetland across the last 18 months during two separate challenges; that these challenges included a gruelling 1,679 mile effort, the length of the coast of Shetland, and 16 half-marathons in May; and welcomes the funding and awareness Brynn has raised for Ability Shetland in its remit to support the efforts of disabled people to realise their full potential in all areas of life.

296 Access to safe and legal credit

Tabled: 8/07/21 Signatories: 5

Sir David Amess
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Wera Hobhouse
John McDonnell

That this House recognises the serious harm caused by illegal money lending and a lack of access to safe and legal credit; notes the rise in vulnerable women becoming victims of sexual exploitation and being forced into prostitution by loan sharks; further notes that the demise of the home collected credit market will only see an increase in loan sharks forcing vulnerable women into debt bondage; and supports the preservation of legal and regulated credit for vulnerable people.

297 Nutrition aid

Tabled: 8/07/21 Signatories: 9

Alyn Smith
Chris Stephens
Hywel Williams
John Nicolson
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards

Anum Qaisar-Javed

Marion Fellows

John McDonnell

That this House urges the Government to recognise the importance of investment in nutrition to support its aims for girls' education; notes that impacts of malnutrition are particularly heavy on women and girls and that cases of anaemia, stunting and malnutrition are correlated with poor school performance; stresses that the UK was previously considered a leader in combatting malnutrition and now risks undermining its international reputation in addition to putting millions of lives at risk; and calls on the Government to incorporate nutrition aid into its focus area of girls education.

298 VAT on sunscreenTabled: **8/07/21** Signatories: **11**

Patricia Gibson
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Deidre Brock
John Nicolson
Carol Monaghan

Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell

Dr Lisa Cameron

Stewart Hosie

That this House calls for sunscreen to be reclassified as an essential healthcare item and therefore be exempted from VAT, given the important role it plays in preventing serious health conditions such as skin cancer; understands that sunscreen is currently classified as a cosmetic product in the UK and is therefore subject to 20 per cent VAT, which adds around £1.50 to the cost of each bottle; recognises that Cancer Research UK has concluded that being sunburnt once every two years can triple the risk of melanoma skin cancer, and that melanoma skin cancer incidence rates have more than doubled in the UK since the early 1990s; and calls on the Government to therefore take action to remove VAT on this essential product to make it more affordable and to encourage people to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

299 Pride of Scotland Lifetime Achievement Award awarded to Professor Sir Geoff PalmerTabled: **8/07/21** Signatories: **19**

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Amy Callaghan
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Chris Stephens
Joanna Cherry

Jonathan Edwards

Anum Qaisar-Javed

Dave Doogan

That this House expresses its profound congratulations to Professor Sir Geoff Palmer on being awarded a Pride of Scotland Lifetime Achievement Award; notes that Professor Sir Geoff Palmer has made significant contributions to fields as diverse as brewing and human rights activism; recognises that he discovered the barley abrasion process, which was subsequently adopted by the UK's biggest breweries; notes that in 1998, he became the fourth person to be honoured with the American Society of Brewing Chemists Award of Distinction; further notes that he became Scotland's first black professor in 1988 and is now serving as emeritus professor in the School of Life Sciences at Heriot-Watt University as well as the University's chancellor; understands that he lived in Jamaica until shortly before his fifteenth birthday before moving to England to join his mother, who had moved here as a member of the Windrush generation; commends his role over the past year as a powerful voice in the movement for change prompted by Black Lives Matter, including leading the successful campaign for a reinterpretation of the Melville Monument in Edinburgh honouring Henry Dundas.

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This House notes that the UK Government has authorised hundreds of millions of pounds worth of arms sales to Israel between 2016 and 2020; believes that the UK Government should end these arms sales as part of efforts to end Israel's militarized repression of Palestinians, violations of international law and the illegal occupation of Palestine; and therefore welcomes the presentation of the Israel Arms Trade (Prohibition) Bill laid on 7 July 2021 that seeks to stop the UK Government from authorising arms sales to Israel.