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# Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 13 September 2021

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# **New EDMs**

# 422 Beekeeping lessons at St Ninian's High School

**Kirsten Oswald** 

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 1

That this House applauds the work of biology teacher Angela Yekken of St Ninian's High School who used a course in beekeeping as a means of teaching pupils about science, the environment, leadership, and social justice; notes that Angela worked with a mixed group of Advanced Higher pupils and younger pupils with additional support needs to study beekeeping in nearby Rouken Glen Park, which is home to beehives and a visiting beekeeper under the auspices of Young Enterprise Scotland; further notes that the course was an ideal opportunity to learn safely outdoors during lockdown and that the students were so keen on the course that they carried on looking after the 50,000 bees during the summer holiday; recognises the part played by the pupils in the Senior Phase of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence who were able to use this as an opportunity to demonstrate leadership by taking the opportunity of supporting younger pupils with Additional Support Needs through the course; and congratulates Angela on her nomination in the Learning for Sustainability Awards run by the Daily Record newspaper and Education Scotland, which highlight the amazing work being undertaken in Scotland's schools and the commitment of teachers, pupils, and volunteers to environmental and social justice issues.

# 423 SATs in the 2021-22 Academic Year

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 1

# **Daisy Cooper**

That this House recognises the enormous effect that the covid-19 pandemic has had on pupils' mental health; notes the study by UCL Institute of Education researchers which found that a fear of poor SATs results is driving headteachers to separate pupils by ability despite the impact on children's self-esteem and confidence; believes that the UK's teach-to-test approach to education has led to valuing high stakes exams above other more meaningful measures of attainment; further

believes that high-stakes testing, exemplified by SATs, distorts the work of schools, narrows the curriculum, increases stress on pupils, adds to teachers' workload, and affects most severely those who are most in need; further notes that SATs do not provide teachers with any further information on their students' progress than was not already available to them; notes that during the covid-19 pandemic teachers are having to spend ever more time on pastoral care and that preparing students for tests that are not useful is wasting valuable time that could be used more productively elsewhere; further believes that parents want teachers to spend more time teaching and less time testing pupils; and calls on the Government to scrap SATs for primary age pupils in the 2021-22 academic year.

# 424 Auchengeich Mining Disaster 62nd anniversary

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 1

### Steven Bonnar

That this House acknowledges that Saturday 18 September 2021 is the 62nd anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining disaster; respectfully remembers the 47 men who lost their lives after a fault with equipment caused a fire in the mine; further remembers that 41 women were widowed by that tragedy, and 67 children lost their father; expresses gratitude to Councillor Willie Doolan and all at the Auchengeich Memorial Committee for their commitment in continuing to commemorate the disaster by arranging a memorial service every year at the Auchengeich Memorial statue in Moodiesburn; and commends the whole Moodiesburn Community for their dignity, respect and togetherness in their endeavours to keep alive the memories of those lost to the disaster.

# 425 Commemoration of Martyrdom Day of Kashmiris

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 1

# **Bob Blackman**

That this House commemorates with deep sadness the 31st Martyrdom Day of Kashmiri Hindus on 14 September, those Hindus having lost their lives to cross-border Islamic Jihad who committed atrocities on the population of Jammu and Kashmir, India; expresses its condolences to the families and friends of all those who were killed, raped and injured in that act of genocide; is concerned that the Kashmiris who fled to save life and limb have still not secured justice for those atrocities committed against them; commends the resilience and courage shown by the members of the Kashmiri Pandit community who survived that gruesome ethnic genocide; recognises the role of Panun Kashmir in campaigning for the rights of Hindus in Kashmir; and urges the Government of India to legislate a genocide crime punishment law in fulfilment of their international obligation by being a proposer and signatory to the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

# 426 Emma Raducanu, 2021 US Open women's champion

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 8

Mr Toby Perkins Gareth Bacon Chris Evans David Mundell Tonia Antoniazzi Sir Robert Neill

Bob Stewart Mike Amesbury

That this House is delighted, amazed and inspired by the performances of Emma Raducanu in winning the US Open without losing a set; notes that she is the first qualifier in the history of tennis to win a grand slam event; congratulates Emma and all those involved in her success; further notes that an estimated television audience of over 9.5 million watched Saturday's match; hopes that this success will inspire future generations of girls, boys and adults to take up tennis; and encourages the LTA, the Government and local tennis clubs to use this success to further drive up participation of this sport which can be enjoyed by people across the country regardless of age, sex or ability.

# 427 National care service

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 10

Jon Trickett
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Ms Diane Abbott
Richard Burgon
Nadia Whittome

Ian Lavery Zarah Sultana Paula Barker

Kim Johnson

That this House notes £7.7 billion has been cut from social care budgets since 2010; further notes that this has resulted in 1.4 million older people not having the care they need for essential daily tasks and that 300,000 people are now on local authority waiting lists for adult social care services; notes the existing model of care provision through private providers, with 84 per cent of social care beds in the private sector, exacerbates the funding crisis through profit-making and dividend payments; regrets that the 170,000 unfilled vacancies in the social care sector are caused by chronic underpayment and poor working conditions, with up to three in four care workers not earning a real Living Wage; notes reports, including by the Centre for Health and the Public Interest, that around 10 per cent of the care home industry's £1.5 billion income is taken out in the form of rent, profit, directors' fees and debt repayments; further regrets that the Health and Social Care Levy will raise funds from those on low incomes whilst leaving wealth assets unaffected; notes that the £86,000 cap on social care costs will be of no benefit to the vast majority of ordinary people who do not have assets above this value, and is concerned it will not deliver sufficient funding to solve the social care crisis; and urges the Government to develop plans for a National Care Service funded fairly through progressive taxation, universally available to all, free at the point of use.

# **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.

# Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report on women's state pension age

Tabled: 22/07/21 Signatories: 17

Tabled: **22/07/21** 

Liz Saville Roberts Hywel Williams Chris Stephens Zarah Sultana Ben Lake Margaret Ferrier

Caroline Lucas

That this House welcomes the publication of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report titled Women's State Pension age: our findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes; is concerned by the report's findings of maladministration and failure by DWP to appropriately inform women of changes to their State Pension Allowance; and calls upon the UK Government to fully engage with the Ombudsman's findings and meet with campaigners to come to an equitable solution to address the injustice of state pension inequality, a problem which affects 3.7 million women in the UK, including 194,000 in Wales.

# 363 Rise in antisemitic hate crime

Layla Moran Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake Wera Hobhouse Alison Thewliss

Caroline Lucas

That this House condemns the appalling rise in antisemitism in the weeks during and after the devastating escalation of violence in Israel and Palestine; notes with concern that the Community Security Trust (CST) recorded 628 antisemitic hate incidents between 8 May and 7 June 2021; regrets that is the highest number of antisemitic hate crimes that the CST has ever recorded in any monthlong period; notes with further concern that this represents roughly four times the normal number expected during that period; believes it is shameful that in the UK, British Jews often suffer when violence flares up in a region thousands of miles away; and resolves to continue to call out all injustices in the Middle East and seek for a peaceful solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict.

# 373 National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 11

Mick Whitley [R] Andrew Gwynne Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Kim Johnson Kate Osborne

Apsana Begum Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes that we breathe in, drink and eat plastic particles every day; recognises that little research has been conducted to fully establish what risk that poses to human health; further notes that when plastic gets into the body it can spread; understands that particles emitted from plastic prosthetic implants have been found in human organs like the liver, spleen and placenta; believes that new clinical research on plastic and health is urgently required but is chronically underfunded; notes that in 2021 Whitehall announced its commitment to making Britain a world leader in research and development across health, life sciences and manufacturing, with some £15 billion invested into research and development for 2021-22; asserts that part of that budget must be ringfenced to urgently understand how increasing exposure to plastic particles affects human health; and endorses social enterprise Common Seas' calls for the Government to rapidly introduce a new £15 million National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund.

# 374 NHS Lanarkshire's support for the armed forces

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 4

Margaret Ferrier Chris Law Carol Monaghan Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates NHS Lanarkshire for their award of the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award for their outstanding support for the armed forces community, one of only 140 organisations announced in July 2021 by the Minister for Defence People and Veterans; commends the efforts of Craig Cunningham, NHS Lanarkshire's Armed Forces and Veteran's Champion, the staff and local veterans in the design of the unique service provided to support veterans, Reserves, Cadet Force Local Volunteers and their families; and recognises the value of that fantastic work, made possible through volunteer hours in already difficult circumstances, in providing that service by veterans, for veterans.

# 375 Olympian Laura Muir

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 10
Amy Callaghan

Marion Fellows Chris Law Allan Dorans Alison Thewliss Patrick Grady

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates East Dunbartonshire constituent Laura Muir following her triumphs at the Olympic Games in 2021; notes that Laura won the Olympic silver medal in the 1500m while also setting a new British record of 3 minutes 54.50 seconds; recognises the hard work, sacrifice and

dedication athletes have made, particularly during the covid-19 pandemic, to compete this year; further wishes Laura well for her future endeavours; and congratulates all athletes who trained hard and competed in the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2021.

# Women's rights in Afghanistan

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 20

Kirsten Oswald Anne McLaughlin Marion Fellows Navendu Mishra Mick Whitley Paula Barker

Caroline Lucas Jim Shannon

That this House is horrified at the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and is particularly concerned about the impact on women and girls of the collapse in the Afghan government and return to power of the Taliban; notes that some 80 per cent of the near quarter of a million Afghans forced to flee their homes between the end of May and early August this year are women and children, which must be reflected in asylum planning by the UK Government; notes that assurances given by Taliban representatives, including to the Russian foreign ministry in July 2021, that they would respect human rights, including those of women, within the framework of Islamic norms and Afghan traditions, has allowed local Taliban leaders to repudiate Afghanistan's Law on the Prohibition of Violence Against Women, which was passed in August 2009, and return to the days of child marriage and forced marriage, with evidence emerging of young girls and widows being demanded as brides for Taliban fighters; further notes the words of Mahbooba Siraj, founder of the Afghan Women's Network, who said that if the Taliban took over it would crush women's voices, and Pashtana Durrani, Executive Director of LEARN, an Afghan NGO for girls' education, who said that, for Afghan women, this means losing your houses, your dreams, your goals, your ambition, your identity; and calls on the UK Government and the international community to stand united behind women's rights, including the right to education, in Afghanistan.

# 377 Earthquake devastation in Haiti

Tabled: 18/08/21
Patricia Gibson
Marion Fellows
Paula Barker
Chris Law

Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

Jonathan Edwards

That this House expresses its sadness and sympathy for the victims of the earthquake that struck Haiti on Saturday 14 August with a magnitude of 7.2 on the Richter Scale, in which at least 1,297 people are confirmed to have died, an estimated 5,700 people have been injured with an unknown number of people left homeless and in need of basic humanitarian aid; remembers the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, which killed more than 200,000 people, the bout of cholera accidentally and subsequently introduced by United Nations forces through contamination of a water source, which killed at least 10,000 Haitians; recalls the impact of Hurricane Matthew in 2016, which inflicted extensive damage to the country's infrastructure and economy; notes with concern the potential impact of tropical storm Grace which is anticipated to sweep over the country with wind speeds of 40-50 miles per hour on 16 and 17 August, likely causing further damage; encourages people across

Scotland to donate to charitable appeals; and urges the Scottish and UK Government to contribute to the provision of immediate and long term relief to help the people of Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere, deal with the aftermath of yet another humanitarian crisis.

# 382 Deregulated bus transport

Grahame Morris Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Jim Shannon Dan Carden Jonathan Edwards

Caroline Lucas

That this House is concerned with the adequacy of deregulated bus services in England outside London; notes the near unanimous consensus that the current system is not delivering for passengers and the multitude of reports finding as such; further notes that in England alone, average fares have increased 403 percent since deregulation, ridership has fallen almost 40 percent, and some 3,000 routes have been cut; acknowledges the many complaints from passengers concerning poor reliability and fragmented service; further acknowledges the harms caused by the breakdown of bus services, including on access to work, healthcare, and community; recognises that buses provide an essential service and account for some 4 billion journeys per year; further recognises that attractive and convenient local bus services are important to meeting the Government's climate goals; believes that structural changes are necessary for improving local bus services; and calls on the Government to ease the process for local authorities to franchise bus services, repeal the ban on municipal bus services, support local authorities making use of these options, and adopt a minimum service frequencies standard that all people can rely on.

# 383 The Ministerial Code and the conduct of the Prime Minister

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 78

Tabled: 6/09/21

Dawn Butler Grahame Morris Ian Mearns Kate Osborne Clive Lewis Mick Whitley

Caroline Lucas Paul Blomfield Dr Rupa Huq

Steven Bonnar

That this House believes that trust in the ministerial code has been eroded by the actions of the Prime Minister; further believes that the Prime Minister should no longer be the guardian of the code as he has been shown to lack the moral aptitude needed; and therefore calls for steps to be taken to make the House of Commons responsible for deciding whether alleged breaches should be investigated and determining whether Ministers have breached the code.

# 386 World Suicide Prevention Day, 10 September

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 19

Patricia Gibson Marion Fellows Stewart Hosie Ronnie Cowan Jim Shannon Chris Law

Caroline Lucas Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House recognises that suicide is among the top 20 leading causes of death globally for people of all ages and that, according to the World Health Organisation, an estimated 703,000 people die by suicide worldwide each year; acknowledges the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on mental health and the provision of in-person mental health support across the UK; pays tribute to the efforts of those working in mental health services, including in NHS 24, who have been doing an incredible job in very difficult circumstances; supports the aims of the International Association for Suicide Prevention in raising awareness and reducing stigma and encouraging meaningful and safe conversations around suicide through its World Suicide Prevention Day themes; commends this year's theme of creating hope through action, as a reminder that there is an alternative to suicide and that, through action, everyone can make a difference to someone in their darkest moments; and resolves to take every opportunity to support people experiencing a suicidal crisis and those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

# Communication of changes to the state pension age for 1950s-born women

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 57

Andrew Gwynne Claudia Webbe Navendu Mishra Dame Angela Eagle Paula Barker Kim Johnson

Caroline LucasPeter GrantBeth WinterRebecca Long BaileyMartin Docherty-HughesMark TamiTim FarronMr Alistair CarmichaelJohn McNally

Dr Lisa Cameron Dr Julian Lewis

That this House notes the recent findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report entitled Women's State Pension Age: our findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes; urges the Government to recognise the negative effects of successive DWP maladministration; calls for compensation for 1950s-born women; notes the profound mental, physical and economic pressure placed on 1950s-born women due to poor communication from the DWP; recognises that the issue of State Pension Inequality for Women is not party-political; calls on colleagues from across the political spectrum to work together to find a solution; commends the exceptional campaigning being done by 1950s-born women; calls on the Government to meet with campaigning groups and the APPG on State Pension Inequality for Women to help develop a fair and fast resolution to this problem; expresses dismay at the fact that no DWP Ministers came to the House to address the PHSO findings prior to the summer recess; calls on the Secretary of State to update the House as soon as possible on what steps she will be taking to compensate 1950s-born women.

#### 393 Foreign Secretary's handling of the UK's withdrawal from Afghanistan

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 17

Wendy Chamberlain **Ed Davey** Mr Alistair Carmichael **Tim Farron Daisy Cooper Sarah Olney** 

Caroline Lucas

That this House censures the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for his handling of the UK's withdrawal from Afghanistan, which has put the lives of Afghan interpreters in grave danger; and believes that if the Prime Minister is not prepared to dismiss him, the Secretary of State's Ministerial salary should be removed for the rest of this Parliament as a result of this dereliction of duty.

#### 394 **Drug strategy**

**Grahame Morris** Jim Shannon Dan Carden **Mick Whitley Mohammad Yasin** Allan Dorans

Caroline Lucas Kim Johnson

That this House notes that ONS data released on 3 August 2021 revealed a record number of drugrelated deaths in 2020, with 4,561 deaths in England and Wales and 1,339 deaths in Scotland, higher than any other European country; further notes that almost half of homicides and half of acquisitive crimes are drug-related; is appalled that all but 10 local authority drug and alcohol treatment services in England have experienced a real-terms budget reduction, with four seeing reductions of more than 40 per cent; welcomes the Government's commitment to working closely with the devolved Administrations to develop effective drug policies; further welcomes the appointment of Professor Dame Carol Black as ongoing independent advisor on drugs; and reaffirms the urgent need for Government to fulfil the recommendations of Carol Black's Review of Drugs.

#### 399 World Electric Vehicle Day

**Douglas Chapman** Kenny MacAskill **Marion Fellows Chris Law** Jonathan Edwards Jim Shannon

Dave Doogan Owen Thompson

That this House urges the Government on World Electric Vehicle Day to look to Scotland and Nordic neighbours for a joined-up policy approach on the transition to electric vehicles; encourages the Government to celebrate the achievement of Norway as the first country in the world where electric vehicles outsell traditional combustion-engine cars; requests that the Government develops

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a holistic policy, such as that followed in Norway with more incentives for potential electric vehicle buyers and to provide many more affordable charging points in towns, cities and rural areas and at workplaces; and applicate the Scottish Government for its continued commitment to strengthen the EV Charging Place network as part of its drive towards Net Zero Scotland.

# 402 Achievement of Team GB in the Paralympics

Tabled: 7/09/21 Signatories: 11

Jim Shannon Carla Lockhart Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson Sammy Wilson Mohammad Yasin Patrick Grady

Paul Girvan Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House celebrates the tremendous achievement by Team GB in the Paralympics coming second only to China in the medals charts; notes the wonderful achievements from every country that makes up this wonderful UK and, in particular, highlights Strangford constituent, Bethany Firth, on her medal haul including two gold and two silver medals in swimming at the 2020 Olympics alone; congratulates every medal winner and member of the coaching team for their wonderful achievement; further highlights the tremendous encouragement that seeing Team GB excel at the Paralympics has provided to so many; and calls upon the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to work with the National Lottery in reviewing funding arrangements for our Paralympians in hopes of increasing this haul at the next world games.

# 403 Persecution of Christians in Northern Nigeria

Tabled: 7/09/21 Signatories: 15

Jim Shannon Carla Lockhart Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson Sammy Wilson Jonathan Edwards Brendan O'Hara

Paul Girvan Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House notes the escalation in persecution of Christians in Northern Nigeria, highlighting that more Christians are killed in Nigeria than in any other world nation; further notes Opendoors' assessment that men and boys are particularly vulnerable to being killed, with the intention of lowering the birth rate of Christian communities and removing their sources of income, and that Christian women are often abducted and raped by militant groups and sometimes forced to marry Muslims; calls on the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to liaise with NGOs on the ground in Nigeria to ascertain where best funding and support streams could be used; and further affirms this House's commitment to promoting freedom of religion and belief by all diplomatic measures available.

# 406 Prescription charges

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 19

Mick Whitley
Paula Barker
John Spellar
Sir George Howarth
Mr Virendra Sharma
Andrew Gwynne

Caroline Lucas Zarah Sultana Tony Lloyd

That this House restates its commitment to the National Health Service as a universal service free at the point of delivery and its belief that access to medication is a fundamental right; recognises the devastating impact that covid-19 has had on access to health services; is deeply concerned that increased waiting times could leave people with long-term conditions relying on medication to manage their pain and health conditions; considers the implications of the Government's consultation on aligning prescription charges with the state pension age as being deeply dangerous and likely to disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities and widen existing health inequalities; fears that such a move would leave many older patients struggling to fund their medication; believes that those proposals would further increase pressure on NHS services through expensive hospital admissions; expresses its concern that more patients will have to make health choices based on their ability to pay for prescriptions; and calls on the Government to follow the devolved administrations in ending prescription charges for people with long-term health conditions in England and to set out a medium to long-term strategy for the scrapping of prescription charges altogether.

# 410 Shortage of HGV drivers

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 10

Daisy Cooper Sarah Olney Claire Hanna Chris Stephens Jim Shannon Wera Hobhouse

Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes with concern that the shortage of HGV drivers in the UK is at crisis point; regrets that even before the covid-19 pandemic, when the UK road transport business employed approximately 600,000 drivers, that there was still a shortfall of as many as 70,000 vacancies; further notes with growing alarm that many of the 60,000 drivers from EU member states who were residing and working in the UK before Brexit have now left the British jobs market; calls on the Government to take seriously the combined stresses of added border checks since Brexit, an aging and fast retiring workforce, ever increasing numbers of EU drivers who are choosing not to work in the UK and the delays caused by covid-19 safe industry measures; requests that an industry-wide support scheme is urgently developed by the Secretary of State for Transport to increase the rate of driver training and recruitment; further calls on the Chancellor to compensate small and medium-sized haulage firms for the costs involved with border checks and delays with our EU neighbours and to reduce the impact of IR35 regulations on these same firms; and asks the Home Secretary to add HGV drivers to the UK Shortage Occupation list to attract overseas labour to the UK.

# 414 Play therapy

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 8

Tabled: 9/09/21

Dr Lisa Cameron Chris Stephens Douglas Chapman Allan Dorans Jim Shannon Marion Fellows

Paul Girvan Jonathan Edwards

That this House recognises the importance of play therapy in helping children who are experiencing mental illness or trauma and considers that therapy to be an essential component of the covid-19 recovery programme; notes that play therapy is an internationally recognised and highly cost effective health intervention for children for whom talking therapies like counselling are not always appropriate; further notes that play is essential to every child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical, creative and language developmental needs, assisting the learning process for all children and young people including those for whom verbal communication may be challenging; commends the role of organisations such as Play Therapy UK, Play Therapy International and the professional, highly-trained UK play therapist workforce who are currently supporting some of our most vulnerable children; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the vital role of play therapy in its covid-19 recovery programme and ensure that play therapy is one of the core services provided by the new and developing network of family hubs recently announced by the Minister for Children and Families.

# 415 **Stort Crossing**

Robert Halfon Jim Shannon

That this House understands concerns that the Stort crossing proposals will have on the beautiful environment of the Stort Valley in Harlow constituency; further understands the threat that those proposals pose to local wildlife and ecosystems; recognises the concerns on those proposals raised by hundreds of local residents; further recognises that the plans for that problematic development have been inherited from the previous Labour Council who agreed to the proposals in the 2020 Local Plan; notes that Harlow Conservative Councillors voted against the 2020 Local Plan; further notes the upcoming Planning Committee meetings of both East Herts Council and Harlow District Council at which this planning application will be considered; and calls on the Government to put pressure onto the developers to reassess those plans and go back to the drawing board.

# 416 Adult social care workforce and Local Government

Tabled: 9/09/21 Signatories: 15

Paula Barker Mick Whitley Wera Hobhouse Navendu Mishra Kim Johnson Dan Carden

Jim Shannon Andrew Gwynne Zarah Sultana

Apsana Begum Tony Lloyd

That this House notes the pre-covid-19 outbreak changes to funding for adult social care council budgets since 2010; recognises local Government as the primary commissioners of adult social care services; notes with concern the absence of local Government as part of the Government's announcements on social care reforms and delivery; further notes that the £5.4 billion assigned to adult social care out of the £36 billion to be raised over three years following the introduction of the Health and Social Care levy is not adequate to match the scale of the issues facing that sector; notes that the statement made by the Prime Minister of 7 September 2021 is a plan predominately to assist the NHS and not the broken adult social care sector; asserts the Government has not addressed the job retention and vacancy problem facing the adult social care sector by improving pay, terms and conditions as well training opportunities for the care workforce; recognises the inability of the market to provide the solutions to underoccupancy in care homes and the sharply increasing demand for home care services; and agrees with the calls of Age UK to provide a big injection of funding to councils' care budgets which includes a social care workforce strategy to meet rising demand and the needs of disabled and older people by widening the criteria for state support alongside a new deal for unpaid, informal carers.

# 417 **AOC Europe 2021**

Tabled: 9/09/21 Signatories: 24

Ian Byrne [R] Kim Johnson Paula Barker Dan Carden Mick Whitley Margaret Greenwood

Jonathan Edwards Dawn Butler

That this House opposes the planned staging of the AOC Europe 2021 electronic warfare event, organised by Clarion Defence and Security, at Liverpool's Arena and Convention Centre (ACC) in October 2021; notes that that event will bring together many of the biggest global arms companies with government and military officials attending from across the world; further notes that that event will showcase and display a wide range of armaments and military equipment; notes that such military equipment being showcased has been used, and continues to be used, by regimes that have abused human rights and civil liberties; recognises that the use of such military equipment inevitably exacerbates the potential for conflict and undermines the search for peaceful solutions to international problems; further recognises that communities in Liverpool have proudly stood with those suffering injustice for many years and agrees that the staging of that event is an affront to the city's shared values; calls on ACC Liverpool Group to reconsider hosting that event, and any future events, which undermine the city's commitment to peace and human rights; and urges ACC Liverpool Group to work with Liverpool City Council to develop and adopt an ethical charter as company policy.

# 418 Scottish National Investment Bank support for Nova innovation

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 3

Douglas Chapman Jim Shannon Allan Dorans

That this House welcomes the £6.4 million funding package by the Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB) to support Nova innovation, a Scottish company specialising in meeting global demand for tidal turbines; and further welcomes the company's determination to support the Scottish Net Zero supply chain and their commitment to manufacturing the core technology of their products in Scotland

419 **Trodelvy** 

Mick Whitley Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Jim Shannon Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 4

That this House welcomes the news that Trodelvy, a new treatment for women living with incurable metastatic triple negative breast cancer, has been licensed through Project Orbis for use in Great Britain; expresses concern that women now face a delay before they can access the drug and potentially miss out on extra months to live; further welcomes Breast Cancer Now's Time for Trodelvy campaign, which is supported by over 200,000 people; and urges Gilead, the drug's owner, to reach an agreement with NHS England to ensure all eligible women can access the drug immediately ahead of a NICE decision.

# 420 Introducing a Wealth Tax

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 15

Richard Burgon John McDonnell Jon Trickett Bell Ribeiro-Addy Apsana Begum Zarah Sultana

Beth Winter Jonathan Edwards Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes that almost a quarter of all household wealth in the UK is held by the richest one per cent. of the population; further notes that the wealth of UK billionaires increased by £106 billion since the start of the pandemic; believes that it is unjust that taxes on work are much greater than taxes on wealth; rejects the remarks by the Chancellor who stated in July 2020 that I do not believe that now is the time, or ever would be the time, for a wealth tax; notes that there are growing calls for wealth taxes both in the UK and around the world with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres calling for governments to introduce wealth taxes to help reduce global inequality exacerbated by the covid-19 pandemic; notes that the UK Wealth Commission, made up of a team of over 50 experts on tax policy, concluded in their December 2020 report that a wealth tax would be preferential to raising taxes on incomes; and calls on the Government to introduce a wealth tax as a progressive alternative to raising taxes on working people.

# 421 Believe in Scotland Day of Action

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 4

Douglas Chapman Jonathan Edwards Allan Dorans Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House welcomes the launch of the first Believe in Scotland mass Day of Action to be held on Saturday 18 September 2021 which will fire the starting gun on a major co-ordinated grassroots independence campaign in Scotland that will run until an independence referendum takes place; and further welcomes the determination of Believe in Scotland and over 100 YES groups to take a confident and positive message on Scotland's future as an independent country to every doorstep the length and breadth of the nation.