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New EDMs

441 Criminal Law

Neale Hanvey Kenny MacAskill Tabled: 16/09/21 Signatories: 2

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That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Scottish Sites under Section 129) Order 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 1021), dated 8 September 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9 September 2021, be annulled.

442 Access to cash (No. 2)

John Nicolson

That this House recognises that many people living in rural communities need access to cash, particularly those who are elderly or financially excluded; further recognises that the many post office closures are having a devastating impact on people's access to wider services as well as cash; and implores the Government not to forget the many people who rely on cash in policy going forward.

443 North East Child Poverty

lan Lavery

That this House notes the rapidly increasing levels of child poverty in the North East, including in Wansbeck, among other areas of the North, rising from 26 per cent in 2014-15 to 37 per cent in 2019-20 now the second highest rate across the country only behind London; further notes

the profound effects this has on children growing up in poverty in Wansbeck and elsewhere on almost every facet of life from educational outcomes, health outcomes, economic outcomes which puts them at a huge disadvantage compared with their peers; notes that these problems will all be compounded by the £20 cut to universal credit that will only serve to widen the already gross inequalities in this country; and notes the need to act urgently to tackle child poverty as an essential aspect of any levelling up project before the worst economic, social, and political effects manifest themselves.

444 Young Christian Climate Network Relay to COP26

Tabled: 16/09/21 Signatories: 1

EARLY DAY MOTIONS

Munira Wilson

That this House congratulates all those taking part in the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) Relay to COP26 that is taking place 11th June to 31st October 2021; praises the efforts of the organisers and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to facilitate the events; commends all those taking part to raise awareness of the detrimental impacts of climate change on people's livelihoods and homes; notes with concern that climate-vulnerable countries cannot access finance for adaption and climate-induced damages without incurring further debt; regrets that the Government has reduced its foreign aid budget to 0.5 per cent of national income; and supports the calls of the YCCN Relay for the Government to reinstate foreign aid budget to pre-covid levels and further calls on the Government to show leadership at COP26 in finding ways to finance the climate-induced loss and damage faced by vulnerable countries whilst avoiding further pushing these countries into debt.

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.

373 National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 14

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

Christine Jardine

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.

383 The Ministerial Code and the conduct of the Prime Minister

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 88

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

Hannah Bardell Munira Wilson Sarah Olney

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.

397 Remembering the Featherstone Massacre 1893

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 10

Jon Trickett Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Jim Shannon Dan Carden Mick Whitley

Carol Monaghan

That this House remembers the atrocities which took place in Featherstone, West Yorkshire on 7 September 1893; pays tribute to the six people injured and two killed, named James Gibb, 22, and James Duggan, 25, after the army was ordered to fire shots into a crowd of miners and their families, who were fighting against a 25 per cent reduction in pay which would have plunged so many into poverty, whilst the coal owners tried to increase profits; highlights the struggles of workers in the UK today who are facing an assault on their pay, terms and conditions by employers attempting to fire and rehire their staff on more exploitative contracts; believes the historic struggle for workers' rights and fair pay is part of the rich tapestry of British working class history; and seeks to continue to learn the lessons of imposing poverty pay, unfair working conditions and even violence on working communities.

410 Shortage of HGV drivers

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 18

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

Munira Wilson Carol Monaghan

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

Signatories: 15

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

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

Kim Johnson Colum Eastwood Christine Jardine

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.

416 Adult social care workforce and Local Government

Tabled: 9/09/21 Signatories: 23

Tabled: 8/09/21

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

Caroline Lucas

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.

419 Trodelvy

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 12

Mick Whitley Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Jim Shannon Tracey Crouch Ian Lavery

Wera Hobhouse Siobhain McDonagh Andrew Gwynne

Caroline Lucas Sir George Howarth

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: 22

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

Caroline Lucas Wera Hobhouse Claire Hanna

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.

423 SATs in the 2021-22 Academic Year

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 12

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Jamie Stone
Wendy Chamberlain
Layla Moran

Wera Hobhouse Munira Wilson Caroline Lucas

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: 22

Steven Bonnar Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Jonathan Edwards Brendan O'Hara

Carol Monaghan Christine Jardine

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.

426 Emma Raducanu, 2021 US Open women's champion

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 16

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

Carol Monaghan Christine Jardine

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: 28

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

Wera Hobhouse Claire Hanna Caroline Lucas

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.

428 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and acute lymphoblastic leukaemia

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 12

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Signatories: 4

Kirsten Oswald Richard Burgon Ian Mearns Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards

Wera Hobhouse Claire Hanna Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan Anum Qaisar-Javed Christine Jardine

That this House acknowledges that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; notes that blood cancers are the most common cancers affecting children and young people and that acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL), a type of leukaemia where cancerous cells build up in the bone marrow, is the most common cancer diagnosed in children, further notes that ALL is an acute leukaemia, which means it develops quickly and needs treatment straight away; recognises there are around 790 diagnoses of ALL in the UK each year, including over 500 in people aged under 25; welcomes signs that improvements in outcomes for children and young people with ALL have been driven by improvements in treatment related to clinical trials, including the use of CAR-T therapy, which has been effective in curing some patients with advanced cancers where other treatments have failed; expresses its appreciation for the work of groups such as the Teenage Cancer Trust and Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group who are working to provide and improve the care and treatment of young people with ALL, supporting them and their families through the aftermath of a diagnosis and the extended period of treatment, which may last for two or more years; and calls on the Government to provide additional funding and support for research into promising treatments, such as CAR-T therapy, and effective means of recognising the signs and symptoms of ALL and other childhood cancers to ensure early diagnosis, which plays such an important role in ensuring survival from these distressing diseases.

429 Kharkiv Pride 2021

Stewart Malcolm McDonald Jonathan Edwards Allan Dorans Carol Monaghan

This House congratulates people taking part in the Pride march in Kharkiv, Ukraine; notes that the third annual civil rights march attracted a record crowd of between 2000-3000 participants; however, condemns the violence that was instigated by right-wing protestors at the end of the parade; salutes the efforts of LGBT+ campaigners in Ukraine for stepping up efforts to gain recognition, support, and protection in the face of threats and intimidation; shows solidarity with those LGBT+ Ukrainians and their allies; and offers its support to them in the future.

430 Danny Quigley 10 Iron Man challenges in 10 Days

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 4

Colum Eastwood Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards Claire Hanna

That this House wishes to extend its congratulations to Danny Quigley following his inspirational sporting achievement in completing 10 Iron Man challenges in 10 days to raise money for Pieta House and the Bogside & Brandywell Health Forum's 1-2-1 Counselling Service, in memory of his father Colm who died by suicide 10 years ago; notes that to date he has raised over £88,000; recognises that Danny stands out as an inspiration to people across Derry City and beyond for his commitment and athleticism; and affirms that his contribution will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the lives of many across the city.

431 Tyrone men's senior football team 2021 GAA All Ireland Final

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 5

Colum Eastwood Jim Shannon Claire Hanna Carol Monaghan Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates Tyrone in their 2021 All Ireland Senior Football Championship victory scoring 2-14 to Mayo's 0-15; congratulates all the players, managerial and coaching team in securing Tyrone's 4th All- Ireland Senior Football Championship; and marks the efforts of all those involved in the GAA from coaches and players to staff behind the scenes and volunteers across Ireland and Britain, their dedication and commitment to the GAA which continues to ensure it is a pillar of Irish cultural and sporting life and a focal point for many communities at home and abroad.

432 Support from Strangford firms for Afghan refugees

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon
Sammy Wilson
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Margaret Ferrier
Claire Hanna

Carol Monaghan

That this House notes the generous offer by two Strangford firms Mash Direct and Willowbrook Foods to house and employ a number of Afghan refugees; further notes the fact that they have had difficulty filling these place with local workers and wish to be supportive in these awful times for those who are at risk due to their support for democracy and freedom in Afghanistan; highlights that there may be other firms who would be willing to help should the Government make clear a straightforward and accessible process for hiring and housing these needy people; and recognises that society stands against tyranny and oppression, and supports Afghan nationals who are suffering.

434 Support for the Plant Based Treaty

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 8

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck Colum Eastwood Wera Hobhouse Jim Shannon Bell Ribeiro-Addy Tony Lloyd

Christine Jardine Caroline Lucas

That this House welcomes the Plant Based Treaty aiming to put food systems at the heart of combating the climate crisis by encouraging a shift to healthier and sustainable plant-based diets, while simultaneously working to reverse the damage to ecosystems and biodiversity; and calls on the Government to use COP26 in Glasgow as an opportunity to be a world leader in recognising the negative impact of industrial animal agriculture on climate change and commit to developing a global strategy to transition towards more sustainable plant-based food systems.

435 Back British Farming Day

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 6

Tim Farron
Andrew Gwynne
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Caroline Lucas

That this House welcomes the National Farmers Union's Back British Farming Day on the 15 September 2021; recognises the key role farmers play in producing the food we eat and as stewards of our countryside; believes that farmers are key allies in tackling the climate and ecological emergencies; supports the introduction of a public money for public goods system for farm payments; further believes existing basic payments should continue in full until the new Environmental Land Management Scheme is fully rolled out; considers the Government's failure to protect UK standards on environmental protection and animal welfare to be deeply damaging to farmers; calls on the Government to protect those standards; and further calls for Parliament to be given the final say on any trade agreement.

Justice for the Yazidi and other religious minority victims of Daesh genocide

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 6

Brendan O'Hara Marion Fellows Wera Hobhouse Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Carol Monaghan

That this House recalls that on 20 April 2016 the House voted 278 to 0 in favour of declaring the crimes of Daesh as genocide; notes that the Government contributed to the successful establishment of the UN Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Daesh/ISIL (UNITAD) to collect and preserve the evidence of Daesh's atrocities in Iraq and to support Iraqi domestic efforts to hold the perpetrators to account; further notes that UNITAD identified 1,444

suspected perpetrators responsible for the attacks against the Yazidis, including 14 members deemed most responsible for the atrocities classified as war crimes, crimes against humanity and even genocide; is concerned that only a few perpetrators have been brought to justice, whether in Iraq or abroad, and for terror-related offences only; and calls on the Government to lead the initiative at the UN Security Council to either refer the situation in Iraq to the International Criminal Court or to establish an ad-hoc International Tribunal for Daesh's atrocities in Iraq to ensure justice for the survivors and families of victims of the crimes of Daesh.

437 Frank To and the Humanium Metal Humanitarian Project

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 6

Drew Hendry Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Carol Monaghan Brendan O'Hara

That this House recognises Scottish artist Franks To's dedication to global peace through art; commends him on his successful collaborations with IM Swedish Development Partner, who created a new type of alloy from illegal firearms seized in conflict areas; appreciates the emotional and important messaging behind the artwork of Frank To including in his latest project which involves the creation of Humanium alloy pastels which will be used for public art displays in areas affected by gun violence; recognises the impact that the procurement and destruction of illegal firearms have on the lives of millions around the world; and wishes Frank success in highlighting the cause of global peace.

438 Primark Inverness Staff Fundraising Efforts for Macmillan Cancer Support

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 5

Drew Hendry Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates Primark Inverness staff on their recent Ben Nevis climb in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support; notes that the team of five have already raised three times their target having raised nearly £900 for the charity; and recognises that their fundraising efforts will go towards supporting cancer patients and their families as they deal with the impacts of a cancer diagnosis.

439 Cru Holdings recognition as a Hospitality Sector Living Wage Employer

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 4

Drew Hendry Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Highland Hospitality Group on becoming accredited as a real living wage employer; notes that Cru Holdings which operates six bars and restaurants in Inverness and Nairn are the first of its kind in the area to be accredited under the Real Living Wage Scheme;

further notes that the group have achieved this recognition during an extremely challenging economic time; and commends the company's commitment to a fair wage and to the wellbeing of their hundred strong workforce.

20 years of limits on press and freedom of expression in Eritrea

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 10

Patrick Grady Jeremy Corbyn Marion Fellows Wera Hobhouse Jim Shannon Claire Hanna

Allan Dorans Carol Monaghan Brendan O'Hara

Christine Jardine

That this House notes that 18 September 2021 will mark the 20th anniversary of the decision by the Government of Eritrea to ban all independent media outlets in the country, and the arrest and arbitrary detention of journalists and political activists; further notes that those prisoners of conscience include Aster Fissehatison and 10 others who had written an open letter to the President of Eritrea calling for democratic political dialogue, unity and the peaceful rule of law; notes reports by Amnesty International that the group has never been put on trial or charged with any offence and that no official word on its whereabouts or physical condition has ever been given to family members or friends; notes that the Committee to Protect Journalists has reported that least 11 journalists were arrested in the round-up, and several more were jailed the following month, estimating that 17 journalists remain in prison to this day, none of whom has been heard from since that time; welcomes the work of these campaign groups and members of the Eritrean community living outside Eritrea to raise awareness of these prisoners of conscience, including a new exhibition of photos and images which will be launched by Eritrea Focus to mark the anniversary; and calls on the Government to work with the international community to address ongoing abuses of human rights in Eritrea.