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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 24 May 2022

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New EDMs

97 Busmen's Mission

Tabled: 24/05/22 Signatories: 1

Carla Lockhart

That this House notes the positive impact of the Busmen's Mission on the community in Lurgan for the last 70 years; marks with thanks and sorrow that the last meeting of the Mission will be held on Wednesday 25th May, and thanks all those who helped the Mission in their transformative work in the local community.

98 Storage of US nuclear weapons in the UK

Tabled: 24/05/22 Signatories: 2

Kirsten Oswald

Caroline Lucas

That this House is deeply concerned that the United Kingdom has been added to the United States' list of nuclear weapons storage site locations in Europe and that, according to information released by the United States' government, these storage sites are being upgraded; is concerned that this signals a change in the nuclear status of RAF Lakenheath, and that, having been removed in 2008, US nuclear weapons may have already been returned to the base or that the base will receive nuclear weapons in the future; condemns the refusal of the Ministry of Defence to comment on this information to members of this House; notes that RAF Lakenheath, whilst owned by the Ministry of Defence, is run by the United States Air Force; further notes that storage of another country's nuclear weapons on UK soil puts UK citizens at greater risk of nuclear attack; and calls on the Government to decline to host US nuclear weapons at RAF Lakenheath and to use all possible diplomatic efforts to de-escalate current nuclear tensions.

99 Cost of livingTabled: **24/05/22** Signatories: **1****Jon Trickett**

That this House expresses its deepest concerns about the explosion in the cost of living and its impact on millions of working people across the country, with inflation now at nine per cent, wages stagnating or declining and the cost of energy, food, transport, childcare and many other essentials rising at an alarmingly rapid rate; notes that the situation has become so desperate for millions of people that we are now facing a social emergency; acknowledges this has been compounded by global forces such as the war in Ukraine and the pandemic, but reminds the Government that failure to help people with the cost of living totally undermines any serious attempt to level up our country; and calls on the Government to take radical action in the form of a Marshall Plan style investment scheme to invest in decent jobs and pay, public services, research and development, infrastructure and energy, particularly in held back areas, which could be paid for by taxing wealth, levelling up taxes on capital gains, dividends and other forms of wealth so as to be in line with at least the basic rate of income tax, and taking action on offshore loopholes and clamping down on tax avoidance.

100 GP Surgery Closures in YorkshireTabled: **24/05/22** Signatories: **1****Jon Trickett**

That this House expresses its gratitude and thanks to the hard-working and dedicated staff that work in our health services, particularly during the trying period of the covid-19 outbreak; notes that there has been a significant increase in pressure on GP surgeries in the last five years, with rising workloads, a lack of funding to meet demand and a difficulty in recruiting and retaining staff, as highlighted by the Kings Fund; expresses the deep concern that in the past year a further 6 GP surgeries have closed in Yorkshire and the Humber, further to nearly 200 closures between 2010-2020; and calls on the Government to reverse these cuts, relieve the pressure, increase smart and strategic funding, put an end to outsourcing services and build an NHS fit for the 21st century.

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.

28 Abortion rights in the United StatesTabled: **11/05/22** Signatories: **21**

Ms Diane Abbott
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Daisy Cooper

That this House expresses its grave concern about the series of attacks that have been launched in the United States on a woman's right to choose; notes that the leaked opinion of the US Supreme Court overturning the judgement of Roe v Wade has been authenticated; is aware that poorer

women and many from ethnic minorities already experience severe difficulties in exercising their reproductive rights and that this situation could become much worse; further notes that anti-choice campaigners in the United States are attempting to build support overseas, including in this country; and resolves to support a strong defence of a woman's right to choose in this country and internationally.

32 ME Awareness Day 2022

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 42

Carol Monaghan
Rachael Maskell
Jonathan Edwards
Cat Smith
Margaret Ferrier
Stephen Metcalfe

Christine Jardine

Wera Hobhouse

That this House recognises 12 May 2022 as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) Awareness Day, which aims to highlight the impact this condition has on approximately 250,000 people across the UK; commends the endless dedication of campaigners and charities working to raise awareness of ME as a serious and debilitating neurological condition; welcomes the publication of the new National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines on ME/CFS which has removed the recommendation of graded exercise therapy; looks forward to the full implementation of these guidelines as part of a complete overhaul of how ME services are planned and delivered; and calls on the Government to take urgent and significant steps to improve health and social care provision for people with ME.

34 Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 43

Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Kim Johnson
Tommy Sheppard
Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas

Daisy Cooper

Mick Whitley

That this House is shocked by the killing of Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli forces whilst reporting on raids in Jenin; extends its sincere condolences to her family and colleagues who are devastated by her death; is appalled that this widely-respected, brave and committed journalist was hit by a bullet whilst wearing a press vest, with gunfire having started without prior instruction to stop filming; notes that fellow journalist Shatha Hanaysha who was present at the time believes that the group was targeted for attack by the Israeli army; considers that this shocking incident must be in the wider context of Israeli forces systematically targeting journalists working in Palestine and the failure to properly investigate killings of media workers; notes that the International Federation of Journalists, the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate and the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians previously submitted a formal complaint to the International Criminal Court last month regarding such treatment; calls for a full independent investigation of this case, with swift action to bring those responsible for Shireen's death to account; and joins the

National Union of Journalists and the International Federation of Journalists in demanding an end to, and justice for, the wider targeting and killings of Palestinian journalists by Israeli forces.

40 Registration of deaths after a public inquiry

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 33

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Yvonne Fovargue
Alex Cunningham
Rosie Cooper

Peter Dowd

Paul Blomfield

Ian Byrne

That this House notes the urgent need to amend legislation to allow grieving families the choice to register the death of a loved one after a public inquiry; highlights the heart-breaking case of Liam Curry and Chloe Rutherford from South Shields who were tragically murdered in the Manchester Arena terror attack in May 2017 and whose parents are being denied the chance to register the death of their own precious children; further notes that for many families, registering a death may be a vital step in their grieving process, especially in cases of an unexpected and traumatic death that results in an inquiry; and calls on the Government to put bereaved families at the heart of inquiries by listening to their needs and making the necessary changes to this important issue.

44 Ownership of Channel 4

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 35

Jamie Stone
Mr Barry Sheerman
Kim Johnson
Jonathan Edwards
Douglas Chapman
Rachael Maskell

Dr Philippa Whitford

Paul Blomfield

Dan Carden

That this House is concerned about the Government's plans to privatise Channel 4, a publicly owned company that does not cost the taxpayer a penny; notes that Channel 4 is not run for profit and is therefore free from the need to create return for shareholders; acknowledges that Channel 4's remit to demonstrate innovation, experiment and creativity makes a significant contribution to creating educational and distinctive programming; further acknowledges the substantial contribution Channel 4 makes towards the UK's creative economy and the levelling up agenda; considers that any step towards privatisation would inevitably replace Channel 4's characteristic public service ethos in favour of the narrow interests of shareholder profit; recalls the House of Lords Select Committee on Communications report entitled *A Privatised Future for Channel Four?* (July 2016), which warned that Channel 4 could be adversely affected by privatisation; further recalls that 96 per cent of people who responded to the Government's consultation on the ownership of Channel 4 disagreed with privatisation; and calls on the Government to end plans to privatise Channel 4.

46 Cats in road traffic accidents

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 24

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Margaret Ferrier

Paul Blomfield

That this House is proud to state that the UK is a nation of cat lovers with approximately 12.2 million cats in UK households; notes that this makes cats the second most popular pet in the UK, second only to dogs, with 27 per cent of households owning at least one cat; sympathises with the pain that is felt by pet owners when their pet is struck by a vehicle and fatally wounded; notes with sadness that, according to data from PetPlan, approximately 230,000 cats are hit by cars every year in the UK, averaging 630 every day; is alarmed that under section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, a driver is required to stop and report an accident involving horses, cattle, ass, mules, sheep, pigs, goats or dogs, but not cats; is aware that this distinction was made to protect working animals; argues that this distinction is no longer required in the modern-day where domestic animals are mainly kept as pets; cites a 2018 study by Carbuyer which found almost 60 per cent of those surveyed agreed the law should be changed to include cats as well; and calls on this Government to introduce a change in the law that would require drivers to report a traffic collision involving a cat.

60 Reduction in civil service employment

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 44

Chris Stephens [R]
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Grahame Morris

Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House condemns Government plans to cut 91,000 jobs from the civil service over the next three years; notes that departmental spending levels for the next three years have only recently been issued, following a process of assessing future staffing requirements; is angered to have learnt of these plans from tabloid newspapers rather than a statement to Members of Parliament, and considers this rushed announcement as a desperate attempt to deflect from their own failure to address the cost of living crisis; regards as spurious the claim that this would represent a return to 2016 levels, since at that time there were already serious issues of understaffing in Departments such as the Home Office and that, since then, withdrawal from the EU has increased the volume of work required; further notes that the lengthy backlogs currently experienced in HM Passport Office have resulted from a failure to plan, recruit and resource operations sufficiently to meet the upsurge in demand; believes the further loss of jobs in that department and others will only compound the present crisis; and therefore calls on the Government to withdraw these ill-considered proposals.

62 Ukraine debt cancellation

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 22

Richard Burgon
Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas
Layla Moran
Chris Law
Hywel Williams

Daisy Cooper

That this House recognises the devastating impact of the Russian invasion on the economy of Ukraine; notes the need for all the country's resources to be mobilised to support the humanitarian response and military defence; notes that the total external debt of Ukraine is \$54 billion and that Ukraine is due to make debt payments of \$7.3 billion in 2022 alone; notes with concern that the IMF has assessed Ukraine will need \$5bn a month for the next three months to address the impact of the invasion on the country's finances; calls on the Government to use its influence with G7 partners, the IMF and World Bank to suspend all external debt payments for as long as the war lasts and make it clear that a restructuring of debts involving all creditors will take place after the war that will make the debt sustainable; and further calls on the Government to work with partners to establish a fund to provide grants for emergency support and subsequent reconstruction of the country.

66 Visit of Franklin Graham to the UK

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 6

Mr Gregory Campbell
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Paul Girvan
Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson

That this House notes the visit to the UK by evangelist, Franklin Graham, on his God Loves You tour; acknowledges the fundamental right of those who wish to attend in support of, or others who wish to protest in opposition to, Mr Graham's explanation of biblical views on moral issues; and looks forward to debates that do not refuse or restrict his rights, or the rights of others to free speech arising from his visit, as he elaborates on his outline of the biblical stance on modern society and morality, as well as offering hope to those suffering as a result of the numerous problems faced by many individuals who are searching for a positive future for themselves and their families.

68 Plastic Free Pint campaign

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 10

Martyn Day
Allan Dorans
Wera Hobhouse
Ronnie Cowan
Chris Stephens
Apsana Begum

Christine Jardine

That this House supports the international campaign Plastic Free Pint by A Plastic Planet, which seeks an outright ban on plastic pint cups without delay; notes that globally 500 billion plastic

cups are used each year and lined up end to end they would span 50 MILLION kilometres – the same distance as 130 trips from Earth to the moon; acknowledges that those pint cups are almost exclusively made of plastic and are single-use items that will end up in landfill, in incinerators or directly in our natural environments; highlights that plastic cups are the sixth-most commonly found plastic item in Britain's rivers, and the eighth on the nation's beaches; and calls on the Government as well as hon. Members to work together to end the scourge of the plastic pint cups and help build a more sustainable planet.

69 Employment bill

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 17

Angela Crawley
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Wera Hobhouse
Deidre Brock
Patricia Gibson

Christine Jardine

That this House expresses its disappointment that the Government has not introduced an Employment Bill in the 2022 Queen's Speech; notes that an Employment Bill was announced in the 2019 Queen's Speech but is yet to reach the statute books; deplores the Government's missed opportunity to bring forth policies on flexible working by default, carer's leave, paid leave for neonatal care, paid miscarriage leave, leave for menopause and fertility treatments, prevention of workplace sexual harassment, the right to keep gratuities in full, and to extend redundancy protections to prevent maternity and pregnancy discrimination; condemns the Government's tacit acceptance of rogue employers who abuse outdated employment regulations; recalls the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's remarks in 2021 that an Employment Bill would be brought forward when the time is right; suggests the Government must act immediately to counter insecure work and exploitative practices such as fire and rehire and zero-hours contracts; recognises the coronavirus pandemic and the cost of living crisis has intensified the need for updated workplace protections; and urges the Government to make parliamentary time to bring forward an Employment Bill in order to keep its promises to protect and enhance workers' rights.

72 Specialist Huntington's Disease Services

Tabled: 17/05/22 Signatories: 32

Hilary Benn
Jonathan Edwards
Wera Hobhouse
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake

Claire Hanna
Neale Hanvey

Dr Philippa Whitford
Daisy Cooper

Christine Jardine
Dan Carden

That this House notes that Huntington's Disease is a rare, hereditary and incurable neurological condition that slowly robs patients of their ability to walk, talk, eat, drink, make decisions and care for themselves; notes that a University of Aberdeen study, published in the Journal of Neurology, highlights that the number of Huntington's Disease cases in northern Scotland has increased by almost 50 per cent over the last 30 years and understands that there are likely to have been similar increases throughout the rest of the United Kingdom; further notes that the Scottish Huntington's Association, the Huntington's Disease Association of Northern Ireland and the Huntington's Disease

Association England and Wales have confirmed that Huntington's Disease specialist staff are stretched to the limit, having had to deal with a rising number of cases without a commensurate increase in resources, with some areas having no specialist services at all; notes the often intolerable burden placed upon those caring for loved ones with Huntington's Disease; and calls on health and social care providers throughout the UK to expand specialist Huntington's Disease services and access to mental health and other essential support in order to help those living with Huntington's Disease and their families in the community.

74 World's first tidal turbine blade testing facility

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 8

Douglas Chapman
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

Margaret Ferrier

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes the world's first testing facility for tidal turbine blades has opened in Rosyth; further notes that in less than three months the FastBlade facility will be able to simulate the stresses placed on a turbine blade over two decades of use; recognises this will allow for the design of turbine blades to be significantly enhanced by making them more durable and efficient; anticipates this development will accelerate advances in tidal energy technology and Scotland's journey to net zero; and praises staff from the University of Edinburgh, Babcock, and other organisations involved in this initiative.

75 Changes to Universal Credit

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 15

Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Hywel Williams

Neale Hanvey

This House notes that Universal Credit payments are not keeping pace with rising living costs; notes that deductions taken from those payments, for example to repay advances, leave households on low incomes struggling to afford food and other essentials; recognises the action taken by the Department for Work and Pensions in 2021 to extend the repayment period for Advances from 12 to 24 months and to reduce the maximum rate of deductions from 30% of the standard allowance to 25%; and calls on the Department to immediately take further action by reducing the maximum rate to 10% again, in recognition of the fact that deductions are taken from benefits already set at subsistence levels.

76 Jallianwala Bagh Massacre

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 6

Mr Virendra Sharma
Jonathan Edwards
Mohammad Yasin
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Neale Hanvey

That this House recognises the importance of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre of 1919 for its importance as a turning point in the history of the Raj and British Empire in India; notes that the centenary of this event passed without a commitment to a public apology; further recognises that former Prime Minister, David Cameron, referred to the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre as a deeply shameful act; further notes that this event does not represent modern British values; urges the Government to ensure that British children are taught about this shameful period and that modern British values welcome the right to peaceful protest; and further urges the Government formally to apologise in the House and inaugurate a memorial day to commemorate this event.

77 Killing of Palestinian-American reporter Shireen Abu Aqla

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 14

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts

Sarah Olney
Layla Moran [R]

Christine Jardine
Daisy Cooper

Neale Hanvey
Tim Farron

That this House condemns unreservedly the killing of Palestinian-American Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Aqla in the Jenin refugee camp while reporting on a raid by Israeli forces; notes that last year UNESCO recorded fifty-five deaths of journalists while working; recognises that Shireen was an experienced and popular journalist across the Middle East and in Palestine in particular and that her loss will be deeply felt by colleagues and others across the region; notes that Al Jazeera producer Ali Samoudi was also injured in the shooting; calls on the UK Government to make representations to the Government of Israel to allow an independent investigation into the shooting so that those responsible can be held to account; and condemns further the violence inflicted on mourners at the funeral of Shireen Abu Aqla, described by the leaders of fifteen Christian denominations as a violent intrusion by Israeli police.

78 Implementation of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review recommendations

Tabled: 18/05/22 Signatories: 15

Cat Smith
Ben Lake
Apsana Begum
David Linden
Claire Hanna
Tim Farron

Ian Byrne

That this House notes that sodium valproate can cause serious problems in a developing baby; further notes that 10 percent of babies whose mothers take sodium valproate during pregnancy are at risk of having a birth defect, and up to 40 percent have problems with development and learning as they grow; welcomes the July 2020 Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review; and calls on the Government to implement its recommendations in full, including paying compensation to people disabled by sodium valproate.

80 Rangers in the UEFA Europa League

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 5

Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Christine Jardine
Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon

That this House honours the success of Rangers Football Club in the UEFA Europa League this season reaching the final in Seville; pays tribute to the efforts of the team despite their narrow loss on penalties to Eintracht Frankfurt in the Final; acknowledges the incredible leadership of Manager Giovanni Van Bronckhorst and his coaching staff; pays tribute to Rangers' club captain James Tavernier whose guidance, leadership and goals played a vital part in the club's success in the competition this season; extends tributes to the rest of the playing squad who have repeatedly shown true grit and desire to win en route to the final; commends the Ranger's fans for the passionate support they have given the club throughout the competition; and wishes the club further success in Europe in the coming years.

81 Bonnyrigg Rose promotion to the SPFL

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Chris Stephens
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Bonnyrigg Rose FC on their historic promotion to the Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL) following last week's victory over Cowdenbeath; notes that the 141 year-old, Midlothian-based club will now be playing SPFL League 2 football next season for the first time after a 1-0 win at Central Park sealed a 4-0 aggregate victory over Cowdenbeath in the

pyramid play-off final; commends the club's players, management and supporters for this historic promotion; and wishes Bonnyrigg Rose the very best of luck in the games to come.

82 Penicuik Athletic places second in the East of Scotland Premier Division

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Chris Stephens
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Penicuik Athletic FC on placing second in the East of Scotland Premier Division; notes that the Midlothian-based club, founded in 1888, placed second following their 2-1 match against Sauchie Juniors last month; commends the club's players, management and supporters for their impressive achievement; and wishes Penicuik Athletic the very best for all the games to come.

83 Play Therapy Base Ltd National Lottery Funding

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Play Therapy Base Ltd on receiving a £119,382 grant from Medium Grants Scotland: Improving Lives as part of the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the group will use the funding to support 50 children and families primarily from Midlothian by providing one to one play therapy sessions and filial therapy sessions; applauds Play Therapy Based Ltd for their work to provide child-centred therapeutic resources close to local Midlothian communities, including specific support for parents and children with anxiety and depression; recognises the sterling work done by the National Lottery Community Fund to distribute funding on behalf of National Lottery players who raise more than £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK; welcomes the awarding of £588.2 million of funding last year alone; and encourages projects and organisations to apply for grants whether large or small.

85 Iain MacNeil's global voyage

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 15

Angus Brendan MacNeil
Ms Anum Qaisar
Carol Monaghan
Jamie Stone
Drew Hendry
Mark Menzies

Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes that from the time of the great Magellan Expedition of 1518-1521, the first to circumnavigate the world, that mankind has always been fascinated with nautical circumnavigations of the world; warmly congratulates Iain MacNeil from the Hebridean Island of Barra, following in those footsteps by completing the first circumnavigation in the world in a sub-24 metre motor yacht class vessel, MV Astra, with 151 days at sea, crossing all 360 degrees of latitude and the equator twice, with a total covering 27,000 nautical miles; further notes that Iain MacNeil, and his four crew, follow in the proud tradition of the Clan MacNeil who according to legendary repute among the Scottish Highland Clans, were the only other people, other than Noah, to have a Galley boat at the time of the biblical flood.

86 Mobility support for terminally ill children under three

Tabled: 19/05/22 Signatories: 13

Ed Davey
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Wendy Chamberlain
Layla Moran

Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes that children under three are currently excluded from receiving the mobility component of the DLA; recognises that mobility is about more than just the ability to walk, in line with the mobility condition for children with visual impairments or autism that states they require substantially more guidance or supervision than a nondisabled child of the same age; acknowledges that children under three can still face significant challenges to their mobility, like relying on big and heavy equipment that is difficult to move; commends the great work of the Family Fund Mobility Support scheme in supporting families with disabled or seriously ill child under three to meet their mobility needs; and calls on the Government to extend the special rules DLA mobility to cover terminally ill infants under the age of three.

87 50th Anniversary of Age UK Gateshead

Tabled: 23/05/22 Signatories: 8

Liz Twist
Catherine McKinnell
Ian Mearns
Mr Nicholas Brown
Kate Osborne
Mary Kelly Foy

Christine Jardine

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates all involved with Age UK Gateshead celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year; notes that the services, which were first established in 1972, have grown and evolved and now include advisers helping older people to claim benefits they are entitled to, offering befriending services to lonely older people in the community and providing daily activities across the borough of Gateshead; acknowledges that this is just a small example of the amazing work Age UK Gateshead undertake on a daily basis; recognises the difference Age UK Gateshead has made to many people's lives during the last half century; and wishes Age UK Gateshead all the best for the next 50 years.

88 Detention of Tamil refugees in the British Indian Ocean Territory

Tabled: 23/05/22 Signatories: 8

Ed Davey
Sarah Olney
Munira Wilson
Christine Jardine
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

Layla Moran

That this House acknowledges that at least 89 Eelam Tamils, including 20 children, are being detained indefinitely on the British Indian Ocean Territory Diego Garcia after their boat was intercepted by British military; recognises that these refugees cannot return to Sri Lanka, where they have faced persecution as Tamils and in some cases even torture; is aware that 42 of the refugees have gone on a hunger strike to protest their situation, which is having a catastrophic impact on their mental health; notes with concern that British authorities are not offering legal counsel or assessing asylum claims on Diego Garcia, despite reports the group has made clear they are seeking international protection; emphasises the UK's international legal commitments to allow anyone to apply for asylum; and calls on the Government to provide enabling support to allow the Tamil refugees on Diego Garcia to claim asylum in a safe country of their choosing.

89 Laurie Ross Insurance Rutherglen's Glasgow Kiltwalk

Tabled: 23/05/22 Signatories: 3

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates members of Laurie Ross's Rutherglen branch for their fundraising efforts for the Rutherglen and Cambuslang foodbank by participating in the Glasgow Kiltwalk; notes that the foodbank was chosen by the branch's customers as the receiving charity with an overwhelming majority; recognises the foodbank's essential public service as the cost of living crisis deepens; celebrates the excellent collection of over £2,000 through this fundraising effort;

commends the efforts of all employees involved in the fundraising, and looks forward to hearing about their future fundraising work.

90 Reducing levels of PM2.5 pollution

Tabled: 23/05/22 Signatories: 11

Dame Angela Eagle
Rushanara Ali
Rosie Duffield
Neil Coyle
Clive Lewis
Grahame Morris

Christine Jardine

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the danger that high levels of air pollution pose to human health; acknowledges the importance of reducing air pollution as quickly as possible; and urges the Government to commit to reaching annual levels of fine particulate matter in line with the World Health Organization's interim target of 10ug/m3 by no later than 2030.

91 Queens Park FC promotion to the Scottish Championship

Tabled: 23/05/22 Signatories: 4

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Douglas Chapman
Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Queens Park Football Club, Scotland's oldest team, the players, staff and supporters on the club's promotion to the Scottish Championship as play-off winners; applauds the club in extending its own and the city of Glasgow's proud history of footballing success; and wishes Queens Park the very best of luck in the games to come.

92 15th anniversary of Black Diamond FM's first broadcast

Tabled: 23/05/22 Signatories: 2

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon

That this House sends warm wishes and congratulations to Black Diamond F.M. (B.D.F.M.) on the 15th anniversary of its first broadcast; commends the Newtongrange-based community radio station as an integral part of Midlothian's public life and major contributor to various educational and social inclusion programmes over the years; notes that the station is managed and staffed entirely by a dedicated team of volunteers and is operated by Midlothian Community Media Association, a small steering group made up of enthusiastic members of the local community aiming to advance education, promote social inclusion, and work with the community and voluntary sectors to enhance community media in Midlothian; congratulates B.D.F.M. on launching a second transmitter to celebrate its 15th birthday, with it now broadcasting on 100.7 FM as well as its original frequency of 107.7 FM; understands that B.D.F.M.'s first live transmission on 107.8 FM went out at 7am on the morning of the 21 May 2007, with the first song played being 'I'm on my Way' by the Proclaimers; recognises that from that moment B.D.F.M. truly was on its way to becoming an established and deeply valued Midlothian institution; recognises the immense value of community radio stations such as B.D.F.M. across Scotland and the United Kingdom in fostering a sense of community and

inclusion, as well as in bringing joy and music to thousands of homes; and wishes all the team at B.D.F.M. the very best of wishes for even more success in the years to come.

93 Cape Holdings and asbestos research

Tabled: 23/05/22 Signatories: 6

Ian Lavery
Jon Trickett
Christine Jardine
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey

That this House notes the court case which resulted in Cape International Holdings, one of the world's largest asbestos manufacturers, being forced to publish documentation revealing their cover up of the dangers of asbestos, and activity lobbying the Government to water down exposure limits and warnings; is concerned that Cape is a major contributor to the mesothelioma epidemic in the UK, where rates are the worst in the world, and must be held accountable for the many lives affected; and supports the call by the Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum and the Trades Union Congress for Cape Holdings PLC to make a £10 million donation towards the funding of mesothelioma research.

94 Baha'i community in Qatar

Tabled: 23/05/22 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Neale Hanvey

That this House notes the increasingly precarious situation of the Baha'i community in Qatar; expresses concern over reports that several Baha'is have been subject to administrative deportation and blacklisting from employment; notes the annex to the March 2022 report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief and the alarming findings of the report as regards the treatment of the Baha'i community in Qatar; recalls the strong ties between the UK and Qatar, and the recent visit to this country of His Excellency, the Emir of Qatar; and calls on the Government to encourage the Qatari authorities to review Section D of the Special Rapporteur's Annex, containing recommendations, and urge the Qataris to resolve the legal status of both Baha'i citizens and residents living in the Emirate.

95 Christian woman stoned in Sokoto, northern Nigeria

Tabled: 23/05/22 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes the horrific stoning of Deborah Yakubu, a young Christian woman in Sokoto, Northern Nigeria; further notes that the stoning took place after Ms Yakubu had expressed concern that a student What's App Group was being used inappropriately and she was subsequently accused of blasphemy; highlights that the body and school building were then torched in a further act of hatred and violence; and encourages the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to

make contact with counterparts in Nigeria and urge them to ensure that justice is done and those responsible for her death are held accountable.

96 Papers, minutes and correspondence relating to Sue Gray Report

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That there be laid before this House the minutes from or any notes of any meeting or meetings or any written or electronic correspondence between the Prime Minister and Sue Gray since the start of her investigation into alleged gatherings on government premises during Covid restrictions.