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New EDMs

287 Further Education

Jon Trickett

That this House has considered the importance of Further Education (FE) in the UK; acknowledges the impact of FE in educating 1.7 million people each year, and its centrality to the levelling up agenda; raises anger over the impact of the drastic FE funding cuts of 14 per cent per pupil between 2010-2020; expresses deep concern over the findings in the University and Colleges' Union report entitled On the Breadline - The cost of living crisis for England's college workers in which 96 per cent of FE staff say their income does not cover the cost of living or just about covers it, 82 per cent say their financial situation has impacted their mental health and 70 per cent plan to leave sector within 5 years; celebrates FE staff who are dedicated and hardworking despite the difficulties within the sector; and urges the Government to reverse the austerity cuts to FE and to give staff a proper above inflation pay rise.

288 Outstanding recognition for teaching

Yasmin Qureshi

That this House notes that Miss Kira Redmond, of St Peter's Church of England Primary School in Farnworth, has gone above and beyond for her school pupils, giving them support and care, while also providing a platform for them to flourish academically, and has been rewarded with a Pearson National Teaching silver award as a result.

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Signatories: 6

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289 Stockport Pride 2022

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Navendu Mishra Lloyd Russell-Moyle Rebecca Long Bailey Kim Johnson

That this House wishes that the upcoming Stockport Pride on 31 July 2022 is a great success; congratulates Stephen Bowyer, the Stockport Pride organising team and all the volunteers for their hard work in arranging the event; recognises the work Stockport Pride does to raise awareness about LGBTQ+ equality in Stockport and the North West region; notes that Pride is as much a protest as it is a celebration; further notes that although significant progress has been made to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ people, there is still improvements to be made; commits to continuing to support the advancement of LGBTQ+ rights; and looks forward to future Pride gatherings in Stockport in years to come.

290 Provision of NHS services

Jon Trickett

Ben Lake Chris Law

That this House expresses its concern at the crisis unfolding in the National Health Service (NHS); notes that every ambulance service in England has declared critical incident status; further notes that staff shortages have been reported in hospitals across the country; understands that the spike in the number of covid-19 cases is putting additional strain on the health service due to the increased number of patients and staff absences; recognises that the hard working and dedicated NHS staff are committed to the highest quality of care but lack the resources and capacity they need; believes the present crisis is the result of underfunding and mismanagement of the NHS by the Government; calls on the Government to take immediate action to mobilise all the resources at their disposal to address the crisis in the NHS; and demands the Government increases the NHS budget to reflect the post-covid world, halts damaging privatisation and provides the overworked NHS staff with an inflation-proof pay rise.

291 Child poverty in the North West

Tabled: 13/07/22 Signatories: 9
Kate Hollern

Kate Holleri Kim Johnson Grahame Morris Charlotte Nichols Dan Carden Ms Marie Rimmer

Rosie Cooper Yvonne Fovargue Mick Whitley

That this House is alarmed by the increase in level of child poverty in the North West, with research from Loughborough University showing that 30 per cent of children in the region live in poverty; is further alarmed by statistics showing that, across the UK, 76 per cent of children living in poverty are from a working household and that there is a 28 per cent gap between children receiving free school meals and their wealthier peers in terms of achieving five A*-C GCSE grades; warns that the current proposal in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill will not be adequate to properly address child poverty; and calls on the Government to introduce better-targeted and more-extensive efforts

to ensure that child poverty is eradicated, so that the levelling-up agenda can be successful in every region of the UK, including the North West.

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.

248 Transition to electric vehicles in Norway

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 10

Jonathan Edwards Jim Shannon Douglas Chapman Christine Jardine Claire Hanna Ben Lake

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Norway for being the first country to see the sale of EV vehicles overtake those powered by petrol and diesel; notes that 64.5 per cent of all car sales in 2021 were fully electric, whilst a further 22 per cent were plug-in hybrids; further notes that a fiscal policy based on zero per cent VAT for EVs and 25 per cent tax on petrol and diesel vehicles has incentivised the transition to greener vehicles; recognises the importance of further incentives in promoting the uptake of EVs such as no fuel tax, the ability to use bus lanes, no registration tax on the sale of used cars, free public charging and no annual ownership tax; further recognises that Norway are now looking to move to the next phase which is to promote moving from private transport to public transport and active travel; acknowledges the importance of a consistent package of incentives to boost consumer confidence; commends Norway for its EV public charging infrastructure of 17,000 charging points including 3,000 rapid chargers which means that motorists can drive to a rapid charger within 30 miles despite the mountainous and rural nature of the country with a widespread population; celebrates that Norway's strength in renewable energy production provides cheap electricity; and calls on the Department of Transport to consider policies implemented in Norway as a means of supporting the EV transition in the UK.

249 Colgrain Primary School, Helensburgh, and UNICEF's Ukraine Appeal

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 4

Brendan O'Hara Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates the pupils of Colgrain Primary School in Helensburgh who raised £4,722 for UNICEF's Ukraine Appeal by taking part in a sponsored walk around the school's grounds; notes that pupils from every class participated in the event, with the youngest nursery-school pupils walking two-and-a-half miles, those in P1 to P3 each covering five miles, while pupils in P4 to P7 walked 10 miles each; notes that the pupils were moved to help their Ukrainian counterparts after seeing distressing images of the effect the war was having on Ukraine's young people; and thanks head teacher Pauline Walsh and all her staff for organising the event and, as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, for all they do in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the

Child into practice within the school, giving the pupils of Colgrain Primary School the best chance to lead happy, healthy school lives and to become responsible, active citizens.

254 Srebrenica Memorial Week 2022

Tabled: 5/07/22 Signatories: 24

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Margaret Ferrier Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards Ben Lake Carla Lockhart Hywel Williams

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Dave Doogan Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the 11th July as the annual day of commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide; commits to supporting the work of communities and schools across the country to tackle hatred and intolerance by raising awareness and educating people about the genocide that took place in Srebrenica; pledges to use the lessons from Srebrenica to combat all forms of prejudice and discrimination that targets anyone because of their religion, ethnicity, gender, sexuality or any other characteristic; commends the dignity and determination of the survivors of genocide and ethnic cleansing who have rebuilt their lives as refugees in the UK; expresses its gratitude for the hugely invaluable work of the local organisation Remembering Srebrenica, who have united people from different backgrounds through organising activities to commemorate the victims and educate them on the tragic consequences of unchecked hatred, helping to build a more cohesive society whilst celebrating the diversity which enriches our country.

255 The contribution of the co-operative movement in the UK economy

Tabled: 5/07/22 Signatories: 16

Sir Mark Hendrick Gareth Thomas Mark Menzies Angus Brendan MacNeil Alex Norris Tim Farron

Beth Winter

That this House recognises the vital contribution of the UK co-operative movement to the economy; further notes that co-operatives in the UK operate across a wide range of sectors, all guided by the values and principles of co-operation that include concern for community and member economic participation; recognises the importance of the co-operative sector in democratising the UK economy and empowering people to take control of their own lives; notes Co-operatives Fortnight taking place from 20 June to 3 July 2022; considers it in the interest of the UK as a whole to ensure the co-operative movement continues to grow; believes that it can play an important role in community-led economic development and levelling-up; and urges the Government to take steps to encourage the expansion of the co-operative sector.

260 Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service public speaking champions

Tabled: 7/07/22 Signatories: 4

Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Chris Stephens Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Mairin Campbell-Thow and Rose Usher of Holyrood Secondary School on becoming the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) School Public Speaking Competition champions for 2022; commends efforts by the COPFS to improve school pupils' confidence in public speaking; notes that the competition involved 104 pupils from 38 schools across Scotland; and stresses the importance of young people's involvement in public discourse and welcomes all initiatives to encourage this.

261 Access to bank accounts for charitable organisations

Tabled: 7/07/22 Signatories: 10

Mr Barry Sheerman Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake John McDonnell Jonathan Edwards

Beth Winter

That this House notes the brilliant work of the charitable sector and the positive impact charities have on communities across the country; recognises that charities must be supported to thrive and the unique role Government plays in creating the conditions by which the third-sector can flourish; further notes that charities require access to finance and bank accounts so they can operate in the public interest; is therefore concerned about reports that charities are finding it increasingly difficult to access banking services; believes that if these difficulties are left unresolved the delivery of charity services will be at risk; and calls on the Government to work with banks, UK Finance and third-sector groups to solve the issues experienced by charities and ensure they have access to financial services that are crucial for their running.

262 Caradog and Y Côr Mawr's 150th anniversary

Tabled: 7/07/22 Signatories: 6

Beth Winter
John McDonnell
Jon Trickett
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens
Christina Rees

That this House celebrates the 150th anniversary of the victory of Griffith Rhys Jones, or Caradog, and Y Côr Mawr, at the Crystal Palace Choral Competition in 1872; notes the significance of the success in bringing national attention to Welsh choral singing and launching Aberdare's reputation as the 'Town of Song'; congratulates the organisers of Caradog Fest 2022 in Aberdare for their commitment to an enduring understanding of the event's significance, through inviting Welsh People's History Society, Llafur, to discuss the impact of the event on Welsh culture; and further celebrates the organisers commitment to ensuring Welsh choral singing going from strength to

strength, with the presence of choirs from Abercynon, Cwmbach, Cwmdare, Glynneath, Pelenna and Treharris at this year's festival.

263 All Stars Netball Club, East Renfrewshire

Tabled: 7/07/22 Signatories: 5

Kirsten Oswald Allan Dorans Chris Stephens Amy Callaghan Anne McLaughlin

That this House welcomes the success of East Renfrewshire's All Stars Netball Club, which, prepandemic, was the biggest junior netball club in Scotland with over 150 players aged from 5 to 17; notes that over the pandemic the club continued outdoor training, overcoming difficulties in accessing premises to do so, and secured four newly qualified level one coaches from their under 17 members to help coach younger players, with the training for this award being done on line; congratulates the club on winning the Under 15 Scottish Youth Club competition at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, after being undefeated all season and on reaching the final of the Under 13 Scottish Youth Club tournament; further congratulates the club's Marissa Carlin on being shortlisted for Volunteer Coach of the Year and Alex Wittmann who won Young Volunteer Coach of the Year in East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Awards, and the club on winning Club of the Year; recognises the club's growing influence locally and nationally, with East Renfrewshire District Under 15s winning Scotland's national netball league, also undefeated all season, the Under 17 team coming 4th in Scotland, and two players involved in the Scottish Under 17 squad, and congratulates Anna Beattie and the many volunteers, including volunteer coaches and managers, whose time, energy, and commitment contribute to the club's triumphs and the fun and joy shared by the club's members every week at training.

265 Ministerial resignation payments (No. 2)

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 10

Munira Wilson Wera Hobhouse Layla Moran Jonathan Edwards Daisy Cooper Wendy Chamberlain

Anne McLaughlin Sarah Olney

That this House recognises that resigning Ministers are entitled to 25 per cent of the annual salary they were paid in office; notes that the cost of the 51 resignations from Government payroll last week could cost the taxpayer £245,487; further acknowledges that the cost of living crisis is forcing more children to hunger, with many families relying on foodbanks; and calls on the resigning Ministers to forgo their payments to fund 81,829 free school meal vouchers in the summer holidays.

266 Lochardil Primary School

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 5

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Drew Hendry Douglas Chapman Amy Callaghan Anne McLaughlin Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates the staff and pupils at Lochardil Primary School on receiving the School of Sanctuary award from City Sanctuary UK; for showing solidarity with and welcoming those who need sanctuary; commends the commitment from the staff and students to accommodate students from a refugee background by expanding their learning and preparing new materials; and congratulates Lochardil Primary School on being the first school in Scotland to receive that award.

267 Loch Insh Outdoor Centre

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 4

Drew Hendry Douglas Chapman Anne McLaughlin Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates the Loch Insh Outdoor Centre on winning Best Outdoor Centre at this year's Scottish Hospitality Awards; further congratulates the centre on receiving the Tripadvisor's Travellers Choice award 2022 for ranking in the top 10 per cent of visitor attractions worldwide; commends the ongoing hard work of the team for providing an excellent range of activities and courses; recognises the importance of their contribution to active tourism in Scotland; and wishes the Loch Insh Outdoor Centre great success for the future.

269 Boogie Box Jive Group

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 2

Dr Lisa Cameron Allan Dorans

That this House celebrates the wonderful achievements of Mr Paul McKenzie and his Boogie Box Jive Group; further celebrates the joy he has brought to local charities, care homes and community groups; praises his unending commitment to volunteering and supporting the community during the past 40 years; and wishes Paul and the Boogie Box Jive Group the very best for the future.

273 Keith Parry and the LGBTQ+ community in north Wales

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 3

Hywel Williams Jonathan Edwards John Nicolson

That this House recognises Keith Parry from Bangor for a lifetime of commitment to supporting members of the LGBTQ+ community across north Wales; notes that Keith opened up his phone line to provide support for those who needed a safe space to talk through their problems; further notes that Keith has been instrumental in promoting safe sex among the local LGBTQ+ community, making available leaflets, information and condoms to partygoers and students; acknowledges the work Keith has done to promote inclusivity and openness among members of the local LGBTQ+

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community and his efforts in moving north Wales Pride celebrations from a remote farm to the centre of Bangor high street; congratulates Keith on receiving a lifetime achievement award from North Wales Pride and an Icon of Pride award from Chester Pride in recognition of his decades of campaigning on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community; and hopes that Keith's tireless campaigning for LGBTQ+ equality and safe sex will inspire others to campaign for inclusion and diversity across north Wales.

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274 Shetland Pride 2022

Mr Alistair Carmichael Layla Moran Wendy Chamberlain Daisy Cooper Anne McLaughlin Jamie Stone

That this House welcomes the outstanding success of the first Shetland Pride Festival; acknowledges the hard work and dedication presented by those who organised the event and pays tribute to the work of Kerrie Meyer; notes that approximately 2,000 people took part and attracted visitors from across the country and from overseas, from as far as Australia; recognises the support from local organisations including NHS Shetland, Shetland Women's Aid, and the Shetland women's rugby team who set up stalls during the event; notes the significance of the event and the importance of ensuring that the LGBTQ+ community celebrate who they are without judgement, and prove how much support there is for the community within Shetland; and looks forward to the future of Shetland Pride events.

275 Pat Scott retirement from the Huntly Express

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 7
Richard Thomson

Anne McLaughlin Allan Dorans Martin Docherty-Hughes Ian Blackford John Nicolson

Gavin Newlands

That this House notes Pat Scott is retiring as Chief Reporter with Highland News and Media, having served as Editor of the Huntly Express; understands that Pat joined the Huntly Express in 1978 and has reported on Huntly and district diligently since that time; notes that Pat has worked for four different owners of the newspaper and in five different locations over the past 44 years; commends the unstinting support the Huntly Express has given its local community over the years under Pat's leadership; and wishes Pat well in her retirement from journalism but understands she will continue to be involved in community events, notably the Huntly Hairst.

277 [SUSPENDED] Maya Forstater employment tribunal judgment

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey Kenny MacAskill

That this House welcomes the landmark employment tribunal judgment in favour of Maya Forstater which ruled unanimously that she was subjected to direct discrimination by her employer, the Centre for Global Development, when it chose not to renew her contract of employment, her unpaid visiting fellowship role and removed her from its website for holding gender critical beliefs; recognises the tribunal's decision to uphold an earlier ruling in 2021 that gender critical beliefs are protected under the Equality Act 2010; applauds this historic decision as a victory for common sense and freedom of speech; believes that this decision will give heart to the many women who have been unlawfully discriminated against in the workplace, no platformed, marginalised and intimidated for such beliefs; pays tribute to the courage of Maya Forstater for her action; congratulates her and her legal team in bringing forward and persisting with the case despite facing relentless hostility and threats of violence; owes a debt of gratitude to Maya Forstater for holding firm to the reality that biological sex is immutable, is separate from, and cannot be conflated with, self-declared gender identity; contends that sex is the basis on which women and girls experience discrimination, violence and oppression and therefore sex matters; believes that sex remains a critical factor when considering and determining law and policy, and in the provision of public services; and calls on all employers to take note of the judgment and its implications for preventing unfair and discriminatory practices in the workplace.

278 Public scientific hearing on animal experiments

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 4

Dr Lisa Cameron Allan Dorans John Nicolson Jonathan Edwards

That this House applauds the new Animal Sentience Bill, enshrining in law the ability of animals to experience joy and feel suffering and pain; notes the science-based campaign For Life On Earth with its Beagle Ambassador, rescued laboratory dog Betsy; is shocked to see the harrowing exposé showing thousands of laboratory dogs intensively bred in the UK and underlines the consequences of the Animal Sentience Bill regarding this; notes that scientists in the wider scientific community, outside the animal-based research sector, acknowledge the failure of animal testing in the search for human treatments and cures, and that those experts include scientists in the pharmaceutical industry, the Editor in Chief of the British Medical Journal, the US-based National Cancer Institute which says cures for cancer have been lost because studies in rodents were believed, and the Food and Drug Administration which states that nine out of 10 new medicines fail to pass human trials because animals cannot predict responses in humans; notes Doctors Greek and Shanks' Trans-Species Modelling Theory, founded upon the theory of evolution, explaining why animals fail as predictive models of humans; and calls on the Government to mandate a rigorous public scientific hearing, judged by independent experts from the relevant science fields, to cease the funding of the now proven failed practice of animal experimentation and increase funding for state-of-the-art humanbased research, such as human-on-a-chip and gene-based medicine, to prioritise treatments and cures for human patients and stop the suffering of laboratory dogs and other animals.

279 200th anniversary of the Cruel Treatment of Cattle Act 1822

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 3

Dr Lisa Cameron Allan Dorans John Nicolson

That this House celebrates the 200th anniversary of Martin's Act, the Cruel Treatment of Cattle Act 1822, the first piece of animal welfare legislation in the world; celebrates the development of the body of animal welfare law in the UK today based on the principles of Martin's Act; recognises the role the Act played in the establishment of the RSPCA, the world's oldest animal welfare charity; and calls on all Members to continue to support the development of new animal welfare law in the UK.

280 Jack Nicklaus awarded St Andrew's honorary citizenship

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 5

Wendy Chamberlain Mr Alistair Carmichael Layla Moran Jonathan Edwards Wera Hobhouse

That this House congratulates Jack Nicklaus for being awarded honorary citizenship of St Andrews; notes that he is the third American to be awarded such citizenship following Benjamin Franklin in 1759 and Bobby Jones in 1958; recognises that Mr Nicklaus has won 18 golfing championships, including the Open three times, of which two were at St Andrews' Old Course; and commends all sportspeople for their role in enriching public life and widening participation in sport.

281 Curry Cottage and the Scottish Curry Awards 2022

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 4

Alison Thewliss Anne McLaughlin Allan Dorans John Nicolson

That this House recognises the achievement of Curry Cottage in Glasgow for receiving the New Restaurant of the Year award at the Scottish Curry Awards 2022; congratulates kitchen and serving staff for their accomplishment and well-deserved recognition shortly after opening; notes that the restaurant serves a variety of customers, from frequent locals to visitors from further afield; is looking forward to the reopening of the restaurant on 31 July 2022 after maintenance work is carried out; and thanks the restaurant for its positive contribution to the community in Glasgow Central.

282 Akbar's and the Scottish Curry Awards 2022

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 4

Alison Thewliss Anne McLaughlin Allan Dorans John Nicolson

That this House congratulates Akbar's in Glasgow for receiving the Best of Glasgow award in the Scottish Curry Awards 2022; recognises that this is an outstanding achievement given the strength of the competition; notes that this award adds to the numerous accolades earned by the restaurant and its staff; and thanks the restaurant for its contribution to Glasgow.

283 Ranjit Kaur and the Scottish Curry Awards 2022

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 4

Alison Thewliss Anne McLaughlin Allan Dorans John Nicolson

That this House congratulates Ranjit Kaur, the newly crowned Curry Queen at the Scottish Curry Awards 2022; commends her and her team at Ranjit's Kitchen on Pollokshaws Road for their considerable achievement; notes the contribution made by the restaurant to the community and the popularity of the restaurant's vegetarian food, which means customers rarely visit only once; wishes Ranjit a long and happy reign as Curry Queen; and further wishes her restaurant all the best into the future.

284 Media reporting of poverty

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 21

Ian Byrne Kate Hollern Mick Whitley Bell Ribeiro-Addy Kate Osborne Rebecca Long Bailey

Claudia Webbe Jonathan Edwards

That this House recognises the importance of journalism in reporting poverty in the UK; condemns any use of derogatory language which can lead to negative stigmatising; notes that this issue is of ever-increasing importance as the working class face a cost of living crisis and the Government's Fighting Fraud in the Welfare System plan; further notes that the public increasingly reject the toxicity of discourse and debate in the UK; believes that a common, cross-party commitment to challenging discriminatory language will send a powerful, positive message at a time when it is needed; and calls for collaboration with trade unions and anti-poverty organisations, including the NUJ, BAFWU, and the Right to Food campaign, to challenge discourse and to promote awareness and the rejection of negative media messages about people experiencing poverty.

285 Political violence and presidential election in Brazil

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 16

Richard Burgon Claudia Webbe Anne McLaughlin Owen Thompson Jonathan Edwards Beth Winter

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Claire HannaMs Marie RimmerJon TrickettNadia WhittomeMick WhitleyIan LaveryJeremy CorbynMs Diane AbbottGrahame

Morris Ian Byrne

This House expresses its deep concerns about reports of political violence against representatives of the Workers' Party in Brazil ahead of this October's Presidential election; notes that the farright Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro and his cabinet ministers, nearly half of whom are military generals, have made repeated threats against the integrity of this year's upcoming elections; further notes that these have worsened as former President and Workers' Party leader Lula da Silva has opened up significant poll leads; is concerned that threats, intimidation and hate speech from the President and his supporters create a context in which acts of political violence are more likely; condemns the 9 July killing at a birthday party of Marcelo Arruda, a Workers' Party official in the city of Foz do Iguaçu, by a Bolsonaro supporter who chanted we are Bolsonaro here; notes that Bolsonaro's supporters have also attacked pro-Lula rallies including with a home-made bomb and the use of drones to drop faeces onto crowds; and calls on the British Government to raise concerns with the Brazilian government about these reports of violence and intimidation and to call for the coming elections to be free and fair.

286 Garment trade adjudicator

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 11

Claudia Webbe Grahame Morris Margaret Ferrier Jonathan Edwards Dr Philippa Whitford Jeremy Corbyn

lan Lavery Andy McDonald Ms Diane Abbott

Mick Whitley Richard Burgon

That this House notes that the purchasing practices of UK retailers has a direct impact on the workers who make clothes for fashion brands, who then re-sell those clothes onto consumers; laments the unfair purchasing practices of UK fashion brands, which causes job losses, poverty wages, excessive overtime and unsafe conditions for the people who make our clothes; believes that the time has come for a fashion watchdog, or garment trade adjudicator, so that all brands ensure that the way they do business treats their suppliers fairly; recognises that fashion retailers, owned by individual tycoons who tend to extract maximum profits and extravagant corporate salaries from the exploited labour of supply chain workers, are typically less responsible compared to giant grocery companies and food retailers; believes that, similar to the Groceries Code Adjudicator, the introduction of a garment trade adjudicator would likely ensure that payment terms to suppliers are fair; further believes that a garment trade adjudicator would have a positive impact on recourses for late order cancellations, delays in payments and unfair or illegal deductions, all of which have a knock-on effect on employment at supplier factories and the ability of suppliers to pay legal wages and provide secure employment; and calls on the Government to introduce a

garment trade adjudicator to act as a fashion watchdog and tackle the scourge of garment industry exploitation in Leicester, across the UK and around the world.