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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 20 July 2022

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### New EDMs

#### 319 Social Security

Tabled: 20/07/22 Signatories: 6

Keir Starmer  
Jonathan Ashworth  
Alison McGovern  
Ms Karen Buck  
Vicky Foxcroft  
Sir Alan Campbell

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2022 (S.I., 2022, No. 752), dated 4 July 2022, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4 July 2022, be annulled.

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#### 320 Reopening of Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre

Tabled: 20/07/22 Signatories: 14

Layla Moran  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Daisy Cooper  
Ed Davey  
Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Tim Farron

Sarah Olney  
Jamie Stone  
Richard Foord

Munira Wilson  
Wera Hobhouse  
Sarah Green

Christine Jardine  
Helen Morgan

That this House strongly opposes plans by the Home Office to re-open Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre in Kidlington, Oxfordshire; notes that, following the recommendations of the Shaw Report, and a long campaign by local residents opposed to the practice of indefinite

detention, the site was shut down in 2018; further notes with great sadness the tragic suicide of a 19-year-old Ramazan Komluca while residing at Campsfield House in 2005; raises concerns about inhumane and cruel conditions across the detention estate; notes that seeking asylum is not a crime; believes that £227 million of taxpayer money could be spent in a more effective way to handle asylum cases humanely; calls on the Home Office to reverse this decision and ensure that it remains closed; also calls for an end to the practice of indefinite detention for asylum seekers; and supports local residents and campaigns in their fight against the reopening.

### 321 Tenth anniversary of Group Recovery Aftercare Community Enterprise

Tabled: 20/07/22 Signatories: 2

**Stuart C McDonald**  
**Amy Callaghan**

That this House congratulates the Group Recovery Aftercare Community Enterprise (GRACE) on its 10th anniversary; acknowledges the incredible work that GRACE has done to provide recovery aftercare for individuals in East Dunbartonshire who have experienced trauma through its peer-led aftercare model; notes that GRACE has undertaken a wide range of activities for those in need of support including learning, training, health and well-being activities, personal development, and physical pursuits; and recognises the many volunteers that work tirelessly with GRACE to assist members of the community on their recovery journey.

## 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.

### 258 Death of Andy Goram

Tabled: 6/07/22 Signatories: 18

**Chris Stephens**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**David Linden**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Richard Thomson**

Patrick Grady

Christine Jardine

That this House notes with deep sadness the passing of former Rangers, Hibernian, Motherwell, Manchester United, Oldham and Scottish International footballer Andy Goram at the age of 58; recognises he was one of the most talented goalkeepers in Scottish and British football in the '80s and '90s; applauds his achievements for Rangers Football Club, winning the league on five occasions, winning three Scottish Cups, two League Cups and winning the Scottish Writers and Players' Player of the Year awards in the 92/93 season; notes that his footballing achievements were recognised in 2010 when he was inducted into the Scottish Football Hall of Fame; further notes he was selected for Scotland at the 1986 and 1990 World Cups and the 1992 and 1996 European Championships; recognises that Andy was the only man to represent Scotland internationally both in football and cricket; commends Andy Goram for his bravery in speaking out about his diagnosis and raising awareness of oesophageal cancer and the importance of early diagnosis and getting checked if you have any symptoms you are worried about; and sends its deepest condolences to Andy's family, friends and the whole football world who are mourning his passing.

**260 Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service public speaking champions**

Tabled: 7/07/22 Signatories: 8

Alison Thewliss  
 Allan Dorans  
 Chris Stephens  
 Anne McLaughlin  
 John Nicolson  
 Chris Law

Patricia Gibson

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: 14

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

Patricia Gibson

Wera Hobhouse

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.

**264 Accessible council meetings**

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 16

Caroline Lucas  
 Debbie Abrahams  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Daisy Cooper  
 Wendy Chamberlain

Helen Morgan  
 Sir Peter Bottomley  
 Mohammad Yasin  
 Layla Moran

Ben Lake  
 Wera Hobhouse  
 Tony Lloyd

Mick Whitley  
 John McDonnell  
 Andy McDonald

That this House is concerned that the emergency regulations that allowed councils to conduct meetings remotely between 2 April 2020 and 7 May 2021, and which enabled disabled people and

people with caring responsibilities to fully and fairly participate, are no longer in place; notes the Local Government Association's (LGA) call to reinstate hybrid meetings and their statement that this kind of flexibility is vital in attracting a wider range of people to stand as local election candidates; further notes the findings from the LGA in June 2022 that 72 per cent of councillors surveyed felt a hybrid model could attract more ethnic minority people, younger people and women to stand in local elections; is alarmed by the LGA council survey carried out between October and November 2021, which found that returning exclusively to in-person meetings had resulted in 72 per cent of councils seeing a drop in councillor attendance at statutory meetings and a 73 per cent drop in public attendance; welcomes the findings from a 2021 YouGov survey that found that 60 per cent of people said, given a choice, they would prefer to work remotely at least some of the time and research from the International Energy Agency that suggests remote working can lead to a reduction in climate emissions; and calls on the Government to make democracy more accessible this Disability Pride Month by making permanent the express provision for hybrid council meetings.

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### 265 Ministerial resignation payments (No. 2)

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 13

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

John McDonnell

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.

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### 270 400 years of Presbyterians in Killyleagh

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 2

**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes the upcoming celebrations by the Kirk Session to note 400 years of Presbyterianism in Killyleagh; highlights the history of the congregations in Killyleagh established in 1622 when the Rev. John Boyle became one of the first eight Presbyterian Ministers in Ireland; further notes that the famous Black Man statue in Belfast was erected in tribute to one of Killyleagh's famous sons, Rev. Henry Cooke, who served from 1812 to 1829; and wishes them every success in this celebratory year in all the events that will take place in that thriving community.

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### 271 150 years of worship in Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 2

**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes the 150th anniversary of worship in Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber; highlights the tremendous exhibition in place which demonstrates the 150 years history along with

artwork from local school St Mary's Primary School; thanks the Bishop of Down and Connor and all those who attended for their tremendous work in the area; and wishes them every success in the days that lie ahead as the Parish goes from strength to strength.

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**273 Keith Parry and the LGBTQ+ community in north Wales**

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 6

**Hywel Williams**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**John McDonnell**

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+ 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**

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 10

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

John McDonnell

Christine Jardine

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.

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**275 Pat Scott retirement from the Huntly Express**

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 13

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

Kirsty Blackman

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.

**276 Maximum temperature in the workplace**

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 50

Ian Mearns  
 Kate Hollern  
 Grahame Morris  
 Mick Whitley  
 Chris Stephens  
 Charlotte Nichols

John McDonnell

Christine Jardine

That this House notes that recent surveys of workplace health and safety representatives show that high temperatures are one of their top concerns; regrets that workers in the UK have no guaranteed legal safeguards from working in uncomfortable high temperatures, and that the consequences of this range from dizziness, tiredness, asthma, throat infections and, in extreme cases, heat stroke and death; insists that without recognised law, current recommendations for employers to maintain a reasonable temperature within the workplace are impossible to enforce unless a worker is seriously injured or killed from heat stress; and calls on the Government to introduce legislative proposals to ensure a maximum working temperature of 30 degrees Celsius, or 27 degrees Celsius for those doing strenuous work, beyond which employers would have a statutory duty to introduce effective control measures, such as installing ventilation or moving staff away from windows and sources of heat.

**278 Public scientific hearing on animal experiments**

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 19

Dr Lisa Cameron  
 Allan Dorans  
 John Nicolson  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Chris Law  
 Hywel Williams

Hilary Benn  
 Wera Hobhouse

Tommy Sheppard

John McDonnell

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 human-based 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: 8

Dr Lisa Cameron  
 Allan Dorans  
 John Nicolson  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Chris Law  
 Richard Burgon

John McDonnell

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.

**284 Media reporting of poverty**

Tabled: 12/07/22 Signatories: 32

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

Kim Johnson

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: 34

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

Deidre Brock  
 Kim Johnson

Kenny MacAskill  
 Patrick Grady

John McDonnell  
 Olivia Blake

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 far-right 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: 17

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

Kenny MacAskill

Olivia Blake

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.

**287 Further Education**

Tabled: 13/07/22 Signatories: 8

**Jon Trickett**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Chris Stephens**

John McDonnell

Kim Johnson

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.

**289 Stockport Pride 2022**

Tabled: 13/07/22 Signatories: 13

Navendu Mishra  
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle  
 Rebecca Long Bailey  
 Kim Johnson  
 Ben Lake  
 Chris Law

John McDonnell

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**

Tabled: 13/07/22 Signatories: 11

Jon Trickett  
 Dan Carden  
 Jim Shannon  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Ian Lavery

John McDonnell

Kim Johnson

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: **13**

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

John McDonnell

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.

**292 Pub tenants**Tabled: **14/07/22** Signatories: **12**

**John Cryer**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Sarah Olney**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

John McDonnell

That this House is deeply concerned at the prevalence of upward-only rent reviews among pub tenants; recognises that large numbers of tenants are being placed in extremely difficult financial positions by such rent reviews and the actions of avaricious landlords; notes that in Ireland and Australia such rent reviews have been made illegal; and calls on the Government to follow those examples and to make upwards-only rent reviews illegal in order to help very hard-pressed tenants.

**295 Financial redress for Foetal Anticonvulsant Syndrome caused by sodium valproate**Tabled: **14/07/22** Signatories: **13**

**Alan Brown**  
**Chris Law**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**

Patricia Gibson

John McDonnell

This House calls on the UK Government to pay compensation to sufferers of Foetal Anticonvulsant Syndrome, caused by womb exposure to sodium valproate; notes this is a key recommendation in the thorough and excellent report by Baroness Cumberlege, First Do No Harm, which summarises

the outcomes of the independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review; notes that paragraph 1.38 states valproate has caused physical and neurodevelopmental harm and that the state and manufacturers have an ethical responsibility to provide ex gratia payments to those who have experienced avoidable damage from the interventions reviewed; further notes that the report, published in July 2020, stated that patients have waited far too long for redress and that the Government did not address this aspect in their response in July 2021, and that a full year later, in July 2022, still have not set up an ex gratia payment scheme for victims already known to have waited too long for compensation; recognises that the victims of Foetal Anticonvulsant Syndrome are getting older and may need greater levels of support and that the Government must show compassion, empathy and an immediate willingness for some form of justice by way of redress; and calls for a redress agency to be established to provide adequate redress for the victims of sodium valproate, and to implement the other two redress recommendations highlighted from the review on hormone pregnancy tests and pelvic mesh.

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## 296 Electronic cigarettes and e-waste

Tabled: 14/07/22 Signatories: 9

**Mr Clive Betts**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**

John McDonnell

That this House notes that the use of e-cigarettes, commonly known as vaping devices, in the UK is rising, especially amongst young people, with single-use non-rechargeable devices commonly sold by retailers; is concerned that many single-use vaping devices cannot be disposed of in household waste and, although their batteries and other constituent parts can be recycled, it is often the case that these devices end up in landfill; notes that ITV reports that batteries in normal household rubbish counted for over 260 fires last year; recalls how a fire that broke out in a Pilsforth landfill took a week before services managed to bring it under control; further notes that li-ion batteries used in these devices contain acids and toxic heavy metals like mercury and lead which leach into the soil and water sources when they are buried in landfill sites endangering humans, natural wildlife and the rural environment; and calls on e-cigarette liquid companies and the Government to take greater steps to increase awareness of the need to recycle these devices and ensure more recycling points are provided for them.

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## 297 Political and economic situation in Sri Lanka

Tabled: 15/07/22 Signatories: 16

**Ed Davey**  
**Sarah Olney**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Siobhain McDonagh**

John McDonnell

Christine Jardine

That this House notes the developing political and economic crisis in Sri Lanka; acknowledges the widespread corruption and economic mismanagement at the hands of the Rajapaksa government that led to protests in the first place; recognises that the economic solution needed to address this situation must be coupled with political reform that involves all minority groups and includes

accountability for human rights abuses and atrocities which have been carried out against Tamils; notes the allegations of human rights abuses levelled against Gotabaya Rajapaksa; urges the International Criminal Court to fully investigate those claims; and calls on the Government to work with its international partners to press for peaceful political reform in Sri Lanka.

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**298 June Aitken**

Tabled: **15/07/22** Signatories: **10**

**Kirsty Blackman**  
**Amy Callaghan**  
**Chris Law**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the contribution made by June Aitken, senior charge nurse for The Archie Foundation at Aberdeen Neonatal Unit; commends her 36 years of dedication to supporting families in the neonatal unit, alongside participating fundraising and volunteering on the charity's committee; thanks her for all her hard work and commitment; and wishes her a wonderful retirement.

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**299 Scotland's Seas**

Tabled: **15/07/22** Signatories: **8**

**Douglas Chapman**  
**Dave Doogan**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

Deidre Brock

That this House supports the celebration of Scotland's sea area which accounts for 55 per cent of the total sea area of the UK; recognises the importance and value of our coastal communities in terms of fish, aquaculture, tourism, shipbuilding, energy and maritime sectors; and further supports the call that the overall stewardship and fiscal responsibility for this resource rich sea area should lie solely with the Scottish Government.

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**300 John Stevenson of Lochaber Mountain Rescue Service**

Tabled: **15/07/22** Signatories: **12**

**Ian Blackford**  
**Dave Doogan**  
**Amy Callaghan**  
**Chris Law**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Steven Bonnar**

John McDonnell

That this House congratulates John Stevenson after a remarkable 41 years of service with Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team; recognises the level of affection that John is held in by his colleagues,

the wider community and the many people that he has rescued during his service; acknowledges that, having spent 12 years as deputy leader of the Lochaber team and a further 12 as the outright leader, his contribution to saving so many lives is staggering; notes that John has taken part in as many as 3000 rescues during his service, a breath-taking contribution to the saviour of life throughout the mountaineering community; realises that John will rightfully be officially recognised as the exceptional individual that he is; and thanks him for the service that he has provided to so many throughout his journey with the Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team.

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### 301 East Dunbartonshire women's representation in Team GB

Tabled: 18/07/22 Signatories: 5

**Amy Callaghan**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the achievements of two East Dunbartonshire athletes in team GB; congratulates judo star Rachel Tyler from Bearsden who is set to compete at the Commonwealth Games between the 28th of July and 8th August; further notes the success of Bishopbriggs swimmer Katie Shanahan who is set to compete in the games following her first British senior title; thanks both athletes for being such great role models for young athletes across the UK; understands that this new generation of athletes are setting an example for future generations and building on the success of previous elite athletes from the area; looks forward to seeing both compete at the highest level; and wishes both all the best as they seek to build on their already tremendous achievements.

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### 302 Epidermolysis Bullosa

Tabled: 18/07/22 Signatories: 10

**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Tony Lloyd**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Daisy Cooper**

John McDonnell

Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the recent identification of anti-inflammatory drugs, which are already available within the NHS, that could be successful in treating Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB); notes that around 5,000 people in the UK are currently living with EB, a group of rare genetic disorders that result in fragile and blistered skin; recognises the work of DEBRA in spending £1.8 million on charitable activities in 2021, including nearly £500,000 on research projects; and further welcomes DEBRA's drug repurposing programme, which requires the Government to commit £10 million of financial support to accelerate clinical trials and secure approved treatments for EB sufferers in the UK.

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**303 Government's pledge to build 40 new hospitals**

Tabled: 18/07/22 Signatories: 7

Jon Trickett  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Richard Burgon  
 Kim Johnson  
 John McDonnell

Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes with concern the failure of the Government's promise to the public to deliver 40 new hospitals; notes the Nuffield Trust's definition of a new hospital as 'a new building on an entirely new site' which means only three new hospitals have been built, two general hospitals and one non-urgent care hospital, according to their definition; highlights the desperate state on the NHS as a result of the Government's failures, which has seen waiting lists soar to 6.5 million, and only last week, the ambulance service in England declaring critical incident status; further highlights the role privatisation has played in the deterioration of services, with an estimated £204.1 billion spent on private contracts between 2013-20, which amounts to nearly 19 per cent of the Department for Health and Social Care spending on the NHS; notes with deep concern the likelihood of further privatisation under trade deals currently being negotiated; and calls on the Government to protect the NHS from damaging privatisation, which according to the Lancet is linked with a higher mortality rate for treatable deaths.

**304 The People's Assembly Against Austerity national demonstration**

Tabled: 18/07/22 Signatories: 23

Richard Burgon  
 Ian Byrne  
 Ms Diane Abbott  
 John McDonnell  
 Zarah Sultana  
 Jon Trickett

Kim Johnson  
 Neale Hanvey

Kenny MacAskill  
 Nadia Whittome

Kate Osamor  
 Jeremy Corbyn

That this House congratulates the People's Assembly Against Austerity for calling a national demonstration for Saturday 5th November 2022 on the cost-of-living emergency faced by communities up and down the country; believes that ordinary people should not, once again, be made to pay for a crisis that they did not create; notes that while living standards of the vast majority of people face the sharpest decline in 70 years, the super-rich are hoarding unprecedented levels of wealth; further notes the hypocrisy of the rich and powerful in demanding that workers accept real terms pay cuts to tackle inflation while bankers' bonuses are at record highs, and the profits of the biggest companies are soaring and British billionaires are increasing their wealth by £220 million per day; offers solidarity to those opposing real-terms cuts to wages, social security payments and pensions; and encourages MPs, community groups, trade unionists, social justice campaigners and members of the wider public to attend the People's Assembly Against Austerity's demonstration.

**305 50th anniversary of the Bloody Friday bombings**

Tabled: 18/07/22 Signatories: 4

**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes the 50th anniversary of the Bloody Friday bombings which took place on the 21st of July 1972; extends again sympathies to the families of those 9 people so callously murdered and also to the 130 others who were injured and who bear the physical scars and emotional trauma to this day; further notes the sheer magnitude of the scale of over 20 bombings which were meticulously planned over a prolonged period of time and which involved scores of IRA members who transported and planted explosives with complete understanding that the security forces would not be able to deal with so many bombs in a short space of time; underlines that the apology made by the IRA in 2002 regarding non-combatants underlines the persistent belief that attacks against the Army and RUC were acceptable when in reality they were and are evil, vile acts that can never be whitewashed or justified; and further affirms the resolute and unwavering determination of this House to withstand the attempts to re-write history in current attempts to explain away the pre-meditated and orchestrated murders of human beings in the Province as simply regrettable and unintentional consequences of war.

**306 Effect of high temperatures on pets**

Tabled: 18/07/22 Signatories: 8

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Patricia Gibson**

John McDonnell

Christine Jardine

That this House notes the effect that heat can have on beloved pets and encourages the public to follow the RSPCA's advice by limiting or skipping walks, only taking very essential car journeys, making water available at all times, and preparing damp, cold towels and mats and frozen treats; further highlights that early morning or late night walks where safe to do so are preferable; and urges pet owners to take every precaution to help their pet through this difficult and confusing time for animals unused to heat and changes to their routines.

**307 Kanzen Karate 10th WUKF World Championships Performance**

Tabled: 18/07/22 Signatories: 4

**Chris Law**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates all at Kanzen Karate for their performance at the 10th WUKF World Championships in Fort Lauderdale, USA; recognises that the twenty athletes and two coaches from Kanzen Karate who travelled to the competition brought home ten gold medals, nine silver medals and five bronze medals in a performance that saw Kanzen Karate rank fifth out of fifty-six national federations in attendance; further congratulates senior squad coach Dan Woods and the rest of the coaching team for their hard work in advance of the Championships; thanks Kanzen Karate for their

work in the local community, which helps build better lives through the provision of physical activity and education; and wishes all at Kanzen Karate the best for the coming year ahead of the 11th WUKF World Championships in Dundee next year.

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**308 WUKF 2023 World Karate Championships in Dundee**

Tabled: **18/07/22** Signatories: **5**

**Chris Law**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the announcement that the 2023 World Union of Karate-Do Federations (WUKF) World Karate Championships will be held in the city of Dundee; notes that it is expected to bring over 4,500 competitors, coaches, supporters and officials to the city for the Championships; further notes that the WUKF World Karate Championships were previously successfully held in Dundee in 2018; congratulates all involved at Kanzen Karate and in the wider Dundee community on their work to bring the Championships to the city; and wishes all involved the best for the preparations in the run up to the event next year.

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**309 BTEC funding**

Tabled: **18/07/22** Signatories: **6**

**Jon Trickett**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House raises its concerns about the Government's plans to cut funding for the majority of BTEC qualifications; notes that under the Government's current plans funding will start to be removed for BTEC qualifications in 2024-25; further notes that it is estimated that at least 34 per cent of 16 to 18 year olds studying a Level 3 qualification in England are pursuing at least one applied general qualification such as BTEC, including students in Hemsworth constituency, such as at Minsthorpe Community College; recognises that according to the Department for Education's equalities impact assessment, those from SEND backgrounds, Asian ethnic groups, disadvantaged backgrounds and males are disproportionately likely to be affected; believes that scrapping BTECs will leave many students without a viable education pathway at the age of 16 and will hamper progress to higher education and skilled employment; further believes that many colleges across the country will be unable to maintain a post-16 education provision if BTECs are scrapped and this will disproportionately impact colleges with high numbers of disadvantaged children; and calls on the Government to urgently reassess its plans to scrap funding for BTEC qualifications.

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**310 Press Freedoms in India**

Tabled: 19/07/22 Signatories: 4

**Claudia Webbe**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House holds that a free press is essential for a functioning democracy; is alarmed by increased crackdowns on journalistic independence and freedom in India; notes that India has dropped from 133 in 2016 to 150 out of 190 countries on the 2022 Reporters Without Borders' World Press Freedom Index; further notes widespread concerns regarding press freedoms in India from organisations including the Committee to Protect Journalists, Freedom House, PEN America, Reporters Without Borders, International Federation of Journalists, CIVICUS, Access Now, International Commission of Jurists, Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch; is especially concerned by reports that Indian authorities are targeting journalists including those from religious minorities that are critical of the governing Bharatiya Janata Party; believes that the UK-India relationship must be deeper than trade and should be based on the promotion of democracy, human rights and upholding international law; calls on the Government to ensure that the Indian government abides by its commitments as a signatory to the 2022 Resilient Democracies Statement which hails all courageous defenders of democratic systems that stand against oppression and violence; and urges the Government to make representations with its Indian counterparts about the safety, freedom and independence of Indian journalists.

**311 Emancipation Day bank holiday**

Tabled: 19/07/22 Signatories: 6

**Claudia Webbe**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House believes workers in the UK currently receive an inadequate number of bank holidays, as British workers get four fewer public holidays than the EU average; notes that in 2021 there were 17 public holidays in Japan, 12 in Australia and 11 in China and New Zealand compared to just 8 in the UK; holds that all UK workers deserve more bank holidays and a perfect bank holiday date to commemorate is Emancipation Day on 1 August; further notes that Emancipation Day celebrates the passage of the Slavery Abolition Act 1833 which, after decades of organised struggle, gave all slaves in the British empire their freedom, albeit after a set period of years; recognises the story of Emancipation is of a mass movement struggling against the intransigence of vested interests, as slaveholders were compensated with today's equivalent of £17 billion, which was not paid off by the British public until 2015, whilst freed slaves were continually exploited and made to work as unpaid apprentices; further holds that, whilst the legacy of Emancipation Day showcases the reluctance of the colonial state against the bravery of committed activists, it is vital to highlight this chapter of the UK's collective past because present day injustices are inseparable from the historical origins of racism, imperialism and oppression; recognises many of Britain's former colonies celebrate Emancipation Day with either a bank holiday or a day of cultural activities; and calls on the Government to commemorate 1 August as an Emancipation Day bank holiday.

**313 VAT on period pants**

Tabled: 19/07/22 Signatories: 10

Tracey Crouch  
 Rosie Duffield  
 Hannah Bardell  
 Sir Mike Penning  
 Sir Peter Bottomley  
 Kim Johnson

John McDonnell  
 Wera Hobhouse

Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House calls on the Government to zero rate VAT on period pants in line with other menstrual products such as pads, cloth pads and menstrual cups; notes that period pants are sustainable and reusable and have 5-6 times less carbon footprint than tampons or pads; recognises research that shows throughout the pandemic, over a million girls aged 14-21 in the UK struggled to access period products, with many forced to cut back on other essential items in order to purchase sanitary items; and further notes that the current classification of period pants as a garment means that a 20 per cent VAT rate on period pants makes an environmentally and financially sustainable alternative more expensive.

**314 Scottish Retail Consortium**

Tabled: 19/07/22 Signatories: 8

Kirsty Blackman  
 Chris Law  
 Alan Brown  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Stephens  
 Stephen Flynn

Deidre Brock

Jamie Stone

That this House congratulates the members of the Scottish Retail Consortium (SRC); on raising £16.6 million for charity and good causes in 2021 - including during the Covid pandemic - and £92 million overall since 2016, as highlighted in the SRC's new report into retail charitable giving entitled Backing Scotland's Communities Through Covid; notes that, through their shops and online operations throughout Scotland, retailers raise money and support for charity through donations, fundraising, awareness raising and community activity, including causes to do with medical research, public health, care, food aid and the environment; and acknowledges the positive contribution that retailers make to Scottish society through their work in the community across each and every part of Scotland.

**315 Civil service jobs in the North West**

Tabled: 19/07/22 Signatories: 5

Margaret Greenwood  
 Kim Johnson  
 John McDonnell  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Stephens

That this House is extremely concerned about the government's plan to cut 91,000 jobs from the Civil Service within three years; recognises that this amounts to around one fifth of civil service jobs based on 2021 figures; notes that, in 2021, outside of London, the North West of England was the

region of the UK with the largest number of civil servants, with 59,340; is concerned that reducing the number of civil servants by around one fifth could mean more than 11,000 civil service job losses in the North West; is further concerned about the potential impact of such job losses on the people of the North West and the region's economy, particularly at a time when people and businesses are struggling with the cost of living crisis; believes that making such cuts would be detrimental to the quality and availability of the public services on which we all rely; believes too that plans to cut 91,000 jobs from the civil service is contrary to the government's stated levelling-up agenda; and calls on the Government not to go ahead with these deeply damaging civil service job cuts.

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### 316 Alleged Turkish war crimes in northern Iraq

Tabled: 19/07/22 Signatories: 2

**Chris Stephens**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House puts on record its profound concerns about repeated allegations from various credible sources of the use by the Turkish armed forces of chemical weapons in its ongoing military operation against the Kurds in northern Iraq, known by Kurds as southern Kurdistan, and elsewhere in that region; notes the report by Steve Sweeney, Collusion, Conspiracy and Corruption: an on the ground report into Turkish war crimes and use of Chemical weapons, published by Peace in Kurdistan, which details eye-witness reports; expresses its dismay at the response to date of governments worldwide, including by the British Government, to these allegations of breaches of international law by Turkey; calls on the Government to support a full and thorough investigation by the responsible agencies into the alleged incidents to substantiate the facts by gathering evidence as soon as is possible; recognising that it can be in nobody's interest to ignore such serious allegations; and further calls upon the Government to exert its influence on Turkey to halt its operations to allow an investigation to be conducted.

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### 317 Just Transition and net zero

Tabled: 19/07/22 Signatories: 5

**Jon Trickett**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House notes with concern the impact of climate change, particularly on working class communities and key workers; demands that climate policies should be to the benefit of people and planet over big business; further notes that areas such as Wakefield district have been held back by deindustrialisation and a decade of austerity, but that there is now an opportunity to rebuild the economy through green routes; praises the excellent work being done at Wakefield Council, supported by Just Transition Wakefield, to realise a just transition for all whilst reaching net zero by 2030; recognises the need for community development that meets both social and climate needs, such as investing in proper bus and rail networks, making public transport the preferred option for people, creating green job opportunities locally and ensuring homes are insulated and resilient; and urges the Government to support and resource local authorities' green strategies.

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**318 Jean Melvin**Tabled: **19/07/22** Signatories: **3****Chris Stephens****Chris Law****John McDonnell**

That this House recognises the life and work of Jean Melvin, a Govan community activist, who died earlier this year at the age of 97; recognises her work as an officer of firstly Teucherhill Tenants Association, and later of Drumoyne Tenants Association; and sends condolences to her family at this time; further recognises her work as a member of the Govan Community Council for over thirty years; recognises her commitment to improving the lives of the people of Govan; celebrates her work as a member of the Govan Reminiscence Society; recognises the esteem in which he was held by his many friends and colleagues; and offers condolences to all who knew her at this time.