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New EDMs

510 Industrial relations at Ørsted

Tabled: 27/10/22 Signatories: 3

Mick Whitley
Ian Mearns
Kate Hollern

That this House is concerned by industrial relations at offshore wind multinational Ørsted, which is majority-owned by the Danish Government; notes that a 3.5 per cent consolidated pay increase has been rejected by RMT members working out of Birkenhead, Brightlingsea, Grimsby and Barrow on Ørsted's operational offshore wind farms powering UK homes, schools, hospitals and businesses; further notes that the RPI inflation rate, used for pay negotiations, stands at 12.6 per cent, which is accelerating the cost of living crisis; regrets that Ørsted is refusing to discuss this pay dispute with trade union representatives from RMT; further notes that Ørsted recorded a profit of £644 million in the first quarter of 2022, a staggering 257 per cent increase from the same period a year earlier; applauds the hard work of Ørsted's workers in the UK in delivering this increased profitability in safe and sustainable working conditions; is alarmed by RMT reports that a union member is being victimised for raising genuine health and safety concerns with this employer; fully supports a worker-led safety culture in the offshore renewables sector; and calls on the Government to ensure that the safety and employment rights of offshore wind workers at Ørsted and at renewable energy companies across the UK Exclusive Economic Zone are fully respected.

511 Adopting ILO Convention 169 – Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention

Tabled: 27/10/22 Signatories: 1

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes with sadness the recent death in Brazil of an indigenous man who was the last of his tribe and known as The Man of the Hole; recognises that he was the only inhabitant left of the Tanaru Indigenous Territory in Rondonia state in the Western Brazilian Amazon and that his

death represents a symbol of indigenous genocide; condemns the fact that the rest of his tribe had been massacred in a series of attacks since the 1970s; recognises that international organisation Survival say that with his death the genocide of his people is complete... the deliberate wiping out of an entire people by cattle ranchers hungry for land and wealth; condemns President Bolsonaro's discriminatory and hostile approach to indigenous peoples; notes with concern that the UK is not a signatory to ILO (International Labour Organisation) Convention 169 – Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention 1989, a set of international laws designed to protect the rights of indigenous peoples despite British companies operating and trading with others within the Amazon region and other tribal areas; and calls upon the Government to immediately sign up to ILO Convention 169 and stand in solidarity with indigenous and tribal peoples whose rights and land must be protected.

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.

455 Continued operations of Western businesses in Russia

Tabled: 13/10/22 Signatories: 4

Charlotte Nichols
Jim Shannon
Amy Callaghan
Ms Marie Rimmer

That this House expresses its concern for the continued operations of non-essential Western businesses in Russia following that country's invasion of Ukraine; further condemns non-essential businesses seeking to profit from the exit of major competitors in-market by evading sanctions; notes the investigation by the Guardian and Billboard into the continued operations in Russia of listed music company, Believe Music; notes the finding of this investigation that whilst claiming to have suspended operations, Believe Music is employing new staff, signing new contracts and releasing new music; condemns the finding that the company is advising partners on how to evade sanctions, including offering solutions to legally circumvent the banking ban; notes the contrast with other Western businesses including all three major record labels that have suspended operations entirely in Russia, or have exited entirely; and urges businesses like Believe Music to do the right thing by exiting Russia.

457 Mr Gay England, Mr Gay Europe and MX Drag competitions

Tabled: 13/10/22 Signatories: 3

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House celebrates the organisers and competitors of the Mr Gay England, Mr Gay Europe and MX Drag competitions, with particular congratulations to David Allwood, Paul Dennison and Lavender Love, winners of Mr Gay England, Mr Gay Europe and MX Drag respectively; and further recognise the efforts of Stuart Hatton Jr., CEO of Mr Gay England, who is instrumental in organising this event each year; and notes that that Gayday 2022, held at Alnwick Gardens in Northumberland, helped raise funds for the Charlie and Carter foundation, a charity in South Shields providing financial support for parents of seriously ill children; and further notes funds raised for Pride Radio, a community station broadcasting to 150 countries around the world, and in some countries where

it is illegal to be LGBTIQ+; and further recognises the role of the competitions' participants and organisers in ensuring global LGBTIQ+ recognition, as it remains illegal to be LGBTIQ+ in over 70 countries worldwide, 13 of which carry the death penalty as punishment.

459 NHS workers' pay

Tabled: 17/10/22 Signatories: 13

Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens
Clive Lewis
Caroline Lucas

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House recognises the significant sacrifice that NHS workers, including paramedics and all ambulance staff, have made throughout the pandemic; further recognises that these are our everyday heroes serving our communities day in day out, often under extremely challenging circumstances; expresses its deep-felt appreciation to every person working across the NHS for all they do in serving the public; further notes the wider challenges facing the NHS after a decade of cuts and privatisation which are placing increasing pressures on the service making it harder to respond in a timely way to calls; notes that our health service is desperate for a comprehensive workforce plan and increased funding as waiting times are not acceptable; recognises these pressures and the imposition of an average 4 per cent pay rise have lead NHS workers and ambulance staff to vote for strike action; calls on the Government to immediately increase funding which will go directly into NHS workers' pay; and urges the Government to come back with an immediate increased pay award.

464 Cost of using vehicles for work

Tabled: 17/10/22 Signatories: 27

Bob Blackman
Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Christine Jardine
Dan Jarvis

Tony Lloyd

That this House recognises the impact that the increase in fuel prices and motoring costs is having on those who rely on their cars and personal vehicles for carrying out their work duties, particularly those in the NHS, local government and social care; notes that the current mileage rates are outdated and require immediate and urgent review by HMRC to reflect the soaring cost-of-living increases so that these workers can continue to carry out their jobs; notes that low-paid public service workers cannot afford to upgrade their vehicles to new, fuel efficient options and that mileage rates for frontline workers should reflect that; understands that temporary higher rates provided by employers are welcome but do not provide enough relief; and calls on the Treasury to ensure rates are regularly updated in the future to genuinely reflect the cost of using a vehicle for work so that workers are protected from future fuel price spikes.

471 **The Leiden Declaration and support for children with speech and language difficulties**

Tabled: 17/10/22 Signatories: 9

Geraint Davies
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn
Paul Girvan
Christine Jardine

Ben Lake

Sammy Wilson

That this House acknowledges that language is the gateway to lifelong wellbeing, including educational attainment with huge economic and social benefits; notes the research which shows that language is the route to education and one of the strongest predictors of quality of life and well-being; is therefore concerned that around 10 per cent of children, have language difficulties, either on their own or associated with another condition such as hearing impairment or a learning disability; further notes that children living in areas of social disadvantage are at greater risk of delayed language development; notes that these may be associated with behavioural problems, school drop-out or exclusion, mental health problems, unemployment and even criminality; notes that timely action will lead to greater employability, independent living, social mobility and cohesion; therefore calls on the Government to support the recommendations of the Leiden declaration of 2021; and calls for national leaders to (i) screen all children for language needs and follow-up assessment throughout the school journey, (ii) acknowledge language difficulties as a disability wherever appropriate with support and intervention, (iii) provide language support for children from multidisciplinary teams, training and empower teachers to provide communication-supportive classroom environments and (iv) develop in school curricula and education policies that are informed by an understanding of typical language development and how best to promote it.

473 **Gulf Strategy Fund and potential rights violations against death row inmates in Bahrain**

Tabled: 18/10/22 Signatories: 5

Layla Moran
Jonathan Edwards
Wendy Chamberlain
Rachael Maskell
Ben Lake

That this House raises grave concerns following the 10 October 2022 report from the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy and Human Rights Watch which documents a litany of human rights violations against death row inmates in which recipients of UK taxpayer-funded Gulf Strategy Fund (GSF) programmes, including Bahrain's Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Interior Ombudsman and Special Investigations Unit, are implicated; is further concerned at evidence that Bahrain's courts have sentenced defendants to death following manifestly unfair trials, based on confessions allegedly coerced through torture and ill-treatment; decries that those courts dismissed credible allegations of torture and ill-treatment instead of investigating them and routinely violated defendants' rights to fair trials; highlights that persistent rights violations which contravene international law underlie the convictions and death sentences of cases of eight men, who are among 26 on death row in Bahrain at imminent risk of execution; expresses further concern that Bahrain's judiciary and oversight bodies implicated in perpetrating violations against torture victims sentenced to death benefit from UK taxpayer-funded programmes under the GSF, and did so at the time of their abuse; reiterates calls to suspend the GSF pending an independent inquiry into its programmes' implications in rights violations against death row inmates; urges the Government to implement this report's recommendations, publicly condemn the death sentences of Maher Abbas

al-Khabbaz, Sayed Ahmed al-Abar, Zuhair Ebrahim Jasim Abdullah, Husain Ebrahim Ali Husain Marzooq, Husain Moosa, Mohamed Ramadhan, Husain Ali Mehdi and Salman Isa Ali Salman; and calls upon Bahrain to release them.

478 Global hunger and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Tabled: 19/10/22 Signatories: 30

Tony Lloyd
Patrick Grady
Caroline Lucas
Dan Carden
Neale Hanvey
Claudia Webbe

Mary Kelly Foy

Ben Lake

Tommy Sheppard

That this House believes the lack of attention paid to global hunger has exacerbated this long-term and widespread issue; is concerned by warnings from the World Food Programme (WFP) of another year of record hunger; notes the number of hungry people globally increased from 282 million to 345 million during 2022; highlights that a fifth of the total population of Africa went hungry in 2021; further highlights that the WFP is currently holding back famine in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen while hunger in Haiti is also reaching catastrophic levels; notes that Oxfam says food shortages are likely to cause one death every 36 seconds until the end of the year; further notes that hunger displaces millions of people who must search for sanctuary elsewhere; emphasises that these crises are caused by a combination of global factors including climate change, conflict and economic instability; recognises that the covid-19 pandemic led to an increased gap in the funding required to tackle global hunger; is dismayed that the world is set to fail the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger by 2030, with the percentage of the global population affected by hunger on track to reach almost 10 per cent by that year; highlights that a senior Somali Government official recently said the UK has lost its leading role on this issue; and calls on the Government to re-establish the UK as a leading actor by restoring the commitment to spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on international aid.

481 Radiotherapy and the 10-Year Cancer Plan

Tabled: 20/10/22 Signatories: 7

Tim Farron
Jonathan Edwards
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell

Claire Hanna

That this House recognises that the cancer backlog is a national health emergency which urgently needs tackling and that cancer is the most time-critical and dangerous of all backlogs; further recognises that radiotherapy is an essential, readily available, high-tech and vital cancer treatment needed in 50 percent of cancer treatments and in 40 percent of cancer cures, which is internationally recognised as a model solution for cancer backlog recovery and can help reduce the waiting lists; but notes that the radiotherapy service is overlooked and currently only receives 5 percent of the NHS cancer budget; and therefore calls on the Government to ensure a new fully funded radiotherapy strategy is included in the upcoming 10-Year Cancer Plan.

486 Statutory maternity pay

Tabled: 21/10/22 Signatories: 10

Ed Davey
 Stephen Farry
 Wera Hobhouse
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon

Claire Hanna

That this House recognises the current legal framework for qualifying for statutory maternity pay is poorly suited to 21st century working life; notes with concern the potential limits this policy places on women's freedom to choose where they work, especially amidst the current cost of living crisis; recognises the lack of a statutory duty for prospective employers to disclose their maternity policies to prospective candidates prior to employment; and calls on the Government to reform the current provisions so that women who have held different jobs can transfer their length of employment as they change jobs for the purpose of qualifying for statutory maternity pay.

487 Cost of living and unpaid carers

Tabled: 21/10/22 Signatories: 17

Ed Davey
 Helen Morgan
 Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Richard Foord
 Daisy Cooper
 Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Mary Kelly Foy

Jamie Stone

That this House notes with concern the findings of Carers UK's survey entitled Heading for crisis: Caught between caring and rising costs, which reports that the cost of living crisis is plunging thousands of unpaid carers across the UK into debt; recognises that many family carers cannot make decisions to cut back on food or heating to stay afloat without affecting the safety of the person they care for; acknowledges the enormous financial burden people on Carers Allowance face, as they are limited in their ability to earn income but often shoulder additional costs for their loved ones out of their own pocket; condemns the lack of adequate financial support available for unpaid carers, with 39 percent of survey respondents saying they are struggling to make ends meet; and calls on the Government to immediately provide carers with the support they need by uprating Carers Allowance at least in line with inflation.

488 Support for mortgage interest

Tabled: 21/10/22 Signatories: 5

Mark Tami
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon
 Rachael Maskell
 Claire Hanna

That this House notes that the mechanisms of Support for Mortgage Interest were designed at a point in time when both inflation and interest rates were more stable; recognises that many of those in receipt of Support for Mortgage Interest receive significantly less than their required payments and must make up the balance from subsistence benefits; appreciates the challenges

inherent in designing a system that is fair to all taxpayers whilst preventing homelessness and poverty; believes that in the current cost of living crisis that the present system is failing to meet these goals; takes particular note in this context of the mechanism for setting the maximum rate payable using the Bank of England average mortgage rate which causes delays in recognising rate increases; further recognises the significant disparity between the generosity of the local housing allowance system to landlords with buy-to-let mortgages and Support for Mortgage Interest which is repayable; and calls on the Government to undertake a review of this system as a matter of urgency.

490 **World Stroke Day**

Tabled: **24/10/22** Signatories: **14**

Sir Robert Neill
Jim Shannon
Sir Greg Knight
Mohammad Yasin
Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum

Claire Hanna
 Jamie Stone

Allan Dorans

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House recognises World Stroke Day, which takes place on 29 October; understands that over 100,000 strokes happen every year in the UK; is aware of thrombectomy, a game-changing treatment that significantly reduces disability after stroke; notes that emergency response time is crucial to the survival and recovery of a person experiencing stroke, and that improving this aligns with the Government's health priorities; and calls on the Government to support improved ambulance response times and access to specialist services, including thrombectomy.

492 **ADHD Awareness Month 2022**

Tabled: **24/10/22** Signatories: **14**

Kirsten Oswald
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum
Amy Callaghan

Claire Hanna
 Roberts

Mary Kelly Foy
 Ben Lake

Liz Saville

That this House recognises that October is Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) awareness month, which aims to raise awareness and highlight the shared experiences of one of the most common neurodevelopmental conditions affecting children and adults across the world; notes that neurodiversity matters and that for children aged between five and 15 years old in the UK, 3.62 per cent of boys were considered to have ADHD compared to just 0.85 per cent of girls, raising questions regarding the potential underdiagnosis of female ADHD; recognises that there can be important differences in how ADHD presents in males and females and that this may explain why it is not uncommon for women with ADHD to be diagnosed as adults; notes the importance of effective support for the benefit of the individual with ADHD and their family; agrees that people are all different and that people should appreciate the many advantages associated with different ways of thinking, while celebrating their differences; and applauds groups and campaign organisations across the UK for their work both in supporting those with ADHD and helping to share knowledge and information with the wider community.

493 Global Registry of Fossil Fuels

Tabled: 24/10/22 Signatories: 14

Caroline Lucas
 Dan Carden
 Wera Hobhouse
 Tommy Sheppard
 Zarah Sultana
 Martyn Day

Claire Hanna

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

That this House notes that the 2021 UNEP Production Gap Report found that governments plan to produce more than twice the amount of fossil fuels in 2030 than is consistent with limiting warming to 1.5°C and calls for verifiable and comparable data on the location, quantities and ownership of fossil fuels; notes that, to date, climate change policy efforts have not focussed on reducing supply of those fuels; welcomes the launch of a new Global Registry of Fossil Fuels, the world's first public database of fossil fuel production and reserves expressed in CO₂-equivalent, which is designed to give policymakers, investors and civil society the asset level data to help manage the phase-out of fossil fuels; is alarmed that the Global Registry shows producing and combusting the world's known fossil fuel reserves would emit over seven times more greenhouse gas emissions than the remaining carbon budget for 1.5C and more than all emissions produced since the industrial revolution; believes that the Registry will help give markets information to estimate which assets are likely to become stranded, act as a carbon budget assessment tool, help just transition planning, and promote government accountability for fossil fuel reserves and production within national territories; calls on the UK Government to join the governments of countries such as Germany, France, Tuvalu and Ireland, which have given diplomatic support to the Registry, and to commit to reporting to the Registry, which currently contains data for over 50,000 fields in 89 countries, covering 75 percent of global production.

495 90th anniversary of Donaghadee Male Voice Choir

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
 Paul Girvan
 Stephen Farry
 Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes and celebrates the 90th anniversary of Donaghadee Male Voice Choir; further notes the founding of the Choir in 1932 and that it is the oldest male choir in Northern Ireland; underlines its popularity with over 50 members and its large repertoire which includes church music, show tunes, folk songs and classical pieces; highlights that the memory of those who passed on is honoured by members and that they continue to go from strength to strength; and praises the work and continuous success done thus far and wishes the choir, chairmen and presidents all the very best for the future of the Choir.

496 90 Years of Greenmount Campus of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
 Paul Girvan
 Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House celebrates 90 years of the Greenmount Campus of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise and its establishment in 1932; notes the work undertaken by the

association to offer those interested courses in the agri-food sector and rural environment which often leads to many career opportunities in that field; further notes the ongoing dedication to deliver these courses online throughout the covid pandemic to ensure the agri-food sector is not left behind; highlights the three campuses in Northern Ireland in Greenmount, Enniskillen and Loughry and the Department's commitments to ensuring young people are offered opportunities in the rural sector; further highlights the variety of sectors work is offered in, including veterinary practice, machinery, food stuff and floristry; and thanks the Association for their work in the Agri-sector and wishes them all the best for the future.

497 **Cricket Ireland and T20 World Cup**

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens
Paul Girvan
Claire Hanna
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House celebrates Cricket Ireland's qualification for the Super 12 stage of the T20 World Cup; congratulates them on their victory which came after they eliminated two time champions West Indies following an astonishing nine-wicket victory in Hobart; further congratulates the instrumental efforts of Paul Stirling in adding 73 with Captain Andy Balbirnie for the first wicket and ending on 66 not out; commends this outstanding achievement for the whole Cricket Ireland team as the first time they have successfully made it through the first stage since 2009; recognises the newfound cricketing enthusiasm as a consequence of the Cricket Ireland's victory; and welcomes the boost for Cricket Ireland's cricketing reputation globally.

498 **Derry City's Halloween Festival 2022**

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 4

Colum Eastwood
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens
Claire Hanna

That this House recognises the contribution of the Derry Halloween Festival to the life and economy of Derry City; notes the globally renowned annual celebrations across the city have grown from strength to strength, with the original festival beginning over 35 years ago drawing on Derry's rich mythical, creative, and cultural history; further recognises the festival is Europe's biggest Halloween festival and that in 2019 it attracted 140,000 visitors; further notes that the covid-19 pandemic meant the festival had to be scaled down; congratulates the organisers of the festival and all those involved throughout its rich history; and notes that the festival welcomes all those visiting Derry City in the coming days and celebrates the return of the world's best Halloween festival to Derry.

499 NHS and privatisation

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 27

Kate Osborne
Barry Gardiner
Richard Burgon
Rachael Maskell
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
John McDonnell

Dan Carden

That this House believes that privatisation of the NHS has failed, it has led to a crisis in the NHS with higher waiting lists, decisions made on cost not health needs, has led to billions of pounds being taken by private profit making companies at the expense of services; further believes that privatisation in the NHS is leading to thousands of excess deaths in the UK; believes the UK's free, comprehensive, universal healthcare system is at risk; affirms that insurance-based health service systems, such as in the US, are more expensive than the NHS, less efficient than the NHS and leave many millions without healthcare; welcomes the campaigning work from Your NHS Needs You, We Own it and SOS NHS that highlights the disastrous consequences of NHS privatisation and the growth of the UK health insurance industry; and recognises that we must fully renationalise the NHS in order to save UK lives.

501 Avanti West Coast contract extension

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 7

Hywel Williams
Chris Stephens
Kim Johnson
Rachael Maskell
Dan Carden
Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

That this House opposes the decision by the Department for Transport to grant the operator of the West Coast Main Line, Avanti West Coast, a six month contract extension; notes the importance of the line for millions of passengers such as those from the north of Wales and the north west of England who travel on it every year; is disappointed with the extremely poor service which Avanti has provided to passengers in recent years with cancellations, significant delays, overcrowding and high ticket prices now common which has resulted in many people traveling by car; further notes that Avanti paid out £11.5 million in dividends for the year 31 March 2021; and calls for the Government to remove the franchise from Avanti and to implement a publicly-run service that benefits both passengers and workers.

502 Women's Health and Hormone Replacement Therapy

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 9

Christine Jardine
Wendy Chamberlain
Jamie Stone
Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

Claire Hanna

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House recognises that women's health has never been more in the news, especially concerning the problems with women accessing Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) drugs; notes that despite a new health strategy there remain fundamental differences between the way that men and women are treated in the NHS; further notes that in some conditions such as heart attacks, the symptoms for men and women can be quite different, with women often experiencing shortness of breath, feeling or being sick and back or jaw pain as heart attack symptoms; laments the fact that coronary heart disease kills more than twice as many women as breast cancer in the UK every year and that each year more than 30,000 women are admitted to hospital in the UK due to a heart attack; is concerned that female symptoms of heart attack are not well known; and calls on the Government to publicise female heart attack symptoms more widely, so that more women can recognise they may be having a heart attack and seek emergency help.

503 Caru Eryri Care For Snowdonia Project

Tabled: 26/10/22 Signatories: 5

Hywel Williams
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake

That this House celebrates the achievements of the Caru Eryri – Care for Snowdonia project, bringing together the Snowdonia Society, Snowdonia National Park Authority, the Outdoor Partnership and the National Trust to organise groups of volunteers to pick up litter and engage with visitors in the busiest parts of Snowdonia; notes the project has involved over 120 volunteers with between three and nine groups out every week from Easter to October across several locations; further notes that in addition to litter picking from the mountains, roadsides and lakes in Snowdonia, volunteers have engaged in positive conversations with walkers and visitors imparting practical advice on how to keep Snowdonia litter-free; and wishes all those involved with the initiative the very best at the special volunteer thank you event being held at Bethesda Rugby Club on October 28.

504 BBC Radio services to global audiences

Tabled: 26/10/22 Signatories: 12

Grahame Morris
 Jamie Stone
 Caroline Lucas
 Chris Stephens
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Claire Hanna

Jim Shannon

Ben Lake

That this House recognises the tremendous value of BBC radio broadcasts in providing a global audience with a reliable, accurate and trustworthy source of news and information; is concerned at the recent cuts announced to BBC World Service, with the loss of hundreds of experienced journalists' jobs, and also to several dedicated BBC foreign language services which will now move to digital-only provision; notes that, as the experience in Ukraine has demonstrated, radio provides a vital life-line where digital-only services are lost owing to the blocking of internet access; is further concerned about the impact of the closure of BBC Persian radio and BBC Arabic radio in the light of recent events in Iran; and therefore calls on BBC management to review and reverse these cuts, and on the Government to return responsibility for the funding of BBC World Service to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

505 Experiences of cancer support and services

Tabled: 26/10/22 Signatories: 3

Amy Callaghan
 Jim Shannon
 Liz Saville Roberts

That this House commends the work of local authorities in Scotland, including East Dunbartonshire, on Improving the Cancer Journey; understands that cancer does not just affect physical wellbeing it impacts upon every aspect of life whether its financial, emotional, medical, or practical; notes this work helps to support people affected by cancer, their families, and carers by providing structured individualised help as soon as they need it; recognises that holistic support after diagnosis enables those living with cancer and beyond to live as well and independently as possible; further recognises the likelihood of this work to improve cancer outcomes and save lives; and further notes that these services work in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support in Scotland.

507 Cardinal Allen Catholic High School and Geography Quality Mark Centre of Excellence

Tabled: 26/10/22 Signatories: 2

Cat Smith
 Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Cardinal Allen Catholic High School in Fleetwood on their Secondary Geography Quality Mark Centre of Excellence; notes that the school is one of just 132 schools to achieve the prestigious Geography Quality Mark which recognises and promotes quality and progress in geography leadership, curriculum development and learning and teaching in schools; and congratulates Cardinal Allen Catholic High School in this fantastic and well-deserved achievement.

508 Industrial action at Hinduja Global Solutions

Tabled: 26/10/22 Signatories: 5

Kim Johnson
John McDonnell
Rachael Maskell
Dan Carden
Beth Winter

That this House supports members of the Public and Commercial Services Union who are employed by Hinduja Global Services as part of the Disclosure and Barring Service contract who are on strike in a long-running dispute over pay and terms and conditions; notes that staff working on this contract are demanding the real living wage of £10.90 per hour; is aware that the current pay offer from Hinduja Global Services of 3.25 per cent would result in many staff continuing to earn well below the real living wage at a time of rising inflation; further notes that Hinduja Global Services is owned by one of the richest families in the UK who have amassed a fortune of over £24 billion and can afford to pay its staff a real living wage; and calls on the Government to intervene in this dispute to ensure that these dedicated workers are treated fairly and receive adequate pay which reflects the rising cost of living.

509 Andy Crichton and Pride in the Job award

Tabled: 26/10/22 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Andy Crichton, the site manager at the Barratt development of Kingslaw Gait, in Kirkcaldy, on being awarded a prestigious Pride in the Job award by the National House Building Council; and sends its sincere best wishes to Andy for his continued success.