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# **Early Day Motions tabled on** Friday 25 November 2022

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# **New EDMs**

None

# **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.

Tabled: **14/11/22** 

Signatories: 34

#### 581 **Protests in Iran**

**Nadia Whittome** Claudia Webbe Jim Shannon **Christine Jardine Caroline Lucas** Ben Lake

Stewart Hosie

That this House notes that protests against the Iranian government have been taking place for the last two months in Iran following the death in custody of Mahsa Amini; further notes with alarm that the Iranian authorities have killed more than 300 people and detained thousands of others in response; understands that hundreds of people have been charged for their participation in the protests, with at least one person being sentenced to death so far; reaffirms its solidarity with pro-democracy and human rights activists, and its opposition to violent repression and the use of death sentences; urges the Government to call for the UN Human Rights Council to establish an international investigative and accountability mechanism to collect, consolidate, preserve, and analyse evidence of the most serious crimes under international law committed in Iran; and calls

on the Government to commit to exercising universal jurisdiction to criminally investigate and prosecute Iranian officials suspected of criminal responsibility for crimes under international law and to strengthen Magnitsky-style sanctions on officials involved in human rights abuses.

# 588 Social tariff for domestic energy use

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 12

Emma Hardy Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards Claudia Webbe Claire Hanna Caroline Lucas

Jon Trickett

That this House believes in protections for low income, vulnerable and fuel poor households; notes that even with the current price cap in place there has been a 139 per cent increase in a year on the average bill; recognises that as a result there are now 6.7 million households in fuel poverty and many more grappling with soaring energy prices; further notes with alarm the possibility that a further 3 million households could slip into fuel poverty in April 2023, bringing the total number to the highest levels since records began; notes with concern that there has been a significant increase in the number of households being involuntarily moved onto prepayment meters and that Citizens Advice report a truly unprecedented number of people who can't afford to top up their prepayment energy meter; calls on the Government to introduce a social tariff into the energy market of the kind advocated by Fair By Design and National Energy Action, but which at a minimum must: be priced below the default tariff price cap, capped against significant increases, targeted at those most in need and reduce the energy costs of vulnerable consumers; and further calls for such a tariff to be additional to the Warm Home Discount and Default Tariff Price Cap, mandated across all suppliers to guarantee equality of access, and that all eligible consumers must be automatically enrolled onto the tariff using suppliers' existing customer data and/or via datasharing with the Department of Work and Pensions and HMRC.

#### 589 Outsourcing at University College London

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 12

John McDonnell Jim Shannon Dan Carden Claudia Webbe Caroline Lucas Richard Burgon

Jon Trickett

That this House expresses its support for the members of Internation Workers Great Britain taking industrial action to demand that University College London (UCL) ends the outsourcing of its services which has resulted in low pay and insecure work lack of management accountability associated with bullying and abuse; further notes that the vast majority of outsourced workers are Black, Asian, Latino American or from other ethnic minority groups who continue to be denied the employment rights to that other UCL employees take for granted; and urges UCL to end outsourcing and bring in house immediately the security officers currently forced to take strike action.

## 590 Royal Commission on Prisons and the Wider Criminal Justice System

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 20

Gordon Henderson Liz Saville Roberts John McDonnell Grahame Morris Richard Burgon Kate Osborne

Kim Johnson

That this House notes the Government's manifesto commitment to hold a Royal Commission on the Criminal Justice Process, a pledge included in the 2019 Gracious Address; believes that such an initiative is needed now more than ever, with widespread concern over many elements of the criminal justice system; further believes that the prison service has reached such a critical point that this must be the Government's priority for reform, starting with a wide-ranging public inquiry run by experts with statutory powers; and therefore calls on the Government to establish a Royal Commission on Prisons and the Wider Criminal Justice System as a matter of urgency.

#### 593 Co-Op Funeral Care and Unite Members Industrial Action

Tabled: 17/11/22 Signatories: 18

Chris Stephens Grahame Morris [R] Jonathan Edwards Steven Bonnar Mick Whitley [R] Allan Dorans

Kim Johnson Jon Trickett

That this House shows solidarity with Unite members working at Co-Op Funeral Care in Glasgow who are currently taking industrial action over pay; understands the context of the cost of living crisis with rising food costs, energy bills and inflation at a 41 year high; notes that the Retail Price Index is at its highest level since 1980; further notes that this means RPI is currently over 10% higher than the Co-Op Funeral Care's latest 4% pay offer; is alarmed by the absence of planned talks with the employer, Co-Op Funeral Care; is disappointed to see this behaviour in a workplace that carries the Co-Op brand name; is surprised to see an organisation, like the Co-Op, whose values are linked to democracy, equality and caring for others, treating workers in such a way that has left them feeling forced to take industrial action; expresses concern that this dispute will continue risking significant coffin supply disruption at a time when seasonal mortality rates are highest; and urges Co-Op Funeral Care to get back round the table to engage in meaningful negotiations.

#### 594 Seventh anniversary of Brazil's Mariana dam collapse

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 6

Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Jon Trickett

That this House expresses sincere condolences to the family and friends of the 19 people killed by the Mariana dam collapse in Brazil, seven years on from the disaster; acknowledges with deep

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concern the irreparable social and environmental damage caused by the 60 million cubic metres of toxic waste unleashed by the dam collapse which destroyed towns, countless livelihoods and severely impacted indigenous communities; notes with dismay that no adequate compensation has been paid to the hundreds of thousands of victims; criticises BHP's failure to address the environmental and human impact of their subsidiary's conduct in Mariana; further criticises the global mining industry for failing to fully implement global international standards for tailings management; urges the Government to introduce stronger accountability mechanisms for UK corporations operating both domestically and internationally to help protect against human rights abuses and protect our fragile environment; and calls on the Government to enshrine in law mandatory compliance with the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management.

#### 596 Safe passage for refugees

Olivia Blake Claudia Webbe Jonathan Edwards Richard Burgon Kate Osborne Beth Winter

Claire Hanna Anne McLaughlin Jon

Trickett Ian Byrne

That this House commends the work of PCS and Care4Calais and the launch of their policy document Safe passage for refugees: humane alternative to the Rwanda policy; notes the key demands include the implementation of a safe passage visa scheme, greater investment in the Home Office and the reform of immigration detention centres; acknowledges the worrying increase in small boat crossings this year with numbers of individuals making this journey in 2022 expected to rise to over 60,000; deplores the hateful rhetoric against refugees which has continued to appear in many parts of the press and social media in recent months; is concerned that the Government's own policies and decisions are encouraging this rhetoric despite the UNHCR and Refugee Council confirming that most individuals making the treacherous journey are needing protection; and calls on the Government to urgently act to protect these vulnerable people who are fleeing humanitarian crises across the world and work with PCS and Care4Calais to create a system which will stop these dangerous small boat crossings and will instead support genuine asylum claims allowing individuals and families to arrive safely in the UK and begin their new lives in the UK

### 597 Funding for fire and rescue services

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 38

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Mary Kelly Foy Zarah Sultana Claudia Webbe Jonathan Edwards Kim Johnson Richard Burgon

Jon Trickett Ian Byrne

That this House recognises and celebrates the significant role firefighters play in society, particularly in the face of increasing extreme weather events and the part they played during the pandemic that included delivering medicines to the vulnerable, supporting the ambulance service and moving the bodies of the deceased; further recognises that the fire and rescue service has suffered central funding cuts of around 30 per cent since 2010, resulting in the loss of more than 11,500

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frontline firefighters; is concerned that lives could be put at risk from further cuts; acknowledges that firefighters have lost approximately £4,000 in real terms over the past decade; notes with dismay that some firefighters are resorting to food banks; further notes when inflation is taken into account, the 5 per cent offer from the employers that was rejected by the Fire Brigades Union still represents a further cut in real wages; calls for urgent central Government funding for fire and rescue services; and urges employers and the Government to give firefighters a fair pay rise.

# 598 Rory McIlroy's contribution to golf

Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards Mr Gregory Campbell Paul Girvan Claire Hanna

That this House celebrates Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy on winning his fourth Harry Vardon Golf Trophy and congratulates him on being crowned the DP World Tour's top player in Dubai in November 2022; notes his remarkable dedication to the sport of golf and his representation of Northern Ireland; further notes his winning of the FedEx Cup Crown in August 2022 and becoming the words No.1 golfer last month after dominating the United States; and highlights his consistency and effort in achieving his sporting goals and wishes him all the best for his future in golf.

Tabled: **21/11/22** 

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#### 599 Mark Allen UK Championship Title

Jim Shannon Claire Hanna

That this House congratulates Northern Ireland's Mark Allen on winning his first UK Championship Snooker Title against Ding Junhui; notes this further achievement as Allen takes his tally to eight ranking titles and two of the fabled Triple Crown, having won the Masters in 2018; further notes his brilliant sportsmanship and good nature in his performances; and wishes him all the best for his future in snooker.

#### 600 Pension Credit

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Caroline Lucas

Claire Hanna

That this House welcomes the Government's promotion of Pension Credit to increase its uptake, at long last, given that research by Independent Age had shown that only 61 per cent of those eligible were receiving it; appreciates that Pension Credit can be a gateway benefit for low income pensioners; is concerned by reports of lengthy delays to the processing of Pension Credit claims, with some pensioners forced to wait several months before payment is made; is disappointed by the failure of the Government to prepare for the increase in Pension Credit claims made as a result of its

own awareness campaign; calls for additional support to be given to the Department for Work and Pensions to assist processing Pension Credit claims; and recognises the need for immediate action to ensure the most vulnerable in our society receive the support promised by Pension Credit to protect them during what will be a harsh winter.

### 603 Anniversary of channel crossing deaths

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 28

Olivia Blake [R] Tim Farron Jim Shannon John McDonnell Ian Lavery Wendy Chamberlain

Claire Hanna Kim Johnson Anne McLaughlin

Jon Trickett Ian Byrne

That this House marks the first anniversary of the tragic death of 32 people in the Channel in the early hours of the morning of 24 November 2021; urges the Government to speed up the enquiry currently being carried out by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch; notes the harrowing new evidence which has come to light as part of the French investigation, suggesting that both the French and British authorities were aware of the boat in distress and of its position; further notes that despite logs showing numerous calls to French and UK authorities over the nine hour window, and that by 2.45am the boat was in British waters, no efforts appear to have been made to send help; and believes an urgent public enquiry must now be launched into these deaths to provide answers to the families of those who died and ensure all lessons are learnt and implemented to prevent further tragedies in the Channel.

#### 608 Carers Rights Day 2022

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 15

Ed Davey
Wendy Chamberlain
Richard Foord
Wera Hobhouse
Christine Jardine
Tim Farron

Claire Hanna Stephen Farry

That this House supports Carers Rights Day, taking place on 24 November 2022; recognises this year's theme of Caring Costs, which acknowledges the enormous financial, mental and emotional burden faced by millions of unpaid carers looking after their loved ones across the UK; notes that many unpaid carers go unrecognised by both themselves and the Government; commends Carers Rights Day's goals of increasing awareness, recognition and support for carers; notes the need for a strategic approach from the Government to identify and support unpaid carers; and calls on the Government to immediately give carers the support they need by uprating Carers Allowance at least in line with inflation.

# 612 National eye health strategy

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 5

Marsha De Cordova Claudia Webbe Christine Jardine Ian Lavery Kim Johnson

That this House recognises that over two million people in the UK are living with conditions which cause sight loss; notes that 250 people lose their sight every day and sight loss costs the UK economy £36 billion per year; further notes that NHS eye care services are facing significant pressures, with ophthalmology accounting for almost ten per cent of NHS waiting lists; and calls for the development of a National Eye Care Strategy which would focus on improved health outcomes, eliminate the postcode lottery of eye care treatment, address the inequities in access to, and provision of, eye care services, reduce the backlog, ensure positive patient experiences, ensure providers of care are joined up, maximise workforce capacity and skills and make better use of research and innovation.